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WHAT SHALL WE COLLECT?

By M. S. Jade.

THE above question is so often referred to by collectors of all grades, whether advanced, young or otherwise, that a few general remarks on the subject would not be out of place at this busy season of the year, when there is a general return to albums and stamps.

The question is such that when treated in philatelic journalism is liable to variation, and a study of all, coupled with common sense, is a sure means to the exact answer.

If you are a beginner collect only used specimens and of the cheaper class, as these are the only ones not liable to counterfeits, reprints, and other means of deceit specially framed for the inexperienced collector. Collect such specimens as were used postally only, and such as are treated in standard catalogues. Generalize your collection and collect only varieties of stamps, giving no attention to the perforations, water-marks or shades. Adhere to these advices until you are promoted to the higher sphere of philately as a young collector.

If you are a young collector or somewhat versed in the art of collecting, you may extend your territory in the collecting field, and give attention to both used and unused, postage and revenue stamps and if necessary you may necessary you may also study water-marks and perforations and collect varieties of the same. Give your special attention to the stamps of your own country, but be a general collector. You may also extend your limit to the higher priced stamps and perhaps scarcities. Do not yet collect surcharges, as they are often counterfeits and liable to deceive the young collectors eye. You will continue in that fashion, at the same time not forgetting the side issue of philately, which is nearly as important as itself, including journalism and philatelic socialism, until you have reached the ripe age and period of your promotion to the third and foremost stage of the scientific collecting, better and reject others.

You have reached the stage when collecting is your idol – in fact your second nature, which will for-ever linger with you

Kind reader I have attempted to outline a brieff summary of the three stages of stamp collecting, and what to collect, and trust I have not encroached upon your time without benefits.

THE BOY COLLECTOR.

By Phil A Tellst.

In all philatelic papers great and small the boy collector now comes in for a good share of attention. The dealers who are now so sadly bewailing the loss of the "boy trade" are the very ones who four years ago gave this class of trade the cold shoulder, and when they received or ders for from 5 to 25 cents always returned them with a short but sharp note, the tenor of which ran about this way: "Respectfully declined, orders for less than 50 cents cannot be filled" etc. It was due to this unbusiness like treatment that the younger collectors were discouraged and quit collecting because their pocket-books were not "up to date" when measured by the 50 cent standard.

But the dealers now see their mistake,– alas too late, – for in these hard times the boys have very little money to spend, and it will take several years of patient coaxing on the part of the dealer to get back only part of that "boy trade" which he formerly respectfully declined.

This ought to be a wholesome lesson for every dealer, and teach him that he cannot hope to increase his trade by throwing it away, and that the advanced collectors of to-day were boy collectors years ago and only remained in the ranks because they received proper encouragement.

Where is the International Philatelist? Our editor, although a member of the L. A. P., has failed to see its official organ for several months past.

Again, since the official organ of our state society has suspended we have failed to receive any more reports.– The editor and proprietor are both members.

HERE AND THERE.

A special series of commemorative postal cards have been issued by Hungary reprodnciug the different buildings and departments of the Millenium Exposition held in Buda Pesth.

A commerative set of postage stamps will appear shortly, of which the plates are now being made. Next?

Austria has the honor of haning issued the first post card

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The first post-office was between Vienna and Brussels in 1516.

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Brazil was the second country to issue postage stamps.

Nearly all unpaid letter stamps are gotten up with a large numeral in the center.

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Canadian Notes.

Your humble servant received a free ad. in the Era recently. Mr. F. E. Weldon being the gentleman to insert the same. What troubles Mr. Weldon is the fact that in my notes I always try to give the truth irrespective of parties concerned. Of course this is naturally unpleasant to some parties, but truth is mighty and will prevail, you know.

At this time Canada has seven stamp papers; the Canadian Philatelic Magazine Philatelic Canadian, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic Messenger, Stamp Lore, Ontario Philatelist, and the Philatelic Advocate. All are good papers, and the Canadian press of to-day is in a very healthy condition.

The Xmas number of the Philatelic Advocate is a fine one. The cover is printed in red, blue and gold and is very artistic. The reading matter is good and if future numbers are up to the Xmas no. it will soon rank among the leaders.

As yet no trace is found of the thief who stole Mr. Needhams valuable stamps and it is generally considered that the chances for recovery are slight.

The Ontario Phil. Ass'n has been organized and Irving E. Patterson, Guelph, Ontario, is provisional sec'y. Philatelists in all parts of the world may join as associate members. Send in your name with 10 cts initiation fee to the secretary-treasurer at once,

The Can. Weekly Stamp News is no more. This was the second Weekly published and evidently it dont pay.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

Ontario Notes

By R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

The Ontario Philatelic Association is again talked of. Stamp Lore is at the head of the movement.

The Philatelic Canadian has appear- from Toronto. Walter McMahon, 6 Yonge St., Arcade, Publisher.

It is rumored that of Ontario's leading collectors has a catalogue of B. N. A. postage stamps under way.

John H. Morrison of Picton, N, S. is advertised as a fraud.

The Ontario Philatelist is now official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association. If you are not a member of the above society, write the secretary, A. H. Adams of Whitby, Ont., for application blanks.

The big advances in Canadian stamps which we all expected did not come, and many are no doubt dissappointed. However we shall proceed to gather what we lack at the prevailing low prices and look forward to a jump next year.

W. R. Adams of Toronto will publish a catalogue of B. N. A. and U. S. revenues this year,

The Ontario Philatelic Directory has appeared. It is a neat little pamphlet of 16 pages and cover with a list of about 140 Ontario collectors.

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Note the additions to our editorial staff. We still lack several important centers, which we would like to see represented in our next.

A. Platz, who's ad. appears in another column, is one of our most prominent dealers in approval sheets.

Read Kiefer's announcement on page 15. Is your name in it?

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We are sorry to have to state that our last two pages are numbered wrong They should be 7 and 8 instead of 15 and 16.

Watch for us next month. We'll be strictly in it! Out o' sight.

New York Notes

By MACK.

Business for the last few weeks has quite dull, in this City, that is for local trade; but by mail dealers are doing a tremendous business "something extraordinary" as the English say. To be sure the orders do not amount to much, still it shows that Philately is by no means "dead." Trade is always dull just preceeding the issuance of the new catalogue, but dealers have excellent hopes of good business for the rest of the winter and throughout spring.

This City can well claim the title as the "Center of Philately." I will prove the above in the following paragraph.

We have more stamp papers than any city in existance, to wit:- Amer. Jour. of Phil., Metropolitan phil., Post Office, Stamps, New York phil. and the Herald Exchange,- all high class and readable journals. The last three mentioned are comparatively new journals; each one covering an entirely different field.

We have also more dealers, who deal in stamps exclusively; and there dozens who take philately as a side line, and many others who do nothing but a mail order business.

We have a society which has a Club House and the members have enough funds to run in at least one year. This club is run on the same plan as any social club having a smoking room, billiard parlors, reading rooms, reception room for the public and private rooms for members, also a large meeting and auction room, and last but not least, a bicycle room. This club

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San Francisco Notes.

Mr. Stanley Gibbons of London was in our city last week and left on the 16th on his way to the Hawaian Islands.

The Pacific Philatelic Society has elected the Philatelic Californian its official for the year of 1897.

It is spoken of a stamp exhibition under the auspices of this society, to take place next March, for the celebration of its centenary meeting.

It is said that lately wants for foreign stamps have largely increased and that is attributed to the fact that a great many collectors have now completed their U. S. collection to the extent of their means and are now investing their money in foreign stamps, which are now subject to a rise in value.

The finest and most complete collection of Tahiti stamps in the world is to be seen here in this city. It is said to be worth about $1400. Such collection could not be made anywhere else, as San Franciso being in direct communication with Tahiti is certainly the only place where to find the stamps of that very interesting country; from where it is said a military expedition was organized lately and sent to pacify the rebels of Raiatea Island, one of the Leeward Islands.

Mr. Isadore Vidal is back from an extensive trip to Europe, North Africa and Mexico; where besides a fine collection of French Colonials he picked up some very fine stamps. He reports that business in the old country is much brighter than here and that rarities find also a more ready sale and bring better prices, except U. S.

St. Louis Notes.

By Ecol Hector.

Mekeels Daily Stamp Item went out of existence Nov. 26th, Thanksgiving Day and we hear quite a number of collectors say that all things considered, philately is better off without a daily. – No doubt a daily was a good thing for the dealer to advertise in, but for the collector it was a too frequent visitor and this destroyed its usefulness – because the collectors purse could not keep up with the procession.

No. 2 of Vol. 1 of the Standard Philatelist was issued several weeks ago – by the Standard Stamp Co. It is unique, because anyone can get it free but must subscribe for it – it does not accept advertisements from any source. It is well edited neatly printed and contains 8 pages.

The button craze is monopolizing the attention of the boys here. Some making quite a lavish display on their caps, coats and vests. An old gentleman commenting on this fad the other day, said that the boys here seem to have more buttons than brains nowadays.

Cuba stamps are now the proper thing to buy. Spain is losing her grip on Cuba and it is only a question of time when it will be a republic and then all obsolete stamps will take a sudden jump.

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has an entire three story house to their own use. We have also the most collectors in this city. The most valuable collections belong to New Yorkers. There are over one thousand philatelists in greater New York to-day. We also have a number of local societies; the chief one being the National Philatelic Society, then we have the

Stampic Notes

By S. Estle Miller.

It does seem that the A. P. A. membership is waning. No cause assigned.

They say that Brazil is to have a commemorative issue. Perhaps Mr. Seleck can give some "inside information." Let the S. S. S. S. keep its cycloptic eye open.

New stamp papers arrive with surprising frequency. Verily, the journalistic ardor and aspiration does not diminish.

It is reported that U, S. ENTIRE envelopes "will be popular soon and popaularly priced." Will some one give us the why of this business? Seriously, will some one tell us why they should be collected at all? All the arguments seem tobe the other way

Catalogues can set values on stamps, but they cannot control them. Each man will buy as he can and sell as he pleases, regardless of the catlogue price, which is very often ficitious.

Manhattan Philatelic Society also a large German society, composed of German speaking collectors. We also have a number of smaller socities who meet twice a month and no fixed meeting place.

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Study Your Stamps.

By PHIL A. TELIST.

The collecting of stamps is now indulged in by quite a number of people—young and old, but by far the largest majority of collectors only collect stamps to fill their collections, and accumulate as large a variety as possible; but have you ever thought that while this method in itself is well and good, yet the collector who goes about it in this way misses more bargains than he secures. Do you know which stamps in your collection are the most valuable, not merely because they are quoted high in the catalogue, but because a only a limited amount were issued, and in consequence of this fact must surely become scarce?

And as the price goes up these "back number" collectors come along and want to buy on a rising market and the increased demand forces prices up still higher until a "boom" is reached which places the stamp out of everybodys reach, except those possessing fat purses and an inclination never to purchase stamps until they get rare. Take the U. S. Executive Dep't Stamps as an example—they are getting rarer year by year, and yet how few collectors are informed and can tell how many were issued of each of the five stamps composing the set.

It is the duty of every philatelic publisher to give his readers valuable information and every publisher who is

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Gee Whiz! What are we coming to? Look at the amount of magazines now published in our state. Getting quite speedy, eh

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up to date" strives to do this, but yet how few collectors heed timely advice but those that do they reap the benefit.

Now in conclusion let us give you this advice: First study your stamps learn in what particular one issue differs from another; compare price in catalogue with price of same stamp in former years and lay in a supply of those which are advancing; to be traded off for others which you may not be able to get every day and get all the statistical information you can, which clip from the paper and paste in a scrap-book so as to have it handy for reference and last but not least subscribe to a wide awake philatelic paper like this one which gives you pointers worth preserving.

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CONFIDENCE.

By PHIL A. TELIST.

The philatelic calamity howler has been abroad in the land and has prophesied all sorts of things that would come to pass unless his advice was followed; he foretold that the bottom would drop out of phi ately un ess all prices were scaled down in the next catalogue; he said we might as well throw the annual catalogue out of the window, as it was killing our hobby, and we could use a catalogue issued once every five years instead; he bemoaned the fact that philatelic publications were becoming more numerous every year, and said that a true philatelist could not read half of them, and wou d surely lose all his love for stamp literature, because he could not read all the papers and hence would miss much valuable information and so on ad infinitum.

In fact he to'd of so many calamities that would befall us, that some philatelists actual'y got scared and quit col'ecting and others so'd out before the day of doom should arrive. But the darkest hour is just before the dawn and so it was in philately. The hard times no doubt were the cause of a good deal of the falling off of business in the stamp trade, and the wise collector picked up all the bargains which came his way, having confidence in our hobby, full well knowing that a reaction would come as soon as the general business of the country would improve.

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EDITORIALS.

With this issue we greet you with our sixth number, only two more numbers before our Xmas number, which, by the way, will beat them all. Have you placed all your advertising contracts yet? Don't forget us.

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We are in need of several more competant writers from the U. S. and one or two from the different foreign countries.

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Our columns are open at all times for any matter that is sent us which is of any benefit to our subscribers.

We have recently made a change in our editorial staff. Mr. F. I. Weaver of Berlin will hereafter furnish us with Canadian Notes.

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Although we have added four extra pages this month we were still pressed for room.

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We earnestly request our staff of writers to have their mss. in by the 28th inst. to enable us to get out our October number as soon as possible.

RECEIVED.

An 1897 Circular from R. F. Albrecht & Co. All collectors should have a copy Sent free from 90 Nassau St., New York.

A small 4 page pamphlet announcing the **Canadian Philatelic Annual** about Dec. 1, 1897, by The Ontario Philatelic Co., Box 494, Berlin. Price 10c copy.

Prospectus of **The Waverly Magazine** from Waverly Stamp & Publishing Co. of this city.

REVIEW.

The **Herald Exchange** for September to hand and as always, it is filled with valuable information.

We received a copy of the **Virginia Philatelist,** being the second edition of that valuable paper's first number.

All papers sent us will receive mention under our "Review," announcements, etc., under our "Received" columns for time being.—Editor.

Here and There.

Well, well, the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association hasn't yet decided whether to hold a convention yet.

This is not a beneficial step for this "novice."

Among the candidates nominated for offices in the P P. A. are many leading Philatelists, and no doubt if elected will place it on a sounder basis.

The prohibition law may be viewed upon as the present alien tax law. which of late has occupied considerable space in different publications to well familiarize the reader, and if passed, would do more or less harm to philately.

Most of the conventions are now over, cooler weather is rapidly approaching, and the average collector has settled down to the study of his wee bits.

The Pittsburg Philatelists have returned and much mention about the conventions has been made in the different local papers

The present times don't seem to have any effect in the stamp world Business reports good every where. Stamp papers springing up on all sides and not at long intervals.

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HERE and THERE. (continued.)

Auction season will be here ere long and you can rest assured stamps as well as philatelic papers will meet ready buyers.

So we can't get the ½c to 6c denominations of the Canadian Jubilee issue, eh! Why? Because, mere speculation is the principal to be sure. Verily, I say unto you, leave them severely alone. Have nothing to do with them whatever.

Columbian stamps are still on sale in many smaller postoffices. Will the supply never be exhausted?

The S. of P. is again booming—Let us hope for the success of the S. of P. It is the highest time.

The Columbian Philatelist is one of our leading philatelic papers of the day. It is made by a combination of the best philatelic writers and typographically presents a very neat appearance Its able editor Mr. J. F. Dodge surely deserves success.

The Virginia Philatelist is a new one hailing from Richmond. Va, and is the only stamp paper published in the state. Par excellence. Its 16 pages of reading matter and cover comprise the initial number, which is really worthy of preservation.—Chas. F. Zaruba.

TRAVELING PEOPLE'S MAIL.

Assistant Postmaster General Heath Issues Instructions to Facilitate Forwarding Letters—Employees Must Be Polite To Patrons.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—First Assistant Postmaster General Heath has issued special instructions to postmasters throughout the country providing for the expedition of tansient mail in cities the instructions being specially intended to benefit commercial travelers and theatrical companies.

For sometime the attention of the Postoffice Department has been directed to this class of postal matter, and the delays to which it is subjected have proved a source of vexation. A large amount of what is called live mail reaches the dead letter office here which could have been saved unnecessary transit by prompt action at the original receiving offices in forwarding to the next destination. Following are the orders issued:

"Postmasters are instructed to make special efforts to deliver mail addressed to transients. Letters indorsed 'transient' should not be delivered to resident patrons of the office, although he have the same name and initials as the addressee. Letters addressed to traveling men and to members of theatrical companies or show troupes which are known to have departed for a particular place should be immediately forwarded to such place by the postmaster, indorsed, 'address corrected by postmaste at ——,' although no order to forward be on file.

Postmasters should always bear in mind that their most important duty is the delivery of mail, and that whatever discretion is conferred upon them by the regulations of the department is to facilitate such delivery and avoid failures, which result in disappointment to the public and discredit to the postal service."

Another matter which is occupying the attention of the postal authorities just now is the attention which employees at stamp windows of postoffices should pay to post office patrons. Many complaints of curtness and incivility have been made. Instructions will be issued admonishing employees to be uniformly polite in the discharge of their duties. The identification of persons applying at the postoffices for their mail in cities is also being looked in to with a view to doing away with unnecessary trouble and annoying precautions.

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POSTOFFICE OPENING.

The celebration of the new Allegheny Postoffice will be held on October 31, and the government will do business in the new building on November 1.

The National Guards will take part in the celebration.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

By Ecol. Hector.

The stamp business in St. Louis is improving, dealers report more orders at this time of the year than at any time since 1892, although the orders are not so large, which clearly shows that the boy collector has again started in and is spending his pennies for philatelic treasures.

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There are stamp collectors among some people where one would least expect to find them. There are in St. Louis several shoemakers who do only repair work for a living, yet find enough spare change to pick up genuine bargains. Here are several colored stamp collectors, a plumber, a blacksmith and a veterinary surgeon, all are ardent philatelic devotees.

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The Century Stamp Club will hold its next regular meeting on the third Thursday in September; the dues were recently reduced to $1.00 per year and as auction sales will be a feature during the coming season it is hoped that the list of members will soon be doubled.

Postal Information.

Compiled from various sources by ye editor, for the benefit of our readers.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

(continued from number 5.)

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Newsy Notes from Canada.

By K. Nock.

Mr. W. A. Lydiatt has given up his intention of publishing the "Boys Own Philatelist."

Mr. Ed Whalen is now on the staff of the **Halifax Philatelic Magazine** as associate editor.

Since we Canadians are represented by such a stand-by as the **Philatelic Advocate**, we begin to think we are again cutting quite a dash in the philatelic world.

The Columbian Philatelic Association is gaining quite a number of Canadian adherents. By all appearances it seems to be the rising society of America.

Our own old D. P. A. holds its own with any of the many similar organizations. Its membership is rapidly approaching the 300 mark.

Mr. J. H. Peckham, the new exchange sup't of the D. P. A., is the right man in the right place.

It is rumored that Canada will have yet another set of stamps, to be placed on sale as soon as the present supply is exhausted.

The Ontario Philatelic Co., announce the **Canadian Philatelic Annual**, to appear Dec. 1st. It will be valuable booklet of about forty pages.

It is probable that Hamilton will shortly be represented by a stamp paper.

Larger and better than ever seems to be Mr. Widdicombe's motto for the 1897 Edition of the Ontario Philatelic Directory.

Berlin can boast of having six members of the D. P. A., being second only to Toronto in the number of members in good standing.

The plate number mania which has been so popular in the U. S. is no go in Canada, not even Jubilee plate no's.

Hamilton and Halifax are fighting tooth and nail for the 1898 meet of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

The **Ontario Philatelist** under the new regime has not appeared although it was announced for Sept. 1st.

The **Stamp Reporter** is the name of the new paper hailing from St. Catharines. A better quality of paper would improve it beyond recognition.

The Boys Own Philatelic Association does not seem to be in a very healthful state. It is something needed for the young collectors, but they fail to know a good thing. Any one wish to join may do so by applying to the sec'y—Mr. W. A. Lydiatt. 229 Davenport Road, Toronto.

JOTTINGS.

In Tobago and several other British colonies the same stamps are used for both postage and revenue purposes, the words postage and revenue both appearing thereon or neither.

2000 ½ milesima stamps are equal to $1.00 of our money.

The first general government issue by the Confederate Postoffice Department was authorized in September 1861 and printed during the fall and winter of of 1861 and Spring of 1862. It comprised five stamps: 2c green; 5c green;

5c blue; 10c blue; 10c red.

Dr. Gray published the first stamp catalogue in the English language in in 1862, but the first catalogue was published by M. Alfred Portiques, the "Catalogue des Timbre Postes ores dane les divers Etats du Globe."

The "One Dollar" surcharge on the Labuan, 1880, blue, 16c stamp, was was done by hand, with a pen, in red ink.

ORNAMENTAL POSTAL CARDS.

Local effort in the way of postal card ornamentation has been made. Mr. George Follansbee of this city, recently received a post card from his son, G B. Follansbee, who has been traveling, with his wife, for several weeks in New England.

This card comes from the White Mountains and is an ordinary U. S. postal with three small pictures of White Mountain Scenery—printed on the back, after the style of those printed on the face of the German card.

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A Home Education.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

It is not at all necessary to go to a College or University to get an education. The most practical education is that which we get every hour in the day and every day in the year in the every-day affairs of life. Any parent can shape the destiny of his child to a certain extent by a good home education. Let us suppose that a father desires to educate his son, so that when he goes into the battle of life he may get along well. Suppose the father has not the means to give his son a College education; he need not let that worry him; he can educate his son at home by giving him a lesson each evening, and there are any amount of ways in which to accomplish this. A collection of postage stamps for instance forms an everlasting source from which good and useful lessons can be drawn. From a stamp collection such subjects as Biography, History, Geography, Archaeology, Ethnology, Ornithology, Zoology, and countless others can be taken. Let the parent take the current issue of postage stamps and tell his young hopeful each evening something about Franklin—how he labored incessantly, was never idle, and from being a poor boy rose to one of the greatest of philosophers and statesmen. The lives of all our great presidents whose pictures adorn our postage stamps are a worthy subject of study. They were successful men and their names will live forever in the hearts of men.

The subjects of History and Geography, dry in themselves, form a never-ending subject of study. The voyages of Cook, Cabot, Columbus, their discoveries and great achievements, the different animals and birds, and where they are found, the different races of mankind, habits, dress, weapons, etc. ars all interesting. One lesson each evening illustrated by a postage stamp and thoroughly learned will give to anyone, young or old, an education of which he may be proud; and there is no other pastime that we know of more pleasing, entertaining, and instructive than the collecting of postage stamps. For by the aid of these little labels we have at all times the history of the world before us.

We would advise all our readers who have not yet made a collection of stamps to start one to-

day, feeling assured that in the days to come they will be grateful to us for showing them the easiest and cheapest way of obtaining a good education, while indulging in a pleasant pastime.

THE VALUE OF STAMPS.

No doubt every collector understands the value of stamps, especially those which he seldom finds on approval. However if he is in doubt he consults his catalogue. The majority of the advanced collectors readily realize the value of most stamps without the aid of the catalogue. From a philatelist's standpoint the greatest thing is philately. As the physician readily recognizes the value of physic; the lawyer, of law; etc., why cannot the philatelist quickly recognize the value of stamps?

To be up to date and well posted on the value of stamps and current statistics of philately, one needs to subscribe to several good philatelic journals. This one, for instance,—THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, which is really worth four times the subscription for the information it affords its subscribers.

There should be some other recommendation given to the purchaser of stamps than the low prices of periodicals. For if stamps are purchased cheap and are really of the better class, namely, rarities, they are poor specimens and thus present a bad appearance in the album. Otherwise they could not be sold at such low margins, when the stamps are catalogued much higher.

If the collector buys and studies only perfect specimens, whether rare or of a minor value, with no regard to the country where issued, he will thereby raise the standard of value of his stamps. The beginner especially should not specialize. Collect only perfect specimens, learn to study them, subscribe to only up-to-date journals, and you will soon learn the value of stamps.

RECEIVED.

A neat 4 page pamphlet announcing a practical handbook on the study of philately called "Postage Stamps and Their Collection." By Oliver Firth. Printed on special art paper. Price 3s 9d. From Messrs. Smyth & Co., Campbell Road.Boscombe, Bournmouth, England.

A folder entitled "Something About Stamps," and Albrecht's Philatelic Bradstreets. Also a list of approval sheets as put up by R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York.

HERE AND THERE.

The present condition shows that Philately is booming.

The Carion affair is up again. Wonder when Mr. Carion will be justified!

Several papers have participated in proving Mr. Carion guilty.

Will that high-class philatelic monthly— the "Post Office"—appear again, now that Mr. Henry Gremmel is dead?

Wm. C. Stone, the "Weekly Philatelic Era's" reviewer and authority on current stamp literature made some very queer remarks in the Sept. 18 issue of the Era. Don't be so indifferent Mr. Stone; you must remember the time will come when the so-called phil. babies of nowadays will be ranked with our predecessors of long ago—as first-class journals. Time will tell.

Well, there will be a change in color of some of our stamps from the first of January, 1898. A New Year's present to the philatelist.

The Columbian grows better every month.

Has the P. P. A. gone through? No Pittsburg members have received official reports. Wake up brethren! Let us get to work in earnest. C. F. ZARUBA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A woman clerk is editor of the Official Postal Guide with its 80,000 offices. A man clerk, whom she formerly assisted, received $1,600. She now does his work and her own and gets $1,400

W. G. Edens, of Galesburg, Ill., was to-day (Oct. 9) appointed assistant general superintendent of the free delivery system.

Mr. Hunt of Pittsburg, Pa., has in his possession a copy of a surcharged revenue of Sierra Leone, postally used, which neither Scott nor Gibbons lists. It measures 40x25 mm; color, lilac; insciption "six pence" in green, and surcharged in black "one penny;" watermarked crown and C. A. The stamp is cancelled "Hastings, Sierra Leone." It is dated April 5, in the year 1894.

One-Dollar stamps can now be purchased at the Pittsburg office. 50c stamps, until recently, were the highest value carried in stock.

The first circuit of stamps that has been sent out by the Twin City Philatelic Society since last spring was sent out by the sales superintendent Mr. F. Rudy, during the week of Oct. 4. A batch of sheets from Singapore, with the value marked in Mexican dollars, is included. Making allowance for the depreciated silver, this means a discount of 46 per cent.

The plates for the new series of postal cards as announced in our former number have been engraved by the Washington bureau and are about to be turned over to Albert Dagget, the new contractor. They will bear the portrait of John Adams.

ALLOWED HIS FRIENDS TO TREAT.

The Louisville Post says that three men walked into a Louisville drug store the other day, and one ordered drinks. He and one of the others asked for soda water and then the clerk turned to the third—

"What will you have sir?"

The man looked to the one who was treating and said;

"You know I don't like soda, John. Then, turning to the clerk he said;

"Give me five postal cards."

A recent discovery was the finding of the 2c present issue on laid paper by Wr. Wolsieffer.

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We repeat the following from our last number:

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Through some oversight, we omitted to put Chas. F. Zaruba's name among those of our associates. It is there now, however, and there to stay, we hope.

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We request our contributors to have their MSS. in by the 20th of November for our Nov. number, and by the 25th of the previous month for all succeeding issues.

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Publishers please place us on your exchange list. Send one copy to the editor, marked review, and one also to the publisher.

Rumor has it that, besides the change in color shortly to be made in the U. S. postage stamps, there may also be made changes in design. It is suggested to change Stewart's likeness for that of Grant on the 5c stamp, thus immortalizing him for effecting the Alaskan purchase, and in view of the importance now attached to Alaska's wealth.

ST. LOUIS NOTES

By E. HECTOR

A St. Louis firm proposes to start a Stamp Trading Mart. There will be no goods sold outright for cash, but anyone may obtain whatever he desires in the way of clothing, shoes, furniture, dry goods, etc. in exchange for stamps. Whether the plan will work remains to be seen.

Sympathy for Cuba is here expressed in various ways. At the Post-Office corner a Cuban flag has been flying

for months past with an appropriate motto in Spanish underneath which is changed occasionally. On Olive Street a dealer recently displayed sheets of stamps of the Republic of Cuba and they sold faster than his other goods.

At the present writing the great St. Louis Fair is in full operation. As this is an annual event which is advertised in twenty states, it always brings a tremendous crowd of people to the city. While we are writing these notes the parade of the Veiled Prophet is taking place. Tomorrow evening the South Broadway Merchants will have a parade on a similar order, and on Thursday there will be almost no business done, as all St. Louis, as usual, attends the Fair on that day. When our country cousins come to see us, we entertain them as well as we can, and when they leave us to return home they know a great deal more about stamps and kindred subjects than when they came.

CANADIAN COMMENT.

It is surprising to notice how many people "prick up their ears" whenever stamps is the subject of conversation anywhere about. This is one of the results of the issuance of our Jubilee stamps.

Dame Rumor has it that two more stamp papers will shortly appear from this city—Berlin, Ont. One will be called the "Canadian Collector" and the other the "Boy's Own Philatelist." Some more people who have money to burn! The latter paper will probably act as official organ of the Boy's Own Phil. Association.

The only Jubilee stamps that can be bought singly at this post-office is the 3 cent, all other values having been sold out.



On Jan. 1st Canada will have another new issue of stamps. In appearance they will resemble the third issue of Canadian Bill stamps.

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JOTTINGS.

At a recent auction in New York a $25.00 Mortgage, which was cancelled by having two holes cut into it, otherwise being a fine specimen, sold for $1.00. Another copy, bearing ink cancellation sold for $2.05, a difference of over one hundred per cent.

The revenue wrappers of Scandinavia, used on mail matter in 1820, are curious looking oddities. A set consisting of the 15c, 25c, and 50c were recently in a society circuit book. The appearance consisting merely of an embossing of a seal on the wrapper is of the albino class. The owner asks 50c each for them.

About 4,300,000,000 postage stamps of the 2c denomination are used in the U. S. yearly.

A Parma 1852 15c, pink paper,

with an impression of the 5c on the back, was recently sold at a Chicago auction.

Allegheny's new post office will soon be completed. The officials expect to be able to commence business in it about the last of December.

Greater New York has over 1000 philatelists.

The merchants of Shanghai subscribe 50 Taele ($60) per year for mail matter and can mail as many mail pieces as they like for this amount. This mail bears "no postage stamps or fee," and being the bulk of mail matter, Shanghai stamps are seldom used.

Corea was admitted to the Universal Postal Union in May 1897, by its Congress at Washington. China was also admitted, but on certain conditions.

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The committee recommended a reduction in dues to 50 cents a year, payable semi-annually, with quarterly meetings. The reduction is O. K., but, O my!—let us keep the monthly meetings.

A motion to give the branch free use of the society's rooms was unanimously adopted.

A contribution of $25. of which $10. is from the Society and $15 from individual members, was sent to assist in defraying the expenses of J. W. Scott of New York in the legal proceedings taken against him for having newspaper stamps in his possession.

CANADIAN NOTES Continued

The Philatelic Advocate is offering a five dollar prize for the best cover design submitted to them within a stated time. The Advocate is one of the few Canadian stamp papers that has issued more than twelve consecutive numbers. The October number is vol. 3, no. 5.

We are anxiously awaiting the reappearance of the Ontario Phil. under the management of Mr. L. S. Graham of Merriton, Ont. It was announced for Aug. 1st., then Sept. 1st.. and then Oct. 1st; and still it fails to materialize.

The Ontario Philatelic Co. of Berlin, Ont., owing to increased business have rented a fine office in the busiest part of the city.

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Exchanging Stamps.

By Phil A. Telist.

EVERY stamp collector will in the course of time have accumulated duplicates, and it has puzzled many a collector how to dispose of his duplicates to the best advantage. There are various ways; some are more to the liking of one class of collectors, while other collectors could not employ the same means to reach a satisfactory result. We shall here briefly name a few methods of exchanging, and the reader can then make up his mind as to which particular method best suits his purpose.

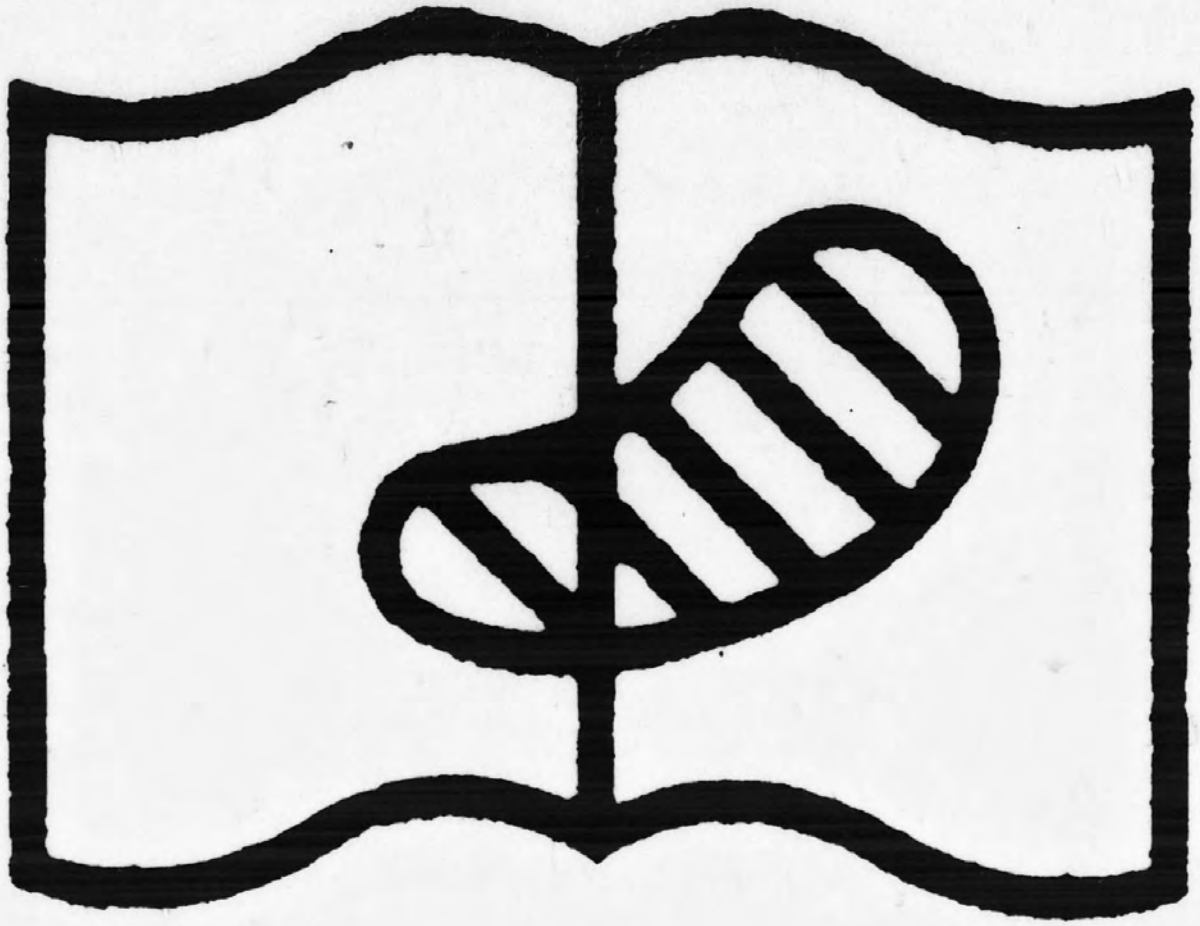
A great many philatelic societies have an exchange department and the member who desires to circulate stamps through the society purchases approval books from the exchange superintendent, puts his duplicates therein with net price and sends them back to the exchange superintendent; they are then sent to various other members on a circuit, and each member who receives a lot will take out such stamps as he desires and remit therefore to the exchange superintendent, who, when the books have been emptied, or nearly so, returns the books to the owner with remittance for stamps removed less a certain commission for his services.

Another way is; if you are located in a city where there is a local society you can join the society and on regular meeting nights you can exchange direct with the members. This perhaps is, all things considered, the most satisfactory way.

There are also so-called stamp exchanges, the members of which purchase regularly-issued approval books, place their duplicates therein, and send them to the exchange manager. The Standard Catalogue prices are taken as a guide at 50 per cent. discount, and the member is notified by the exchange manager that he has a credit on the books of the stamp exchange, say to 40 per cent. of the value of his stamps. Suppose this 40 per cent. would amount to $9.00; then the member has the right to remove stamps to the amount of 9.00 from the books of other members which the exchange manager sends him. However, should there be only 8.00 worth of stamps removed from the member's book in stead of the anticipated 9.00, then the member whose books are returned to him pays to the stamp exchange the difference of 1.00 in cash to square his account.

There are some dealers who issue an exchange list in which stamps are placed in two classes, A and B. Class A stamps are priced at 50 per cent. off, and class B at 33 1-3 off. The collector mounts his duplicates on sheets in accordance with the list class A or B as he desires, and sends in his want list also made up of the exchange list, and the dealer fills his want list.

In conclusion we would say: Be honest in exchanging, never substitute, and remember that if you are a member of a philatelic society you can depend on receiving aid and encouragement from nearly all of its members in all matters pertaining to stamps.



THE ART OF SAVING.

By Phil. A. Telist.

If you, gentle reader, are desirous to rise in the world, to be respected, beloved and honored, you can certainly attain what you desire by learning to save. Do not waste time or squander your money, do not offend those who are your friends—but always try to save your money, make the best use of your time by always doing something, and value the love of your friends, for to friends and a little assistance now and then when most needed a large measure of your happiness and attainment of your most cherished wishes will depend.

In order to teach children the art of saving, and for that matter grown persons can learn it by the same method, a collection of postage stamps stands far in advance of anything else ever devised. A collection once started the collector at once begins to save. He saves the duplicate stamps which he receives, and these he trades off for others not in his collection. He will save every stamp which he acquires, he will always strive to get stamps which he has not, and will save his money to enable him to purchase such. He will also be always eager to read philatelic papers to learn more about stamps, when, how, and why issued; he stocks his mind with an abundance of information on various subjects such as postal laws and regulations, and decisions in regard to the use and misuse of the mails etc., etc., and thus acquires knowledge and makes good use of his spare time. Then when he no longer wishes to keep his philatelic literature he sells it, thus getting part of his money back. And right here we might mention that philatelic literature, no matter whether fresh or old, always has a ready sale. Other literature may be discarded after being once read, but philatelic literature never loses its attractiveness. It brings joy and sunshine and happiness to all who are interested. Stamp collectors are known to be light hearted, jovial and good natured, just the kind of people everybody loves. They make friends everywhere they go, and such friendships are rarely broken. Even the practical business man who values everything in which he takes any interest by the amount of profit it will bring, always has a good word to say for the stamp collector, for knowing the value of economy himself he is always glad to have about him people who do not waste anything.

The late president Garfield owed much of his success in life to his saving. He started life as a poor boy, was a book agent at one time, later on a teacher in a school, and finally president of this great nation. John D. Rockfeller is another example; he learned the art of saving, made good use of all his spare time, and is to-day considered one of the richest men on this planet.

There are others, the history of whose lives read almost like fairy

ales, but underneath the surface ou will find, that had they not een very saving, they would ever have reached that success hich everybody is longing for nd which comes to so few. Therefore take our advice, gentle eader, start a stamp collection -day, and you will be surprised find how easy it is to save.

PHILATELIC SCRIBBLINGS.

By A. Clevelander.

It is learned from Washington at there will be color changes some of the lower values of e current issue about the first January, later on following th an entirely new set.

Austro Hungary will have a w set of stamps. The lower lues will be the same as the rrent shape, but the higher lues will be a trifle larger. ese stamps will be printed in o different colors.

A Washington dispatch states t 15 tons of old plates of U. S. mps were destroyed. Among plates were old department ues, Columbians and revenues, o worn current issues.

ondon, England, has forty mp dealers, while New York has about twenty.

anada has placed the new ½c mp on sale. It is claimed that old ½c were "cornered" and new stamps forced on the ket. The old ½c, either new sed, is a good stamp to keep and in a short time will command a high price.

"Uncle Sam" has provided the carriers with new winter suits.

The 3c and 6c Columbians were placed on sale at this office recently, and they sold like "hot cakes," especially the 3c values. The entire lot was disposed of in a day.

LETTER FROM HEINRICH SCHIEFEL,

IN WHICH HE EXPRESSES HIS OPINIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS PHILATELIC.

DON'T it vas queer! dot efery-times shust apout dese times of de year so many new schtamp bapers vas made. Now dere gomes from my stadt a baper galled The Poy's Own Philatelist. It vas only for kids and vas 10c a year, but I tinks dey vas pig fools for giving adverdisments at 10c per inch. If you look on der cover of der Bennsy you vill see dot H. D. Ruehlman vill isseu a baper on Sept. 1st. He says so in dar Oct. Bennsy. Vell "By Chiminy Christmas!" he can't shust do it, unless he means Sept. 1st 1898, und if he means dot, vhy he's too plame previous, aind it? Say vat you dink, Hamilton gets dot D. P. A. gonvention next year? Say von't ve haf a svell dime? Vhy don't you choin und come too? Hamilton is all rite. Dey haf all kints of lager und balonie, dere, und dey gifs

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—EDITORIAL.—

Well, our last number broke the record, and this one beats them all. Have you sent on your quarter yet? Better do so at once. We improve with every number, and unless you are a paid subscriber, you'll miss us for some time to come.

We want a writer from each of the different foreign countries to furnish us with notes and help us fill our pages with matter of interest to our readers. Write us for terms.

No, you have placed all your advertising contracts and do not care to spend any more cash in that direction. As a class stamp dealers' legs are rather hard to pull when you ask them for prompt payment, but our terms are stated in each number of this magazine, and we shall be obliged to uphold them to one and all, whether a large firm or a small dealer.

Kindly have all MSS. for our January number at this office by Dec. 20th, if possible, that we may appear as early as the 2d of Jan.

All ads. must reach us by Dec. 17, and not later, to insure insertion and good position.

Kissinger, in his November number, says that there are collectors enough in the Keystone state to give the P. P. A. double the membership list of any state society. "Why we do not get them interested is a fault of ours." Cliffie, old fellow, would anyone feel justified to brag about a state society that is run on the P. P. A. plan? No. What became of the Pittsburg Convention? How is all Allegheny and Pittsburg collectors whose vote would have been thrown against you and your friends in honor of fair and square dealings received no notice of the "mail vote" to be held just one week after the appearance of the notice? When we get a new president and several other official benefits, the names of our publisher and editor will both rank among the list of members again, as they did formerly and the A. P. will boom the state society in its own town and surrounding cities, but not in the manner in which it has been run since the "Pennsy" became the official organ—in fact the proprietor of the P. P. A.

The "mail vote" only brought in twelve votes, all in favor of the "ring." Where are the rest? We hope that the others are not too poor to afford a 2c stamp and writing material—but such must be the case, unless there were only 12 notified of the mail vote. Is it that bad? Well, what's the matter with starting a society to be run on a fair and square basis? We cry for a secession, or for better officers!

By the P. P. A. vote cast, of which there were only twelve, eleven officers were elected. Who cast the extra vote? Was it Mrs. Kissinger?

Did you ever see the like of it? Messrs. Kissinger, Cleaver, and Mc Dermott are the new trustees of the P. P. A., and Messrs. Kautner and Kline, and Mrs. Kissinger were on the Credential Committee, while the new trustees of the Nat'l Phil. Asso'n— Kissinger's own—are Kautner, Mc Dermott and Mrs. Kissinger, while Frank Kline acted as Chairman of the Election Board. Who else was on the election board, Cliffie? Yourself and Cleaver, eh! A mixed-up affair all around.

(HEINRICH SCHIEFEL, CONTINUED.)

big shuners of beer for a nickel, und a pretzel in de pargain. All dose bapers vas having great "carryings on" about Carion, but I says he vas K. O. und in hard luck. Say, just vait und you vill see dot so-called biggest society in the worruld will come down kerflop. Dot P. S. of A. vos not der only shingle on der roof. Shust you votch Dodge und his Columbian Phil. Society it vas a gorker, don't it? Dodge was playing hog don't you tink. Dot vas too much of a good ting, drying to make four bapers efery month. Dot vas not a gase of hafing too many fingers in der soup, aber der vas too much soup for his fingers, aint it. Vel, I'm your frendt alretty; Schiefel, schtampatelist.

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ST. LOUIS NOTES.

By Ecol Hector.

The carnival season in St. Louis is over for the year. October is the month in which most of the fall festivities take place. The great St. Louis Fair, The Exposition, The Veiled Prophet's Parade, The Horse Show, Wheelmen's Parade etc.,—all are now things of the past until twelve months hence. While the ardent and advanced collector does not let these enjoyments interfere with his pet hobby, the juvenile collector usually lays his album "on the shelf" until after the ball—the Veiled Prophet's Ball.

The Century Stamp Club held its regular monthly meeting at 1506 Washington Ave. on the evening of Oct. 21. The attendance was fair. Several lots of stamps and an entire collection were disposed of at auction, and Secretary French says that if the members keep on buying and exchanging at such a lively rate, he will soon need an assistant.

That veteran collector W. Ledyard Scott is now permanently located in St. Louis. He is in the Custom House brokerage business, with an office at room 40 Laclede Building. Being president of the Century Stamp Club, and desiring to hear from all his brother collectors he invites them one and all to call on him. Always genial and ready to assist his philatelic brethren whenever possible, he is indeed a gentleman, and is held in high esteem by a large and ever-increasing host of friends.

Some of Mr. Wm. Lepere's friends outside of St. Louis may be a little surprised to learn that although he never collected "entires" he may probably do so in the future. He has taken unto himself a better half, so 'tis said. Congratulations, old boy; shake!

MISCELLANEOUS.

Spain has issued a new set of war stamps, comprising the values of 5, 10, and 20 centimes, and 5 pesetas.

To celebrate the 25th year of King Oscar's reign Sweden has issued a jubilee postal card.

For the first time in its history Newfoundland has resorted to a surcharged postage stamp. This was owing to the exhaustion of the 1c stamp of the Cabot issue. The old 3-cent value has been overprinted with the words "one cent" between parallel bars. To discourage speculation the government refuses to sell the new issue in quantities to dealers.

A 1 penny value has been added to the list of British Government Parcel Stamps.

New postal dues are expected from Chile.

A western postmaster, in want of a 1 cent due stamp, cut the 2c due in halves diagonally, and surcharged the specimen "1 cent." This odd provisional was unearthed at Washington City, where perhaps there are more.



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INFORMATION

For the stamp exhibit in connection with the Trans-Mississippi Exposition Mr. E. W. Fitts has lent his unique collection of counterfeit stamps. It is one of the best collections of its kind to be found anywhere.

The president of the American Philatelic Association, Hon. F. F. Olney, has a collection worth $100,000.

A souvenir Cuban coin has been minted in New York for the purpose of furthering the Cuban cause. Lucky it wasn't another stamp!

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this set will be illustrated next month.

It is expected that the government will soon establish a postal savings bank in every post-office, where citizens can deposit money and receive interest as in an ordinary savings bank.



We herewith illustrate the new 8 cent value of the North Borneo with native characters in corner, as now appearing.



The 5¢ Peru (type of annexed cut with warrior instead of Indian in oval) has appeared in a new color—green instead of blue.

Unused postage stamps pass for fractional currency in Alaska.



Just before the old issue of Newfoundland was retired to make room for the new Jubilee set, the 3¢ value, formerly brown, was printed in a new shade, decidedly on the purple. As very few of the new color were printed they are likely to become rare.



Negri Sembilan has issued two post cards similar to cut of Sungei Ujong stamp, with proper name at top.

The 1-2¢ Canadian Jubilee stamps now sell for 40¢. The 6¢ bring 70¢.

POST OFFICE REPORT.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General has submitted his report for the past fiscal year. The number of post offices in the United States has increased from 75 in 1790 to 71,022 in 1897. 1061 offices were established during the year and 939 discontinued. The average amount expended in the use of the mails by an inhabitant of the state of New York is $2.12 while South Carolina spends but 29 cents per capita, this being the lowest amount of any state.

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the 5 c. ch on 25 cent yellow of the 1886 issue of Cochinchina, priced 15c, there were 50,000 issued.

As everybody knows, due stamps indicate the amount of postage to be collected, and are used only by postmasters in the country by which they are issued, and are not widely spread abroad like postage stamps which circulate in the whole Postal Union. Some jealous dealers running a French society, not able to secure a supply of those valuable stamps for their customers, raised a contention as to their genuineness and two secretaries of this wonderful society having made false charges and refused two communications sent by registered mail, proofs were produced before the Philatelic Society of San Francisco on January 25th, 1895, and official correspondence was exchanged between Mr. George Carion and two Cochin China postmasters.

Below are given translations of the letter of inquiry sent to the postmasters, and their answers, and thereafter facsimiles of the original letters which prove conclusively, not only that those unpaid letter stamps are genuine in all respects, but that even if there were some left in the Cochin China post-offices they could still be used by the postmasters in Indo-China, which is the new name under which this colony is now known and administered. These stamps were issued according to the French Colonial Dept. circular of 1891, which enjoined all colonial postmasters to overprint with their colony name all postal cards and stamps remaining in stock.

Some time ago, without any consideration for the gentlemen who acted as witnesses, and allowed their names to be published as such, the rumors of the French society, which, as proven, had made malicious misstatements, affirmed in a sensational way that the stamps sent to the postmasters in Cochin China for examination bore no surcharge. This was too much for Americans, and the subsequent sworn statements and protestation were issued to show to the philatelic world the value of the assertions of the French society, and furthermore that when proof is made before an American society, due enquiries into the facts are made, evidence considered, every point discussed, and that this proof is just as good as if it were made anywhere else in the world, and is to be considered just as much.

PROOFS OF GENUINENESS.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
City and County of } s. s.
San Francisco. }

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, being severally duly sworn, each for himself and not

for the others, duly deposes and says: that he witnessed the public opening of a package duly registered, sealed and certified to be addressed from SAIGON, COCHIN CHINA, to Mr. GEORGES CARION of San Francisco, and that said package was found to contain a number of French Colonies unpaid letter stamps, duly surcharged diagonally in black "COCHINCHINE" and cancelled with the post-marks used in that country, all of which is duly reported in the minutes of the 109th meeting of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco, and duly published in the official organ of said society, to wit—the Philatelic Californian, in its number of February, 1895, at page 63, column I, which is as follows:

"Minutes of the 109th regular meeting, held on January 25th, 1895, with President Sylvester in the chair. Present, Bilay, Diass, Northrup, Shiller, Purnell, Bienkowski, Brewer, Blackman, Mannel, Doscher, Hollis, Makins, Carion, Zobel. As visitors, Messrs. Kœnig, Gesvret, and Weber of the American Philatelic Association.

"One of the interesting features of the evening was the opening by Mr. Carion, of a package received from his correspondent at Saigon, Cochin China. This package was found to contain some used unpaid letter stamps, surcharged diagonally in black, COCHINCHINE, similar to Nos. 35 to 44 in Scott's 55th Catalogue. Mr. Carion then made a short address upon these stamps and PROVED that they were legitimately used.

"A vote of thanks was tendered for his interesting remarks.

(Signed) H. H. ZOBEL, Sec."

Frank Kœnig,
A. H. Weber,
E. Gesvret.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 1897.

A. K. DAGGETT,
(Notary Seal) NOTARY PUBLIC
In and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

1st.—Letter of inquiry sent to the Postmasters.

San Francisco, March 24, 1896.
Mr. the Postmaster at Baclieu, Cochin China.

Mr. the Postmaster:—I have the honor to submit to you herewith different unpaid letter stamps about the genuineness of which a contention has been raised and I have recourse to your kindness to beg of you to let me know if these stamps have really been in use at your office as the cancellations seem to show.

Please return me these stamps by registered letter in the enclosed envelope.

Please accept Mr. the Postmaster with my anticipated thanks the assurance of my perfect consideration.

GEO. CARION.

Letter from the Postmaster at Baclieu.

The two unpaid letter stamps in the margin canceled at Baclieu COCHIN CHINE on the 12th of March 1894 are perfectly genuine in all respects.

Baclieu, May 11, 1896.
The Postmaster at Baclieu,
J. MILLAVET.

See illustration of original copy of letter.

Letter from the Postmaster at Tayninh.

Tayninh, May 28, 1896.

Sir:—In answer to your favor of March 24th I have the honor to let you know that the four unpaid letter stamps annexed are absolutely genuine and that they have yet legal circulation in Indo China. Receive, Sir, my eager salutations.

PRAMS.

Our cut is a photo-engraving showing the registered envelope and letter containing the above information.

We next supply a letter from the Registry Clerk of the San Francisco postoffice, which reads as follows:

State of California,
City and County of San Francisco.

I. George F. Conway, Registry Clerk at the United States Post-office at San Francisco, California, being first duly sworn, depose and say, that the original letters of which photo-engravings are hereunto annexed, were opened before me, and that the six unpaid letter stamps of French Colonies referred to and which were pasted onthe original letters,were duly surcharged diagonally in black "COCHINCHINE" when received at this Post-office in San Francisco, as aforesaid.

GEO. F. CONWAY
P. O. Seal. Registry Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, A. D. 1897.

JOHN F. LYONS.
Notary Seal. Notary Public.

In and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

By QUAKER.

Wide-awake collectors are keeping their eyes on the Danish West Indies at present. Senator Lodge has prepared a bill which he will present to the Senate immediately after the holidays, for the purchase of the Islands St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John's. They are now owned by Denmark, who, it is claimed, would sell them to the United States for a comparatively small sum.

The "Collectors Club" of this city have changed their quarters from the Continental Hotel to a larger room in the Girard Building, corner of 12th and Girard sts. All visiting Philadelphia are cordially invited to call and get acquainted.

Undoubtedly a rare treat is in store for those who visit the Collectors Club on January 31st, as that evening has been set aside for the exhibiting of United States revenues, and knowing as we do what some collectors possess in that line, it would indeed be strange if some did not open their eyes in amazement and wish they had a lawyer for an uncle.

In his report for the year just ended, the Postmaster General recommends the compulsory prepayment of all mail matter as well as the discontinuance of newspaper and periodical stamps.

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Georges Carion.

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Monsieur le Receveur des Postes
de Baclieu Cochinchine

Monsieur le Receveur

J'ai l'honneur de vous soumettre sous ce pli différents chiffres taxe au sujet de l'authenticité desquels une contestation s'est élevée et j'ai recours à votre obligeance pour vous prier de bien vouloir me faire savoir si ces timbres ont réellement été mis à votre bureau ainsi que les cachets d'oblitération à date semblant le montrer.

Veuillez bien me retourner ces timbres par lettre recommandée, enveloppe affranchie ci-inclus.

Agréez Monsieur le Receveur avec mes remerciments anticipés l'assurance de ma parfaite considération

Geo. Carion

Les deux chiffres Taxes
ci-contre oblitérés à
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Le Receveur de Baclieu



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P. O. BOX 2457,



Monsieur,

En réponse à votre honorée du 27 mars, j'ai l'honneur de vous faire remarquer que les quatre chiffres taxes ci-jointe, sont absolument authentiques et qu'ils ont encore actuellement cours légal en Indochine.

Recevez, Monsieur, mes salutations empressées.



GEORGES CARION.

Philadelphia Notes, Continued

From Page 4.

If this recommendation is acted upon the unpaid letter stamps will soon be a thing of the past. Indeed, with the many suggestions made of late and the probable shifting of color to conform to the regulations of the Postal Union, it begins to look as if there were many startling surprises in store for stamp collectors.

The first Cuban post-office in the United States was inaugurated here last week by the "Hermauas de Marti" in a bazaar that they held at 1524 Chestnut St. Erected in one part of the room was a post-office where you could deposit mail for the Cubans in the field, with the assurance that it would be delivered to whom it was addressed, though it may cost dozens of lives to do so.

Quite a number of local collectors paid it a visit. The stamps used were the new Republic of Cuba stamps, issued about one year ago.

The 1-2c, 2c, and 6c of the new issue of Canada have made their appearance here, along with the one and two cent Newfoundland, and dealers report sales as good.

The 58th catalogue of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., has appeared. It is about the same as usual with the necessary additions, however. The prices are more as they should be, this year, but why so many shades of color?

THE SUBSTITUTER.

By Phil A. Telist.

The substituter is an individual, who, when he receives sheets of stamps, either from a collector or dealer, will remove stamps therefrom and put others in their places, generally stamps of a lower value, or of a less desirable quality. He thinks he has gained something by so doing, but the fact is that he has not alone robbed the owner of the stamps, but has also by his nefarious work robbed himself of his good name, and should his at any time thereafter be mentioned anywhere, it will always arouse unpleasant thoughts and feelings in the bosom of the victim.

Some years ago a young man living in Ohio sent to various dealers for selections of stamps on approval. The dealers, always ready to increase their business, willingly sent him sheets from which he would buy some, substitute others, and return the sheets. Having thus victimized a number of dealers, he next tried the same trick with collectors in exchanging. The result was that he was soon blacklisted. Then he concluded to go into the stamp business for himself, and he has done quite a lot of advertising, but his former victims wrote their experiences to the editors of various philatelic papers, and today the young man is known throughout the land as a substi-

tuter, and he has lost a good deal of trade by reason of his former shady transactions. How much has he profited by his crooked work? Very little. In the stamp business, as, in all other lines, it pays to be honest. It is an old saying that "Every thief will come to grief," and as the old adage is verified daily it is our duty to warn such people who may be weak when temptation assails them, and to hold up to their gaze for their earnest consideration the inevitable result of wrong doing.

A substituter is despised by every upright dealer, and hated by every honest collector. Substituting has been practiced to such a large extent that some stamp dealers have quit sending out sheets of stamps on approval and will sell only for cash in advance; and as we have interviewed several dealers on this subject, we learn that there are other dealers who intend to follow suit in the near future.

If approval sheets disappear then our glorious hobby will soon be on the downward grade. Let us hope that this will never happen, and let us call the attention of all young philatelists to a maxim which Benjamin Franklin adopted early in life, and adhered strictly thereto throughout his busy and useful life, namely:

"Be honest, upright and truthful, for by honesty I can win the confidence of my fellow men, by an upright life I can win their friendship and esteem, and by truthfulness I can win their admiration and love." Gentle reader, take a look at the picture of Franklin on the 1c stamp, and then resolve to practice the maxim which lifted him to that lofty emminence in the minds of his fellow men, and the great American public.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

By Ecol Hector.

The month of December is always monopolized by Santa Claus, and old Santa always sees to it when he comes marching on that all other things are put aside till he departs. That is the reason the stamp trade is always so dull at the end of the year.

Collectors here are not so well pleased with Scott's 58 catalogue. Too many shades and varieties, they say. The strangest part is that last year the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. issued a 10 c. catslogue avoiding all minor varieties and this year they do the very opposite in the regular edition. What will the boy collector say now?

One of the faults of the present catalogue is that too many prices are missing. It is our humble opinion that the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. could at least approximate the prices of some stamps which are left unpriced, as for instance: U. S. Navy, 1879 Post Office, Canada Jubilee issue, used, and a great many others.

Mr. F. W. Miller a stamp dealer, for several years located at 904 Olive St., has sold out.

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With this number Volume II is finished, and with our next number we start out with Vol. 3, No. 1, Whole No. 10. We shall hereafter endeavor to appear on the 20th, as we have been doing since we began our second volume, and to run 6 numbers to each volume.

With the appearance of the new catalogue our dealers report an increase of sales in all lines. We look forward to a prosperous year, philatelically speaking.

Editor Pinkham, publisher of the Eastern Philatelist, and until recently dealer in stamps, will hereafter devotè his entire attention to his monthly.

Yes, brother Dodge, we agree with you. Kissinger, what became of this: "Convention Seat, 1897, Pittsburg"? Yes, Mr. Dodge, start the ball a rolling, and we'll do all we can to start the new society, wherein the members shall all be dealt with fairly and squarely. No "Bossism," or "ring rule" for us.

Say, when we get stamps free with chewing gum, can't we start a large duplicate album! But alas, we seldom use the weed.

Ye collectors who are fond of "brain rackers" will find some in another column of this paper.

We note with grief the death of T. L. Green, county clerk, Mt. Olivet, Ky. We can scarce afford to lose such a member of our ranks.

We are mourning over the loss to our advertising patronage of a certain Mr. Littlejohn.

We are out only one issue,

having discontinued his ad after the first insertion, he refusing to pay cash, according to our then-published terms.

The Perforator is now published by Chapman & Son, as H. A. & W. A. Chapman.

PHILATELIC SCRIBBLINGS.

By A. Clevelander.

Auction sales are now in "full blast," and brisk sales with big profits are reported everywhere.

The E. P. contains a very interesting article on Philatelic Advertising, which doubtless will be beneficial to many.

Several enterprising business men are the originators of the Trading Stamp. Their object is to increase the business of the retail merchant. Whether these stamps will have any influence on philately is an important question which cannot be answered at present. In another column we insert a clipping describing in full the workings of this latest freak of mercantile rapacity.

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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS.

By Adonis.

Our state is fast coming to the front in Philatelic publications. The latest addition to our already enterprizing list is the Rocky Mountain Stamp which was recently purchased by J. F. Dodge. Brother Dodge is certainly a hustler as well as an editor, as is shown by the way in which he manages and edits the three progressive publications in his charge. We have received copies of all of them and are much pleased with them. The Rocky Mountain Stamp has certainly fallen into good hands.

There is still some dissatisfaction afloat over the P. P. A. election. It seems that the small number of votes sent in has aroused the ire of some of the principal collectors and there is an irruption brewing. But as it is hard to tell upon whom to lay the blame, we hope soon to see the threatening clouds dispersed and the P. P. A. on its feet once more with a more general and a more enthusiastic interest taken in its welfare than ever before. Other states have flourishing societies and why shouldn't we? Co-operation will give us one.

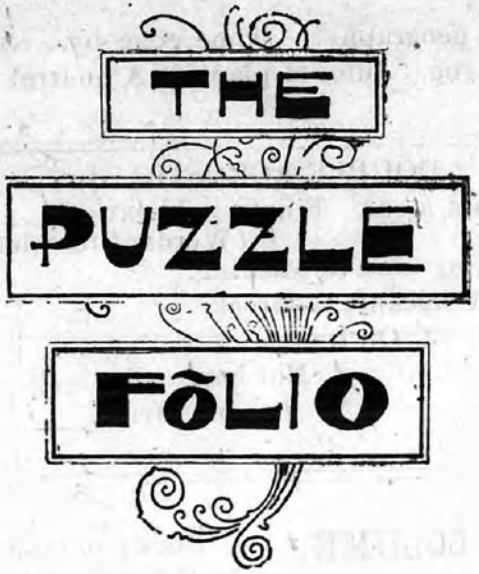
The business prospects for this year are very bright, as it is asserted by the dealers of the state. Of course in this season of the year there is always a brushing up of trade. More interest is taken in stamps because there is more time in which the mind of the collector is at leisure, and the album is naturally turned to.

The photos of the P. S. of A. group at Atlantic City. which are offered for sale by M. C. Haldeman, are certainly worth the price, and should be in the den of every collector.

We are sorry to chronicle the exit of the Young Collector, published by W. O. Smith. It has been a monthly visitor at our sanctum, and its visits will be missed.

W. O. Smith of Red Lion, Pa., had a valuable lot of stamps and coins stolen from his safe sometime in December. Among other stamps taken were a large number of unused, Columbians including several sheets of the higher values. Mr. Smith has our sympathy.

INFORMATION



NO. 1.

A DIAMOND.

1. A letter.
2. Consumed.
3. A picture.
4. A bird.
5. A letter.

NO. 2. A SQUARE.

1, Authority. 2, A small drum.
3, To bear, or endure. 4, Methods.
5, A Pittsburg daily.

NO. 3. ENIGMA.

I am an impression. In me can be found some-

thing in a geography. Time gone by. A light blow. A rug. Juice of plants. A quarrel and a negro.

NO. 4. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

Primals, a cut. Finals, publication.
(Words of four letters.)

1. Something used in washing.
2. A volcanic sandrock.
3. On top.
4. Not less.
5. A fruit.

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INFORMATION

STAMP COLLECTING IN A NEW FORM.

STAMP collecting has a peculiar fascination, perhaps more so than any similar pursuit, as everybody is willing to allow who has given it the least trial. Recognizing this fact as the expression of one phase of human nature which might be readily turned to pecuniary profit by the promoters of the following scheme, several parties have established, in the various cities of the United States, what are known as Stamp Trading Concerns. They have nothing to do with the stamp business, as will be explained.

The promoters state that the object of this new business is to mutually benefit the buyer and the seller. The Stamp Trading Company sells the merchant so many dollars' worth of labels bearing the trade mark of the concern. people are induced to buy goods of the merchants possessing these stamps, for every purchase to the amount of 10 cents entitles the buyer to a stamp. The labels are pasted in a book, in squares ruled off like a stamp album. When the book is full it can be exchanged, at the headquarters of the Stamp Trading Company, for some premium carried in stock by the latter. In this way shoppers, by trading with certain houses, receive a kind of credit good at the stamp trading house for one of a thousand or more household articles of some value. If you buy your groceries, dry goods, etc., at the stores giving stamps. you will have earned, in time, a nice water pitcher, a finger ring, or some other article of like worth.

We mention this here that stamp collectors may not confound the Stamp Trading Company with any postage stamp concern, club, or exchange.



The 2 candarin stamp of the 1894 issue of China has been surcharged "2 cents."

The likeness of John Adams, for the first time placed on a postal issue, now appears on the new U. S. post card.



A 25c of the small type has been added to the set of Argentine stamps.

The United States handles more mail matter than any other country of the world.



The new 3c red and green Liberia stamp is now in the market.

Now that the President has signed the treaty of the Postal Congress, calling for a uniformity in the colors of stamps used by countries embraced in the Postal Union, we may expect a new set of stamps about the first of next July, the time the present contract expires.



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BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

SHEETS ON APPROVAL.

THE CUSTOM IS OUT OF DATE AND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

THE old custom of sending out sheets or books of stamps on approval will ere long be a thing of the past. It has outlived its usefulness, and we may as well cast it aside now and at once, as to be deluding ourselves with the idea that we could not get along without it. In days gone by before the standard catalogue was as nearly perfect as it is today it was thought to be proper to have the privilege of examining stamps before purchasing, but in those days collectors were not so well informed on stamp matters; there were lacking the well written articles on matters philatelic that today appear in the weekly and monthly stamp papers, and the collector had a perfect right to ask to be allowed to see the stamps before purchasing.

But today all that is changed. The philatelic press now publishes all the information which any collector may wish, in regard to new issues, colors, watermarks, paper, perforation, etc; so that a printed description when accompanied by a cut of the stamps enumerated gives the reader as good an idea of what the stamp really is, as he would get by actually having the stamp before him. If the stamp is quoted in the catalogue he can at once see what it will cost, and if he makes out his want list and sends it to a responsible dealer he will get just the stamps he desires and no others.

So much for the collector. Now as to the dealer. Every dealer knows that it takes time to get up a large lot of sheets to send out on approval; for this time the dealer has to pay in the shape of wages. The sheets themselves and the hinges cost money. Then the dealer suffers many a loss by substitution, which is one of the very lowest kinds of theft. Then if he sends a bulky lot of sheets to a prospective customer, postage registration, stationery etc. swell the bill, and when the customer, after keeping the sheets over the

usual ten days, finally returns them, the dealer often finds that the amount sold does not pay half the expense. But the dealer would not let such things alone discourage him, for he also has some customers who buy larger amounts and on the whole his ledger would show a gain at the end of the year were it not for the philatelic thief, who is ever present and goeth about seeking whom he may "do" for as large an amount as possible. This individual alas, only too often, succeeds in getting sheets on approval by giving references which the dealer thinks are all right and when the references are written to invariably reply that the applicant is an honest young man etc. etc. When the sheets never come back, and the dealer through some collection agency tries to recover his own or its equivalent he finds that the applicant for sheets left for parts unknown after receiving the stamps, and that the names he gave as references were merely assumed by himself to accomplish his ends.

Not a month passes by but what the same old game is repeated again and again, its only variation being the selection of some new dealer. In view of all this is it any wonder that our dealers and our honest collectors condemn the practice of sending stamps on approval sheets? We think not. Some of the leading dealers have thrown the approval sheet away, and announce that they will only fill want lists against cash. Other dealers have adopted the plan to send out stamps only against a deposit. It is our humble opinion that the filling of want lists accompanied by cash is the best way, and we would like to see the rank and file of dealers take hold of the idea and stick to it.

Of course the thief himself, the substituter, and the amateur dealer who has not yet been cheated as above described, will take exception, and try to have the approval business remain, but we daresay that once tried both dealer and collector will see the benefits of a cash transaction, the dealer because he will not be compelled to make his good customers pay for what he has lost through the thief, and the collector will rejoice because the dealer will keep a large stock to select from, and he can obtain just what he wants. Yes, the approval sheet is doomed. Let us all stand together and cast it into the sea of oblivion.

A PROTEST.

At the regular meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society, Mr. Krauth, chairman of the committee on the protest of the Omaha Exposition stamps, read the following letter which was sent to the Postmaster General:

Pittsburgh, Feb. 9, 1898.

Hon. James A. Gary,
Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny held on January 13th 1898, the undersigned committee was appointed to communicate to the Post Office Department the views of its members on the issue of a special set of postage stamps to commemorate the approaching Omaha Exposition.

We assume that the statements publicly made in the daily and philatelic press that such an issue is contemplated, are substantially correct, and that the Department intends to issue such postage stamps of a special design for a purpose other than the strict postal requirements of the service. From the published copies of correspondents with officers of the Department we conclude that numerous protests and objections in regard to this issue have been received by the Department and that the Department is therefore not in ignorance of the views of the majority of the large number of citizens who are interested in postage stamp collecting. Until the issue of the so-called Columbus series the postage stamps of the United States had been very free from unnecessary or speculative issues and had stood high in the esteem of collectors. The retouch or re-engraving of the 1847 series and the high values of the envelopes of the 1885 and 1887 series were the only issues which were manifestly not issued for strict postal requirements. It is a source of great regret to us that the Post Office Department now seems to contemplate a departure from the safe and conservative course heretofore pursued, and is entering upon an experiment which we feel assured will lead to pernicious results, and which we hold to be inconsistent with the dignity of a great government. The action of the Universal Postal Union in condemning commemorative issues and the numerous scandals in which their issue has involved the post officials of several small states should be a sufficient object lesson to deter the United States from yielding to selfish clamor for such issues. The collecting of postage stamps has grown to be an amusement and an occupation in which hundreds of thousands of citizens are interested, and the investment of money in this pursuit is a very large one. The multiplicity of unnecessary issues of postage stamps tends to diminish the interest felt and to undermine the value of the money invested in collections and stamp dealers' stocks. The constant and minute scrutiny to which collectors subject postage stamps has been, and should continue to be, a valuable aid to the Department in checking fraud and irregularities, and the amount of money received by the Department for stamps in collections, for which it will never be called upon to perform service, is very considerable, and the owners of the stamps are in justice entitled to the protection of the Department from arbitrary and unnecessary diminution in the value of their investments. We think therefore that from even a selfish point of view, the Department is about to make a mistake in antagonizing so important a class of its supporters.

We are fully aware that this expression of our views is not likely to influence any decision which the Department may have reached, but desire, none the less, to place these views on record. Very respectfully,

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With this issue we commence upon our third volume.

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The Unique Stamp Co. favored us with one of their packet A, which they are offering in this issue. It is well worth the price asked for it.

The Standard Stamp Co. has an advertisement on the cover of this number that will interest you. Better read it before you forget it.

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The Twin City Philatelic Society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10th, at its rooms no. 25, Sixth Ave.

J. M. Bartels has favored us with a copy of his Plate Number Catalogue. It is a very handy book, and should be in the hands of all plate-number collectors.

We have received the following papers, price-lists, catalogues etc.

The Boy's Own, Columbian, Eastern, Evergreen State, International, New York, Pennsylvania, Revenue, Virginia, Home Worker, Herald Exchange, Weekly Era, Advocate, Youth's Realm, Perforator, Kid, American Collector, Stamp Reporter, Philatelic Messenger, Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, and the Rocky Mountain Stamp. Also, W. R. Adam's Catalogue of Canadian Revenues, and a price list from the Paragon Stamp Emporium.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS.

By Adonis.

The prominent features of the Christmas number of the Pennsylvania Philatelist are the sketches and cuts of a few prominent philatelists. Among them are: Edward B. Sterling, a charter member of the A. P. A; John Reginald Hooper, the unfortunate philatelist who is now in prison, charged with the attempt to murder his wife; George Carion who is the cause of great controversy concerning the stamps of Cochin China; Henry Nelson Bullard, Exchange Supt. of the P. S. of A.; and Ernest R. Aldrich, President of the P. S. of A., with his wife.

We have received sample cards from the American Souvenir Card Co., of New York. They are unique and interesting, and no doubt will prove a scource of much pleasure in collecting. The concern is backed by several prominent philatelists.

It is rumored that J. F. Dodge and a few brother philatelists are about to organize a new state society which is to be an improvement over the P. P. A. We wish them success in their undertaking as this state needs a good society and there are enough collectors in it to form a strong one.

Charles Steigerwalt, of Lancaster, presents a fine lot of coins and paper currency for sale in his last auction catalogue.

P. P. A. affairs seem to be in a muddle according to the statements of the secretary. Many of the best members have resigned and others have threatened to follow.

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Miss A F Williams, care Pitts. Press, Pittsburgh Pa.

The December number of the Columbian came to us much behind time, but its contents make up for its delay. It starts out with an article entitled "Entire or Cut Square—Which?" which is a strong plea for entire envelope collecting.

PHILATELIC SCRIBBLINGS.

By A. Clevelander.

The leading stamp societies of England have "black listed" the ½c Canada Jubilee and the New Foundland Cabot issues.

Good U. S. adhesive and revenue stamps can at present be purchased at rock bottom prices. It seems as if collectors had turned their attention exclusively to foreign stamps. This, however, gives U. S. collectors a better chance to get what they want at a reasonable figure.

Work has begun on the plates of the new Omaha stamps. We trust that these stamps will be used in the proper spirit, and cause a general re-awakening throughout the ranks of philately.

Fifty million of the new 1c green have been called into use. The 5 cent light blue will be placed on sale some time during April.

A Cleveland dealer just received from a correspondent of Canada, a letter containing the new 2c stamp. In design it is the same as the ½c although its color is a deep rich violet.

Springfield, Mass. sends and receives the greatest proportion of first-class mail of any city of its size in the country.

The Garfield Perry Stamp Club held its seventy-fifth regular meeting at the Arcade, and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Stamp collecting without a stamp paper is like sailing without a compass. Therefore read the "Allegheny Philatelist."

We were unable to include the Philadelphia and St. Louis notes in this issue.

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17, 5, 20, 3, 8, 2, 7, 11, 12, is a branch of the Ohio river.

13, 2, 15, 6, 4, 1, 10, 16, 12 is a term stamp collectors use almost every day. 2, 3, 19, 11, 18, 9 which is the last commandment.

21 is what we see with.

My whole is the name of a philatelic journal.

2. ENIGMA.

1 Word which is very often used by stamp collectors.
2 What a fire throws.
3 Not early.
4 To cure.
5 Some sick people take.
6 To stop.

The first has 10 letters, all others 4. There is no letter in 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 which is not in the first.

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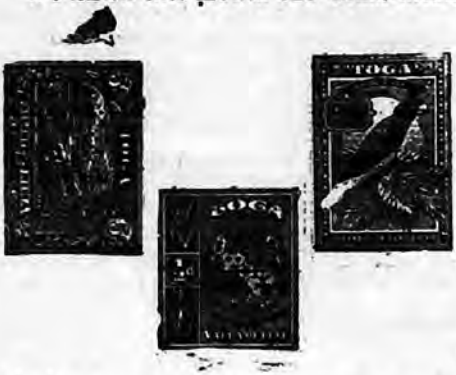
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INFORMATION



The stamps of Bundi, which have created such an interest of late, came from a small state in the south-eastern part of Rajputana, India. The population of the state is less than 300,000. Not more than 30,000 stamps have been issued since the post-office was started in 1894.

We finish this month the illustration



of the new set of Toga stamps, commenced in previous numbers.

The two penny current Samoa is now printed in bright yellow instead of orange.



The new issue of Chinese stamps are at present printed in Japan. This the Chinese object to and have thus given a London firm the contract for a new supply. The



same design will be used, but there will be changes in the quality of paper, gum, etc.

Chicago is to have a new post-office building costing four million dollars.

The queerest album out is one intended for Canadian Jubilee stamps, consisting of eight pages, between stiff covers, beautifully gotten up, but rather small for an album.

Two Mauritius Post-Office stamps have been sold to a Paris dealer for $9,600.

In a stamp auction catalogue were recently offered for sale several lots of lithographed playbills or posters.

Two of the rarest stamps in the world, the 1d and 2d Post-Office Mauritius, were sold not long ago for 48,000 francs, a little over $9,500 in U. S. currency. They are now up for sale again at an advanced price of 52,000 francs, or about $10,400.

A cripple named Charles E. Williams has collected and sold five million stamps during the past five years, in which time he was unable to walk or even stand.

SEEN AT A STAMP AUCTION.

The enthusiastic boy collector, who is always looking for bargains, and who, while trading stamps at school or in the street, displays so often those marks of shrewdnes sand business integrity which afterwards distinguish him as a man of great ability,—this boy collector is seldom, if ever, seen at a stamp auction. The frequenter of the stamp auction is a middle-aged man, interested in various other pursuits of life, but who is ready to make a few dollars on stamps, when they come his way. Of course, he is right up in stamp values, else he would get taken in on the first bid. As a rule, stamps sold at auction bring higher prices than those disposed of at private sale, although, now and then, sandwiched in between the rest, one finds a veritable bargain in an auction purchase.

The Japanese government published a history of the postage stamps of the empire, a few years ago, printing but three hundred copies, which were distributed among the government officials.

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BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

WHAT STAMP COLLECTORS DEMAND.

THE lack of interest which a great many collectors show today in regard to matters philatelic is not due to want of love for our hobby, but to the fact that the dealers and catalogue makers have put prices up too high. Suppose you wished to buy a pair of shoes for yourself which you saw advertised for $3.00, and if you would select such a pair and then tender the merchant three dollars in payment therefore, would you not be greatly astonished if he would inform you that three dollars was yesterday's price, but today the same shoe must be sold for just twice that amount, simply because some other shoe dealer had issued a catalogue and advanced prices? Yet such a proceeding is gone through every year after the standard catalogue is issued. When the philatelic dealer is questioned as to how stamps come to increase in value to such an extent, he will reply, that the law of supply and demand regulates all that. But the collector has heard this so often that he has done a little investigating himself, and he finds that if supply and demand would regulate prices then there would be no such gigantic advances as the 1897 catalogue showed. In fact the collector would be perfectly willing to pay the prices which the law of supply and demand would bring forth, but he objects to paying inflated prices, and this is the reason why so many collectors have left our ranks. Stamp collectors seldom get tired of collecting stamps, but they do get "that tired feeling" in a marked degree when they look at the prices of ten years ago and compare them with the prices of today. Of course it is to be expected that some stamps should be more sought after than others, and as there always is a great difference between the number of stamps used of different issues and values, so there will of course be differences in prices, but the collector knows what a stamp should be worth as well as the catalogue

maker, and hence he cannot be imposed upon. He uses the almighty dollar as the gauge of values, and he comes a good deal nearer to the truth than if he measured the value of stamps by an inflated price and then shaved off the discount.

It is not the purpose of this article to belittle the catalogue, nor the parties who issue it; we merely desire to call the attention of both dealer and catalogue maker to the need of the times, namely: A standard catalogue which shall be a STANDARD upon the prices of which both dealer and collector can depend, which shall give the actual value of every stamp which it mentions. This is what the collector wants, yea, he demands it; give it to him and philatelia will again flourish as of yore, but do not let him wait too long, for if he sees that o attention is paid to his demand he will surely drift away from our ranks, and all dealers know that it is not so easy to gain new customers as it is to lose old ones. The old joke about "any old price will do" is not applicable to stamps. The standard catalogue, although at present accepted as the best, is in danger of losing caste, since there are other well known philatelists who have lately put their heads together on this question, and we hope to see another catalogue come forth published by men who wish to cater to the wants of the great body of collectors; and this new catalogue, when published, will be in keeping with up-to-date ideas.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

By Ecol Hector.

Thdmerchants of St. Louis are taking quite an interest in the coming Omaha Exposition, and the Missouri Exhibit promises to be quite an elaborate affair. There has been some talk among Missouri philatelists about making an exhibit, but from present indications such an axhibit will not be made. To make a creditable show requires stamps which are rare and such stamps are in possession of but a few of queen philatelia's followers "in Mizzoura."

Stamp collectors, to be sure, will often do strange things. There is a shoemaker in St. Louis who will make to order either boots or shoes in exchange for stamps such as he wants. It is said that he has a full set of unused Columbians in a frame, hung in his bedroom directly over the head of his bed.

The Century Stamp Club at its last meeting held an auction sale at which twenty blocks of four each of the 2c unwatermarked of the 1894 issue were sold. There were twenty distinct shades ranging from pale orange red and pink down to dark carmine. The whole lot looked very pretty when together, and were subsequently disposed of to an Iowa collector who could hardly be induced to part with them for double their catalogue value. To our knowledge there is not

another similar set of blocks and shades in existence.

The St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co. has lately opened a store at No. 312 North Fourth St. and one of the earlier visitors to the store was the notorious R. P. Wolle, alias Fisher, alias Richter, alias Kaiser, alias Bohn etc., etc. There was a customer in the store at the time talking to Mr. Ellis, the manager, and among other things the customer happened to mention philatelic frauds, although at the time he did not know Wolle nor suspect him of being a fraud. As soon as Wolle heard the trend of the conversation he quietly departed without saying a word.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

By Quaker.

Foreign stamps are bringing a very good price here. At the last sale of the Bogert and Durbin Co., the majority of the foreign stamps sold from three-fifths to three-quaters catalogue value showing that slowly the prices are advancing to their standard of 1894 when a dollar stamp at sixty or seventy cents was eagerly bought and sought after. The two cent Columbian unused is bringing a very good price and speculative collectors are buying all they can find, at a good advance over face. This stamp bids fair to become quite scarce in unused condition, and those few that have any would do very well to lay them to one side for a few years.

I have noticed among my letters received lately that the present two cent stamp has been getting lighter until now it is a decided pink. It would do no harm to lay a few unused copies to one side.

At a recent masked ball given by some of the swell set of Baltimore the costume that took the first prize for fancy dress was made of over 30,000 postage stamps of all countries. It is claimed that five weeks were spent in gathering the stamps and that it took three weeks to make the costume.

The Post Office Department has given notice that proposals for stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and adhesive postage stamps for the next four years, dating from July 1st. 1898, will be received. If the contract should change hands it might result in an entire new issue.

At the last meeting of the "Collectors' Club" held in their room in the Girard Building, the reports read show that the club is in a flourishing condition, new members are being added at each meeting, and a plan is now talked of to build a large club house, on the style of the New York Club.

The last country in the catalogue is a great curiosity, because nobody ever saw it before.

A stamp bears a resemblance to a hinge, in that it's something to a-door. (adore.)

How many stamps go to the completion of a collection? None; they are all carried.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held at their room No. 25 Sixth Ave., Thursday, March 10th. The next meeting will be held at their rooms Thursday, April 14th. All collectors are invited to attend.

We have seen a specimen of the Souvenir Card published by Strauss and Mc Pherson, originators, New York. It is similar to the one gotten out by the American Collector's Company, but comparing the specimens we give Mr. Strauss credit for having the nicest card. Mr. Strauss announces a series of one hundred more views to follow.

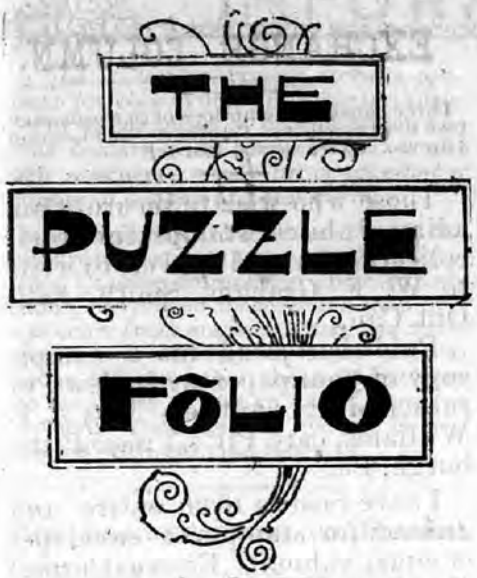
All puzzlers are invited to compete in Puzzle Folio, if subscriber or not. Send in puzzles to be inserted and help it along. send in your answers, and see if you cannot win a collection of 250 foreign and U. S. stamps.

We have received since our last issue the following journals etc. Herald Exchange, Ad. Topics, Kid, Deoplets, Youth's Realm, Perforator, Viginia, Home Worker, Advocate, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston Stamp Book, Philatelic Facts, Philatelic West, Bulletin, Stamps, and O Collecionador de Sellos.

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3, Diamond.

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PUZZLE FOLIO NO. III.

1. ENIGMA.

My first is in lair, but not in den,
My second is in vale, but not in glen,
My third is in green, but not in blue,
My fourth is in cry, but not in mew,
My fifth is in ewe, but not in lamb,
My sixth is in pork, but not in ham,
My seventh is in Spain, but not in France,
My whole is the name of a popular dance.

2. WORD SQUARE.

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My fourth is for tenants with landlords to settle.

3. CHARADE.

When "shades of night are falling fast,"
My second on the fire we cast.
And gather round with book and game.
Then flickers with unsteady flame
My first, while on my whole it stands,
An emblem of life's wasting sands.

4. DIAMOND.

1. A consonant.
2. A number.
3. A reptile.
4. To lengthen.
5. A vowel.

5. ENIGMA.

My 3, 8, 5, is an animal.
My 5, 2, 3, is made from a tree.
My 1, 4, 3, 8, is a girl's name.
My 6, 8, 3, belongs to a boat.
My 7, 4, 1, is something we burn.
My whole is a summer resort.

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CLEVELAND NOTES

BY H. A. T.

The new postal cards have been placed on sale. They are a trifle smaller than the old ones.

It is reported upon good authority that plate nos. 493 to 405 of the 1c. green, appear in two different colors, the left stamp in green while the right is in blue. Should this be true, these plate numbers are bound to become rare.

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Several prominent young men have decided to favor the "Forest City" with a first class stamp paper this coming season. Success to the publishers.

Work has already begun on the Omaha stamp plates.

INFORMATION

A philatelic department store is proposed for New York. If it materializes it will be composed of booths, which various dealers will occupy. No doubt such a scheme would bring together a number of dealers and collectors.

Since the news of the defacement of the lithographic stones from which the Samoan Express stamps were printed, collectors have been more eager than ever to procure these stamps. There has never been a set of reprints more popular among collectors than these. The stamps are not likely to rise in value, however, for some time, as the market is well stocked with Samoan reprints.

THE MANUFACTURE OF STAMPS.

The plate from which the ordinary 2-cent stamp is engraved is a sheet of steel about thirteen by twenty-one inches, containing the design for four hundred stamps.

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The Post-Office Department calls for about twelve million stamps daily, but there is kept a constant supply of six hundred million at the bureau storehouse in case of an emergency.

Boston is fast becoming a great stamp centre of the U. S. One of the leading dealers of Washington recently moved to the Hub, and several others have lately hung out their shingles in our midst. St. Louis once held the ascendency, but the mail order trade in the stamp line is now

An increase in the volume of business done by the post-office department over that of a corresponding time last year is a good indication of better times ahead.

Following the example of New South Wales, Victoria has also issued Jubilee stamps.

New stamps are expected from Hungary.

An entirely new set of stamps of the general issue is soon to appear. The likeness of ex-Secretary Seward will adorn the 5-cent value. Besides a change in design, it is probable that the colors will be altered all around

In 1872, a 30-cent, 1869, U. S., with inverted medallion, was sold at a London auction for $9.00. Last winter the same stamp brought $440.00 in the above city. This is another incident which proves that it pays to collect stamps.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS.

In a recent circular published by the S. S. S. S., of London, article 9, we read:

"Olympian Games Stamps.—The condition under which these stamps have been issued having been modified, so that they have now become a permanent issue, the objections mentioned in a previous circular no longer apply."

In conjunction with this decree, however, the recent set of Canadian Jubilee stamps are placed on the blacklist, and collectors urged not to purchase them. Stamps for the following countries have also been condemned:

Art.17. Ecuador.—We have received a communication from a very trustworthy authority in New York, that a set of

INFORMATION

Commemorative stamps will shortly be issued for this country, of the values of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, and 1 sucre, respectively.

Art. 19. Tonga. — Correspondents in Australia having drawn our attention to the issue of stamps now being sold, which consists of stamps prepared some time since (but not issued, as it is said the reigning monarch was not pleased with his portrait), and which stamps have now been issued with a variety of surcharges, in a variety of colors, and in a variety of types, we endorse the opinion expressed by our Australian friends, that these stamps are unnecessary and speculative.

Art. 20. Korea.—Pending further investigations, caution should be exercised with regard to a new issue of stamps of this country.

George Was Precise.



"Where be'est thee gwine, Jarge?"
"Bain't gwine nowhere!"
"But thee must be gwine somewhere."
"Na, Oi bain't! Oi be coomin back!"

A new issue of stamps to commemorate the coming of age of the young queen of Holland will appear next August.



It is said that the brown 5c U. S. stamp will be changed to blue.

At the present writing we have received copies of the new Canadian set to the 10c value.

The entire philatelic world mourns the loss of its brother collector Mr. Gustavus B. Calman. His untimely death leaves a vacancy which can never be filled. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved family.

The Dominion Government has reduced the rate on letters to the British Empire to 3c per ounce.

There are two towns named Trilby.



The Jubilee set of stamps for Barbados is a very attractive one. All the values above 6 pence are in two colors. The stamps are to be sold for a considerable length of time, and in any quantity to one party, thus making them a legitimate issue unless the English society of four S's sets its foot heavily upon them.

In Dresden there is a philatelic society twenty years old, with a membership of 2,100.



Victoria has a new one-half penny stamp similar to the former issue, but without the words "stamp duty" as heretofore.

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It is not usually known that Tahiti stamps are all obsolete and that this country does not issue any more stamps, having been reunited to the Oceanica French Settlements of which Tahiti is now using the stamps. San Francisco being the only American port having connections with the island was the spot where to find the provisional stamps of Tahiti, a few years ago, but now there are no more to be found, and among those provisionals, there are some which are really scarce.

It is to be noted that general collecting is much more in favor now than it was some two years ago. The fact is, that it is more interesting to collect stamps from all the different countries of the world than to specialize for instance in the United States plate-number stamps.

WARNING.

The undersigned desires to warn all persons against dealing with one D. W. N. Beggs, 620-14th street, Denver, Colo., who is now retaining a consignment of stamps amounting to $27.00 net made him on November 7th 1896, and who has finally refused to return same either by registered mail or to the party calling for same at his residence.

GEORGES CARION,
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The Lady Philatelist.

WHY is it that philatelic writers do not pay more attention to the above personage? We have numerous philatelic journals whose editors have the good of philately at heart, but it is very seldom we read anything that treats upon this subject. Is it anything to wonder at, then, that there are comparatively so few lady philatelists? It is evident that to enhance the most valuable of all hobbies, namely philately, we must gain in numbers, and that of the right kind.

We all know that ladies make just as enthusiastic collectors as we gentlemen, which is shown by the few that have entered our ranks. Some have been doing good work as writers, others as large advertising patrons of our journals, and there are still others who have large collections. Now why not encourage the ladies in forming a philatelic society exclusively for them, and each do his part in procuring lady beginners and getting them to join. If this should be done, which I hope will, and that in the near future, philately will get a valuable addition in many lady followers.

By all means let the ladies be encouraged to bow before the goddess Philately, and the cause be advocated in our philatelic journals instead of hampering continually upon such subjects as Jubilees, Cochin Chinas etc. We hope to see this subject taken up by the philatelic writers to get the dealers and societies to lend a hand in the good work.

WM. EHRICH.

K. NUCK'S NEWS NUGGETS.

Canada is now represented by six philatelic magazines and five of these are published in Ontario.

The Philatelic Advocate will issue a large number devoted to the D. P. A. convention to be held in Hamilton on July 1st, and 2nd. It will have illustrations of the city and of its prominent D. P. A. members.

The first number of Mr. Widdicombe's Ontario Philatelist makes a splendid appearance.

The president of the D. P. A. predicts that within two years the society over which he presides will be dead. Glad you are mistaken, Alex.

The Ontario Philatelic Co., of Berlin, has disposed of its stock of stamps to the Aetna Specialty Co., of the same city.

Canadian "Phillies" notice with pleasure the greatly improved appearance of the Allegheny Philatelist. Its editor is a hustler,—more power to his elbow.

A B. N. A. catalogue is now in order. The fifty eight Canadian pages do not satisfy us at all.

Mr. Eugene Tuerk, formerly of Berlin, but now of Chicago, is holidaying at his old home. He is a stamp collector of long experience and we are pleased to know that he is doing well in the land of the eagle.

We have at present five catalogues of Canadian revenues, and another running in the Revenue Philatelist. In the face of all this, would it not be advisable to include these beautiful, and highly interesting stamps in the International Album and Standard Catalogue?

We hope our U. S. friends who are members of the D. P. A. will vote at the coming elections. We have over fifty members in the United States and less than a dozen of these voted at the last election.

The 15c, 20c and 50c values of the new Canadian issue will not be placed on sale until those values of the present supply (which is quite large) is exhausted.

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It is to be hoped that the GENTLEMEN who are members of the American Philatelic Association, will at the next convention express their desire for a clean official organ not used for defamatory purposes.

Societies without an official organ would do well to write the publisher for rates.

The regular monthly meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Ass'n. will be held May 12th, at the rooms Old No. 25, 6th Ave. Pittsburg, Pa. You are invited to attend.

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Arnheim the jeweler makes a record-breaking offer in this issue. Read it and be convinced.

The Empire Supply Co's. advertisement will interest all collectors. Look it up and see.

Mr. Carion has favored us with a copy of his Price List of the Stamps of Tahiti.

The Merchant's Collecting Agency of Lowell, Mass., have favored us with a copy of their Blue Book which contains a list of about 150 persons whom they hold claims against. Every dealer should have one.

Received Pittsburg Stamp Co's Price List, also a price list from the Jubilee Stamp Company.

R. S. Deitrick's catalogue of old paper money and Confederate stamps to hand.

A WARNING
AGAINST THE EAGLE 1867 ISSUE OF BOLIVIA STAMPS.

Collectors are warned against counterfeits of the Eagle, 1867 issue of Bolivia stamps, obtained by the photo-lithographic process, which makes them most dangerous imitations of the originals.

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THE COLORS; which are off-shade, and generally too light. The 5c is plum or lilac instead of violet. The 10c is light-brown instead of brown. The 50c is lemon instead of yellow. Another specimen is light-blue instead of either blue or dark-blue. The 100c is light green instead of green, and the other variety is greenish blue instead of blue.



THE ENGRAVING; which can also be detected from the original. The latter were engraved from deep-cut copper plates, with sharp, clear lines. The counterfeits, upon close inspection, lack a certain definiteness of outline, but to the casual observer the two appear alike.

The counterfeits come unused and cancelled with pen or otherwise. The most common cancellation is in the shape of an oblong and in red ink. The writer received a set of these forgeries from Jose Mendieta of Suere, Bolivia, which, to inspire confidence it is thought, were enclosed in an envelope bearing the address, in the corner, of the Minister of Commerce of Bolivia. Of course the stamps were not purchased, but they are capable of deceiving the unwary collector.

Georges Carion.

The Oldest Letter Carrier.

The oldest letter carrier, like the oldest Mason and the oldest Yale graduate, bobs up regularly in unexpected places, says the New York Sun. The latest man to claim this honor is Chas. A. Taylor, of the New York post office, who has been carrying the mail to Governor's Island since 1880. Taylor says that he began carrying mail sixty years ago, and he believes that he is the oldest letter carrier in the world. He has delivered letters in every district in New York below Canal St., and although he is now 74 years old he gets over his present route to the satisfaction of the government. Since Taylor began carrying letters the post office has moved from the old Rotunda in City Hall Park at Center street to the old Dutch Church in Nassua street, and then into its present building. One of his pleasant memories of the day when New York was mostly below Eighth street is of Charlotte Cushman, who lived at Greenwich and Vandam streets. Mr. Taylor says that he

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never left a paper at her house that she didn't invite him to have a glass of wine or a cigar. The business of carrying letters in those days, if the carrier had a good route, was profitable. The price of delivery of letters was 4c, of which half went to the government and half to the letter carrier, and in addition to this source of revenue the carrier sold stamps on a 5 per cent commission. During the draft riots Mr. Taylor was one of the force stationed on the roof of the post office in Nassau St. to protect the building, and he was wounded in the wrist by a pistol shot.

A very interesting and novel test of the strength of a bicycle frame was made at the store of Jos. Beatty & Co. March 26th in the presence of a whole store full of keenly-interested people, including the publisher of this paper. It consisted of placing a bicycle frame in a rack made for the purpose on the platform of a scale and applying screw pressure from above, the pressure being registered on the scale beam as the load was applied or lifted.

The test started with 1000 lbs. pressure, and this was increased 250 or 300 lbs. at a time, alternating the increase of load with absolute release, to discover the elastic limit, until 4000 lbs. was reached. The total deflection of the frame under this enormous load was twenty-eight hundredths of an inch, and on releasing of the pressure the frame came back to its original position, showing that the elastic limit was not as yet reached.

Forty-five hundred pounds was the next attempted, and when 4,362 lbs. was reached it was discovered that the front forks were both "going" sidewise, to the right, and on stopping the load at that point it was found that the last application of pressure had not been looked to carefully, as the front of the machine was out of perpendicular, and, consequently, the sidewise or angular strain that sent the machine off to one side. Another test to show the "collapsing" strain will probably be the result of the test, and under favorable conditions it is quite a question as to where the breaking point will go.

Flush joints are now an assuredly good thing, as this test showed no perceptible tendency to start at any of the connections. Further information will be looked forward to with increased interest by dealers and riders.

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1st Effendi (5), 2d Collector(5), 3d Arty Fischel(5).

PUZZLE FOLIO NO. IV.

1. WORD SQUARE.

1, a market; 2, a definite; 3, a farmer's duty; 4, a useful article.

INFORMATION

2. ENIGMA.

I am composed of 17 letters.
My 17, 6, 16, 9, is a luscious fruit.
My 4, 15, 11, appertains to a lock.
My 7, 2, 12, 14, is one deficient in intellect.
My 1, 8, 5, 10, is a part of the ear.
My 7, 3. 13, 9, is a digit.
My whole is a well-known proverb.

3. METAGRAM.

A word of four letters.

First, I am a company. Change my head and I am part of the body. Change again, I am one-third of the earth. Change again, I am found on the seashore. Change once more and fairies use me.

4. DOUBLE CENTRAL ACROSTIC.

The two middle letters of each word read downwards will give two countries in the eastern hemisphere.

1, to deliver from danger; 2, a rural lover; 3, to extol; 4, a thin piece of wood; 5, a small insect.

5. WORD SQUARE.

1, a competitor; 2, a beautiful country; 3, mist; 4, solitary; 5, musical instruments.

6. ENIGMA.

In silver, not in gold,
In flower, not in weed,
In sun, not in star,
In great, not in small,
In chime, not in gong,
In queen, not in king,
In city, not in town,
Whole, a well-known poet.
New Orleans, La., "Falconbridge."

7. CHARADE.

My first is tendency to any meaning.
My second, act of guarding.
My whole is liking his own way.
New Orleans, La., "Falconbridge."

8. DIAMOND.

1, a letter; 2, (zool.) a quadruped of the genus Equus Asinus; 3, dolts; 4, agrees; 5, estimating; 6, pertaining to a court of assosciates; 7, organs of sense; 8, icicles (Latin); 9, upward bends in pieces of timber; 10, an aeriform fluid; 11, a letter.
Boston, Mass., "Stump."

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ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

Trade in stamps and philatelic supplies of all kinds is on the increase. The dealers had hoped for a good fall season but that it has already begun and that too a little earlier than anticipated makes them happy—just let the orders come we can take care of them, are the words one hears everywhere now.

The western collector, Mr. W. H. Lepere, has sold his magnificent collection to a local dealer, and I am informed by the purchaser that the condition of the stamps forming the collection is very fine even to the commonest varieties.

A St. Louis dealer recently received an order for a cheap packet to contain stamps such as Providenence, New Haven, P. O. Marion-town, St. Louis and British Columbia. As the stamps mentioned catalogue somewhere in the neighborhood of $6,000, it is needless to say that the order was not filled.

Another St. Louis dealer has several Macon, Ga. locals all on original envelope and in fine condition.

The Century Stamp Club is now the leading stamp club in St. Louis, composed of active collectors. Along in May a motion was made to discontinue the monthly meetings during the hot weaiher but it was voted down, and at every meeting during the summer new members were admitted, and the attendance was fully up to the number one usually would expect only in cool weather.

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TAHITI.

COUNTERFEITED SURCHARGES.

Counterfeits of the provisional stamps of Tahiti have been seen quite frequently of late and notwithstanding they are not well enough counterfeited to deceive any experienced philatelists; as very happily, like in many other cases, the counterfeiters have overlooked some of the most important features; it may not be out of order to give a few points so to enable collectors to detect forgeries.

The 25c on 35c yellow of the 1882 imperforated issue had its first and second types of surcharge pretty closely imitated but, in most of the cases the counterfeited surcharges seen were on the *reprints* of the 35c stamp of the 1877 imperforated issue of French colonies, which are deep violet brown on orange, instead of being gray violet brown on yellow, and this alone should be sufficient to detect the fraud; but in the counterfeits the top bar measures 17 m. m. and the bottom bar 16 m. m., instead of being an even length and measure 15 to 16 m. m.

The figures 25 are only 6½ m. m. high instead of 7. m. m. The space between the figures and the bottom bar is of 3 m. m., where it really ought to be of 2½ m. m.

Cancelled specimens of these are easier yet to be detected, as the bogus post-mark used has its inner circle made out of dots, the forgers probably not knowing that it should be a continuous lined circle.

All the above points apply to the 25 on 40 vermilion on straw; but here only *reprints* of the 40 centimes stamp of the 1877 imperforated issue were used by the counterfeiters, and as they are of the second type with N of INV placed under U of Republique, instead of having the N of INV placed under B of Republique like in the first type, the forgeries can easily be detected.

The 5c on 20c green perforated of the 1884 issue, which comes in four different types of surcharge, has also tempted the imitators; but in all cases known they have added a bar to the A of TAHITI which does not exist in the genuines. In the 10c on 20c green of the same issue, which also originally came in four different types, they have overlooked the peculiar shape and wideness of the A and the characteristic narrowness of the H in the word TAHITI. Of the two last provisionals the surcharging stamps were engraved or, better said, cut with a penknife in some kind of ordinary wood in two blocks of four, one for each value; but after some use one, two, and later on, three of each stamp got broken, the wood used for the engraving not being as hard as such usually used for that kind of work and of course they were at the same time withdrawn from use, thus, explaining why some of the varieties of surcharge are more commonly found than the others. Notwithstanding the 25c on 1 franc bronze green imperforated is listed as 1882 issue, it was really issued in 1884, at the same time as the 5c and 10c on the 20c green. In the

counterfeits the figures 25 are of an even height, when in the genuines the 5 is about 1 m. m. higher than the 2, also the squareness of the letters in the word TAHITI usually betrays the counterfeits in the three stamps of the 1884 issue.

There are numerous types of the diagonal overprint TAHITI of the of the 1893 issue, among which three very distinct varieties are known; but the forgeries always measure differently from the genuines. The counterfeits, which are more commonly met with, are about 3¾ m. m. high and fully 20 m. m. wide from the first stroke of the T to the end of the I, when the genuines are from 3⅓ to 3½ m. m. high and from 18¾ to 19 m. m. wide, according to type of surcharge. The counterfeits of the rare imperforated can easily be detected, as in previous cases *reprints* of the corresponding issues of French colonies were only used by the imitators. Of the two lines over print 1893 TAHITI there are also a number of minor varieties in the figures 1893 or in the letters of the word TAHITI; sometimes the stamps were overprinted two by two with a double hand-stamp which appears to be a metallic one, probably lead, when in some other cases the stamps were single overprinted. Here the counterfeits known had their overprints 9 m. m. high, 15¾ m. m. wide, with the space of 3 m. m. between the bottom of the figures 1893 and the top of the word TAHITI, while the genuines measure invariably 8. m. m. high, 14½ to 15 m. m. wide, according to type, and only 2½ m. m. space between the figures and the letters.

All the surcharges and overprints were hand-stamped and sometimes show great differences between one another; this could be accounted for on the way the hand stamp has been applied on the postage stamp, the more or less of ink used or the wear of the hand-stamp; so we have surcharges with T or I final broken at top or at bottom, T with one or two strokes missing, 1 or 3 broken, but these are infinitessimal and accidental varieties which certainly are not worthy to be collected even by the more fastidious, and I merely mention them so that they would not look suspicious if they should sometimes be met with. When specimens are cancelled the post mark is of a great help in detecting the counterfeits, as it never has been well imitated, the principal break being in the word at the bottom of the post mark which spells TAITI in the genuines and in central letter I, which is surmounted by a double period which when heavily inked does not show but makes the letter I appreciably higher than the others, about ¼ m m. The informations above given will certainly enable anybody to tell the counterfeits from the genuines in most cases, but it may be well to say that those imitations come principally from Bordeaux, Marseilles, Brussels, London, Cleveland, St. Louis, and New York.

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THE RIGHT WAY TO COLLECT STAMPS.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

"Be sure you're right then go ahead," are the words which uttered by a wise man have been heeded by many other men who were not so fortunate as to possess a large amount of wisdom. But it has been the duty of men of all ages who were blessed with, if not true wisdom, at least with a good degree of common sense, to teach their fellow men what to do or how to do certain things. If the world at large would take more advice we would all be much happier, and in a position to help each other to better advantage. When we look back at our individual lives, we find we have made many mistakes, often because we imagined we knew all about a certain thing and went blindly ahead to failure, when we might just as we'l have been on the road to success if we had but been sure in the first place that we were right. What is true of life in general is also

true of philately in general. The reason why many people lose interest in stamp collecting is because they collect stamps in a sort of haphazard way, and as they have no definite object in collecting they soon grow weary and imagine that stamp collecting is fit only for the amusement of children, etc. etc. Now suppose they had started in a different way — suppose they would have studied the stamps which they collected, and learned all about the different issues of various countries, when they were issued, and why one issue differs from another, also learn all about the various papers used in stamps, the difference between laid paper and wove paper between pelure and silk paper, likewise the difference between stamps printed from plates and stamps lithographed, then they would soon have come to the conclusion that there is more in stamp collecting than they ever dreamed of. The mere accumulation of a lot of stamps has in itself but little fascination for anyone, it is only a pastime when followed for this purpose but when intelligently followed as outlined above it cannot fail to prove a source of everlasting benefit to the collector. When we see water boiling in a tea kettle it does not strike us as being anything great, but the same principle when applied to a boiler in a factory clearly shows that great results can be obtained when things are done in the right way. Everybody loves a thing upon which he has spent a good deal of thought and labor, and if our stamp collecting friends will but heed our advice and collect stamps in the right way by learning all about them, then we can assure them that they will never tire of their collection, and besides in a financial way the careful collector will always come out ahead as he is sure to pick up varieties and sometimes varieties which his less studious fellow collector will pass by unnoticed. Less than two weeks ago a man posted on stamps saw a stamp on some approval sheets priced at $2.00 he bought it. It was a variety which was catalogued at $50.00 but which the seller was not aware of; this is but one of many cases where persons have lost money through ignorance.

THE STAMPS OF STE. MARIE DE MADAGASCAR.

The island of Sainte Marie de Madagascar, which does not appear upon the maps of the American edition postage stamp albums, is situated at the northeast of the main island of Madagascar, between Choiseul on the north and Foulepointe on the south. Lake Alaotra is nearly opposite.

In 1892, when the set of stamps for Diego Suarez et Dependences was issued, the French colony of Ste. Marie de Madagascar was one of the dependencies of the government of Diego Suarez, and consequently the stamps Diego Suarez and dependencies were in use in Ste. Marie de Madagascar.

But later on some differences were raised regarding money valuations,

for a dollar in one town was sometimes worth only 75 cents in another, causing a loss for the colony on the sale of postage stamps. Therefore a set of stamps of the same type as those used in other colonies was ordered from Paris, with the name of the colony, Ste. Marie de Madagascar, printed on them.

During the time required to print the stamps the following values of the Diego Suarez colony were surcharged "Ste. Marie de Madagascar' in a double-lined circle, in blue ink. This was April, 1894, and the values were as follows :

1.—On the 1881 issue of French colonies, perforated : 35c, black on orange.

2.—On the 1892 issue of stamps of Diego Suarez et dependencies : 1c, black on blue ; 2c, brown on buff ; 4c, claret on lavender ; 5c, green on greenish; 10c, black on lavender; 15c, blue on white quadrille paper; 20c, red on green; 25c, black on rose; 30c, brown on straw; 40c, red on straw; 50c, carmine on rose; 75c, black on orange ; 1f., bronze green on straw. These stamps were only surcharged for the needs of the colony, without any speculative purpose, and were not intended to be sold to any stamp dealers. As only from 30 to 35 of each value, so surcharged, are known to exist, it can safely be inferred that those provisionals are the scarcest of all the French colonial stamps, and come next to the Reunion, 1852, issue in point of rarity.

In all probability those stamps were only used for one mail, as the sets with the name of the colony, "Ste. Marie de Madagascar," printed in Paris, were received in May, 1894, and consisted of 13 values, as follows:

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The above stamps have since been replaced by the set bearing the name of Madagascar and dependencies, issued in 1896, as the colony of Ste. Marie de Madagascar was attached to the government of Madagascar after the conclusion of the peace, and the annexation of this colony to France. Therefore all the stamps of Ste. Marie de Madagascarare now obsolete; and since the correspondence of this small island never amounted to much, these stamps will some day become rare.

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San Francisco Notes.

The largest sale that occurred in this city, this season, was the sale of Mr. E. Gesvret's collection of French Colonial stamps to Mr. Henry J. Crocker. This acquisition places Mr. Crocker's collection of French Colonial stamps among the finest in the world.

Stamp collectors are now rushing to buy the $5 newspaper stamp, surcharged for revenue purposes. As 17,750 are known to have been issued, speculators buying it for investment will get leit, as this stamp will not find a market outside of the United States, it will not advance very much in price for a great many years.

The 1 cent violet of Hawaii has been seen with inverted and double surcharge "Provisional Gov't. 1893." They are counterfeits. Genuine errors like this are not known to exist. The ink used for the surcharge, which is red instead of carmine, makes it easy to detect them. The stamps of Madagascar and dependencies supersede the provisional issues of French Madagascar, and those of similar type, used for Diego-Luarez, Mayotte Nossi-Be and Ste Marie de Madagascar; those issues will become much sought for, being obsolete.

A set of stamps is in preparation, bearing the name Dahomey and dependencies. It will replace the stamps of Benin just like the set for Somali Coast will replace the large stamps used for Obock and Somali Coast.

Since the annexation of the Hawaian Islands the demand for those stamps has greatly increased and seems to indicate a big advance in the prices of those stamps in the near future.

GEORGE CARION.

Various Hobbies.

It is interesting to note that nearly every one is interested in a hobby of one kind or another. Some spend their spare time in gathering rare old coins, others in hunting valuable pictures, war and Indian relics and curios, and a great many other things, but the greatest of all hobbies is that of stamp collecting. It is known and followed in every civilized country in the world. Its followers are numbered among the nobility, and prominent persons who are talked of from one end of the world to the other.

Among the titled representatives who are interested in collecting stamps are the Duke of York, who has been an enthusiast for a number of years; the Czar of Russia, who is said to have been interested in philately before his accession to the throne, and Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, who has been interested in the collection of the "wee bits" for a number of years.

It is also surprising the number of collectors that are to be found among the officers and men of the armies and navies of the world, many of them having valuable collections.

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Editorials.

The four different types of surcharge of the Tahiti, provisional stamp of 1884, 5c. on 20 green are to be found illustrated: Two in Moens, Stanley Gibbons ninth edition, Maury, Delzenne, and Yvert and Tellier's catalogues; one third one in Scott's and a fourth in Senf's and Stanley Gibbons' eleventh edition.

At the last convention of the Philatelic Sons of America, one of the largest societies for stamp collectors in the States, Mr. George Carion was elected almost unanimously, counterfeit detector and examiner expert.

Send us the names of four new subscribers and a dollar bank note and receive your subscription free.

Read our various Premium offers.

A Wilkinsburg man has a full set of the Cuba 1898-99 issue.

Try the Paragon Stamp Co., whose ad appears on another page of this issue when you want good stamps on approval.

Jonoshi Takuma, a Japanese, and his wife, an European, were detected at Sydney, N. S. W., for selling bogus stamps to a dealer for $225. They were arrested, tried and Takuma convicted while his wife was acquitted on the ground that she had acted under her husband's control.

Four distinct shades (dark purple, gray purple, brown purple, and violet purple) of the 1½c Proprietary stamp exists.

Next Christmas day, Canada, Natal and Cape of Good Hope, among other British colonies, are to accept the Imperial penny postal scheme.

Mexican stamps are now watermarked "Correos E. U. M.," vertically through the sheet, each letter placed sidewise on its stamp instead of vertically.

All Omahas, cancelled and above the 2 cent denomination, find a ready market at at least 1c each, up to $2.00 each, wholesale.

Uruguay's ½c surcharges have been printed because of the establishment of a ½c newspaper postage rate.

A new album for United States stamps only is announced and notice is given that it will include Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The $2, $5, $10 and $20 stamps of the state department, U. S., 1873, were made for dispatch bags.

Read our several Premium offers.

Three new values have been added to the Niger coast series, 6d. orange brown; 2 sh. 6d. olive brown, and 10 sh. purple.

We have heard of the following new issues since our last number: Mauritius Jubilee, 36c, orange; Negrisembilan, 2c and 8c current type, Grenada jubilee, 2½d. blue; Johore, 10c, 25c and 50c, current type, and Uruguay, ½c on 1c bistre and ½c on 1c green.

The portrait on the 3c New Foundland stamp is that of the Princess of Wales.

The new Canadians with numerals in the lower corners, will comprise the following values and colors: One-half cent black, 1c green, 2c purple, 3c rose red, 5c blue, 6c brown, 8c orange, 10c violet brown, 15c gray, 20c yellow green, 50c green olive.

Investigate Hermann Lechner's adv. on another page.

Of the Haitien surcharges 2c on 20c, 70,000 are on orange, and only 20,000 on brown.

The Standard Stamp Co. buy old collections. Write them. Their address appears in their adv. on another page.

All Gold Coast stamps heretofore in use, with the exception of the 4d., have been replaced by the colored De La Rue type.

Try Carion of San Francisco for stamps on approval or bargains of all kinds.

The new Hungarian set is to consist of 29 values from 1 heller to 40 krone.

We offer you good compensation for securing new subscribers from among your list of acquaintances.

A specimen from the Island of Mauritius recently brought $3,000. This is undoubtedly the highest price ever paid for any single specimen. The stamp in question was found in the colony early last winter, is on the original envelope and very lightly cancelled and is the finest specimen ever discovered.

ITS BIRTHPLACE.

The Island of Mauritius, from which this renowned stamp was issued, is a small English colony about 1,000 miles off the east coast of Africa, separated from the mainland by Madagascar. It was among the first British possessions to establish a postal service, which dates back to 1847, and the "Post-office" stamps, as they are commonly called philatelists, constituted the first consignment sent to the colony. They were issued in two denominations, one penny orange and two pence blue, the total number printed being less than 1,000. In design they are very similar to the early English issues, showing the head of Queen Victoria to the left, while at the top and bottom are the inscriptions "Postage" and "One Penny," and at the left and right "Postoffice" and "Mauritius." They are the same size as the ordinary issues of the United States. Had all of the first consignment been used the stamps would not command such an enormous premium, but the record of the colony show that the majority were destroyed, which accounts for their great rarity at the present time.

Brazil is to have a commemorative set of stamps of the following values: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 1000, 2000, 5000 and 10,000 reis.

Owing to a chemical action in the chrome yellow used in the ink the 1c Canadian Jubilee turns from orange to brown when exposed to a strong light.

Read the ads in this issue carefully. They all represent active and reputable dealers.

R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa., founder and secretary for six years of the Sons of Philatelia, died at his home in New Chester, Pa., Oct. 1, 1898. He leaves a widow and one child, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

The 59th edition of the Standard Catalogue will not be issued before next spring.

There are now more New Zealand 2½d. errors than there are of the stamp correctly printed.

There is a rush for U. S. stamps surcharged "I. R.," especially so in the case of the error.

A package was recently received at the Bethlehem, N. H., post-office, bearing twenty-seven two-cent stamps.

Empire State Notes.

By M. A. B.

Well, the conventions are over, and we will have to wait one whole year until we can attend them again.

They were all a grand success, although the number in attendance was small. The E. S. P. S. had a banquet at Terrace Garden, and all members who were present could not but say that they had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell has resigned the position of secretary and treasurer of the E. S. P. S., and Mr. Beringer has been appointed temporarily in his stead.

The demand for stamps of Cuba, Porto Rico and Spain seems to have fallen off a bit.

Dealers report business as pretty good and it is improving every day.

The Metropolitan Philatelist is as alive as ever, and I think the three months venture is a grand success.

Omaha's bring quite high prices here and they seem to be a better investment than the Columbian issue.

The new catalogue will soon be out and I suppose there will be a surprise for some and disappointments for others.

St. Louis Notes.

By Ecol Hector

The stamp dealers of St. Louis were honored last week with a visit from Mr. Wm. B. Hale, of Williamsville, Mass., a traveling stamp merchant. The writer also had the pleasure of meeting him, and found him to be a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman. Mr. Hale carries a fine stock of stamps, and as he is just as ready to buy as to sell, he makes friends rapidly and when his hour for departure arrives his friends are loath to see him go.

October is the month for autumnal festivities in St. Louis. The great St. Louis Fair—38 years old—was held from Oct. 3 to 8, inclu-

sive. The Veiled Prophet arrived from his mountain home in Korhassan and visited St. Louis on Tuesday, Oct. 4th; and such crowds as turned out to see his mystic majesty—well our pen cannot do justice to them—it was crush and crush everywhere; then on Wednesday, Oct. 5, the South Broadway merchants held their magnificent parade and ball, and the streets all along the line of march were awfully packed with people. This week our own President McKinley paid our city a visit and the great ovation he received here he will not soon forget. But some people may ask, "what has all that got to do with stamp news?" Well, just this much, there were more stamp cranks in town during the festival season than ever before and many a stamp has changed base from shop to an album.

Our friend and brother collector, A. L. Wissmann, has had a "find" on Sept. 29th. It is an "entire," plump, gentle and good-natured daughter, and he is correspondingly happy, but he says that between business and tending to baby his stamp collection is likely to suffer for the want of proper attention.

The friends of Mr. W. Ledyard Scott, who has been living in St. Louis for some time, were sorry to see him leave our city. Owing to the death of a relative at Mobile, Ala., Mr. Scott has taken charge of his deceased relative's business and taken up his residence at the latter city.

The Century Stamp Club has been obliged to change its quarters owing to the fact that the premises lately occupied could not be rented after Sept. 15th.

Use Omaha Stamps.

By Phil. A. Telist.

Why is it that there are not more Omaha stamps used? The writer has put this question to a lot of collectors as well as to non-collectors, and the answer usually is, "I don't know." Now this ignorance may be excused as far as non-collectors are concerned, but we want to ask each and every active philatelist "what have you done to put these stamps before the general public?" In our mind's eye we can see quite a lot of stamp collectors trying to get up an excuse for neglecting to push the Omaha stamps to the front. Some will say, "they were not on sale at my postoffice;" others will say, "I usually forget to ask for Omaha stamps when I buy any," and thus come the "excuses" until we are compelled to say that as philatelists very few have done their full duty. But there is yet time to do your duty if you will but do it. Make it a point to use Omaha stamps on every letter or parcel which you send by mail; you will thus not only advertise the Omaha exposition, but our grand and glorious country—and our peerless nation as well. Stamp dealers are getting orders for the Omaha stamps from all over the world, and stamp collectors should ever be on the lookout for these stamps and get possession of as many as possible; they will be on sale at most of the larger postoffices until January 1, 1899, and we would advise every philatelist to lay in a supply for fu-

ture use, as there is bound to be a large demand for these stamps after they are withdrawn from sale. But while you are laying in a supply be sure to get as many of the higher values as you possibly can, for these are the ones most wanted by collectors the world over, and they will form a good stock to draw from when you desire to exchange with foreign collectors. The late war with Spain has in the eyes of all nations put our country in the front rank, and there are quite a number of foreigners who believe that this issue was mainly put in circulation as a sort of Jubilee issue but such is not the case; nevertheless, the Omaha stamps are prime favorites the world over just now on account of their unique designs, good workmanship and uniform size. Wake up, therefore, brother philatelists and do all you can to push the Omaha stamps to the front, use them to the exclusion of all others, and by so doing show the world that you are proud of your country—the land of the free and the home of the brave.

New York Correspondence.

Mack.

Business during September was quite brisk, and the showing made the first week in October is indeed hopeful. Canadian stamps of all issues and denominations are in great demand; prices have been rising steadily, and dealers haven't the slightest idea when the top notch will be reached. The above remarks apply equally to our Omaha stamps. Investment and speculation is going on at a great scale. Eight cent values will soon be bringing two dollars and a half a hundred. This seems to be the best of the lower denominations. I note that the market is rapidly being flooded with the new revenue stamps, especially the one dollar value. I also see quite a few of the five and ten dollar stamps. The fifty cent stamp, in comparison, seems to be one least met with.

The report set in circulation by Mekeel's Weekly that the Metropolitan Philatelist would shortly discontinue publication, is a little premature. From hints dropped by their New York correspondent, Editor Severn thought he saw an excellent chance for a "scoop," but as this "scoop" turned out to be otherwise, Mr. Severn's desire was certainly a decided failure. The Metropolitan Philatelist is here to stay, and Mr. Scott promises us due notice when he intends to quit publishing his weekly.

Perhaps in the near future this city will be represented by another philatelic monthly. It will be sort of an international journal, with large foreign connections.

The conventions held recently in this city converted many to the cause of local societies. The A. P.

A. was royally entertained by the Collectors Club, but the other societies had to shift for themselves. The Manhattan Philatelic Society, being strictly a local society with no outside tendency, could not be called upon to provide for the visitors, but I am positive a branch of the large national societies would be a success. Several times attempts to organize a society on such principles was made, but somehow or other the idea did not materialize to the expectations of the would-be organizers. At the present time it seems that a local society (branch of national) will be one of the future possibilities. I hope so.

The wife of Mr. A. L. Wissmann, our St. Louis correspondent, was blessed with a little daughter on Sept. 29th.

Inducement.

Our last number was gotten out rather hastily and we had to leave out two whole pages of ads, which only reached us after we had sent our copy to press, although we had waited a week longer than we had expected to wait. How did you like us in our new form? We would like to enlarge, i. e.—add eight more pages to our present number of pages, and we want to do so when commencing our new volume, which will be started with our December issue. To do this, we must secure a great many new subscribers, and to expedite the getting of these, we have laid all matter of expense aside, and are at present offering several premiums to agents to induce them to get to work hunting subscribers. Send for subscription blanks and start at once.

Substitution.

By M. A. B.

Substitution is one of the hardest kind of frauds to detect, but I think I have discovered a remedy to stop it.

There are hinges that some claim to stop substitution that may come out, but after a while a good many collections get them and surely could not the frauds get them too. By the following method I think it will entirely stop substitution:

Let each dealer supply himself or herself with a small rubber stamp with some secret mark or her initials on same, then for him to get a package of hinges and stamp or mark on the backs of all the hinges, and I think it would be nearly impossible for the fraud to make a stamp exactly similar to yours. The stamp could be procured for the small sum of 15c and it would save the dealer many a dollar. If any of the readers have a better idea than this one I would be pleased to hear it through the columns of this paper.

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New Issues.

Argentine Republic.—It is said that a sheet of 5c stamps were printed in the color of the 2c and were sold as 2c stamps to a business firm at Montevideo. A clerk in the postoffice spotted one on a letter and called the postmaster's attention to it. He promptly sent to the firm which had bought the sheet, and secured the remainder, some 60 copies, which were distributed among the principal collectors of the place.

It is reported that a commemorative set of twelve values, from 10r. to 10,000r., will be issued in 1900 by Brazil.

Le T. P. says that the current 3d. stamp of Great Britain has been surcharged "Bechuanaland Protectorate" for use in British Bechuanaland.

British Guiana has issued a set of 5 bi-colored stamps—1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 15c. The 1c, 5c and 15c are oblong in shape and bear a view of "Mount Roraima" in a frame, with branches at the sides. The 2c and 10c are rectangular and show a view of "Kalieteur Falls" in a frame of more conventional design. All are typographed on white wove paper, watermarked Crown C C, perf. 14.

A new 1c envelope has appeared from Canada, which resembles somewhat the recent 3c in general design, but the adoption of a different head makes the general effect both striking and pleasing.

Cape of Good Hope.—A 3-pence stamp, anchor watermark, in about the same shade as the stamp of the same value surcharged in 1879 has been received by the A. J. of P.

The Mon. Jour. notes the 4-pence stamp in a new color—sage green.

The ½p. stamp has appeared in the design of the 1p., 1894. Color, emerald green.

Five additional values of the Waterlow Series for China have appeared: Two-cent, scarlet; 5c, salmon; $1, red and pale rose; $2, brown-red and yellow; $5, gray-green and pale rose.

United States.—The 1c yellow green of the current issue has been found on laid paper.

Angra.—This colony has issued four new stamps—65r., gray green; 175r., salmon on pink; 130r., brown on buff; and 180r., slate on pinkish.

The current 1 abassi black, Afghanistan, has been found printed on blue tissue paper.

The set of unpaid letter stamps for Curacao has been completed by the issue of the 30 and 50c stamps in the new type.

Three new values, of an entirely new design, have been added to the current set for Cook Islands. They are 2p., brown; 6p. purple, and 1s. carmine.

The surcharging business goes merrily on down in Ecuador. This time it is the fiscal stamp of "1897-1898," surcharged with a new value across the center, with the words, "Correos" above and "Official" below, all within a single line rectangular frame. Five-cent in green on 50c lilac; 20c in black on 50s green; 10c in black on 20s orange; 20c in red on 50s green.

The 50c lilac and 1s orange revenue stamps have been used for postage without any surcharge.

Two high values are to be added to the current set of the Falkland Islands, 2s, 6p and 5s.

A supply of ¼a stamps for postage on newspapers has been ordered for India. Pending the arrival of these stamps the ½a green has been surcharged ¼a in black.

A 2½p Jubilee stamp was issued in Grenada on August 15th. Color, ultramarine.

Guatemala has turned out a provisional issue by surcharging various stamps of the 1886 issue with new values. The stamps issued so far are the 1c surcharged on the 25c, 50c and 75c. The 6c surcharged on the 10c, 20c, 100c, 150c and 200c. The 10c surcharged on the 20c.

The 2½p, 1s and 2s stamps of Gold Coast now appear in two colors.

A new set is appearing from Honduras. Thus far it consists of 1c in brown; 2c, dark pink; 5c, purple; 6c, violet brown, and 10c, blue.

Large quantities of remainders of the stamps of Finland are offered for sale to the highest bidder by the government.

A new and very artistic 1 gulden stamp was issued on September 6 by the Netherlands. Color, bronze green.

The royal portrait gallery of Newfoundland is gradually making its appearance. Thus far the set consists of

½c, olive (Prince Edward of York).
1c, green (Queen Victoria).
2c, orange (Prince of Wales).
3c, orange (Duchess of York).

From New Zealand come two new sizes of—Registration envelopes, with the stamp of the type of 1873 on the flap. Three-pence blue, sizes 132x88 mm. and 292x150 mm.

Nyassa.—The set of Mozambique stamps of the new type has been surcharged for use in this section, the surcharge being of the same type as that of the previous issue. Surcharged in black:

2½r, gray; 5r., orange yellow; 10r., light brown; 15r., brown; 20r., lilac; 25r., dark green; 50r., blue; 75r., rose; 80r., purple; 100r., dark blue on blue; 150r., light brown on buff; 200r., red lilac on pale lilac; 300r., blue and rose.

Three new values are announced for Niger Coast—6d, yellow brown; 2s, 6d, olive; 10s, deep violet;—in types similar to those of the current set.

To the present series of Roumania must be added a 40 barri stamp in dark green.

Le T. P. states that the remaining values of the Unpaid Letter stamps have appeared with the P. R. watermark. 5 barri green and 50 barri green.

In order that the new set with the Queen's head might be immediately introduced, the postal authorities of Surinam have surcharged all the stock of stamps remaining, with the head of the king, for use as 10c stamps. The stock included the following: Eighty thousand, 12½c; 6,300, 15c; 54,000, 20c; 45,000, 25c; 69,000, 30c.

Uruguay.—The 1c blue of 1894 has been surcharged "Provisional —½—Centesimo" in black.

The A. J. of P. states that the 1c of 1897 also received the same surcharge owing to the exhaustion of the 1894 stamps.

The History of Postage Stamps.

For all practical purposes the history of postage stamps begins in the United Kingdom and with the great reform of its postal service—1839-40. A post-paid envelope was in common use in Paris in 1653. Stamped postal letter paper was issued to the public by the government of the Sardinian States

in November, 1818, and stamped postal envelopes were issued by the same government from 1820 until 1836. Stamped wrappers for newspapers were made experimentally in London by Mr. Charles Whiting under the name of "go-frees" in 1830. Four years later and in ignorance of what Mr. Whiting had already done, the stamp-office authorities in a letter addressed to Lord Althorp, then Chancellor of the exchequer, by Mr. Charles Knight, recommended similar wrappers for adoption.

Finally and in its results most important of all, the adhesive stamps were made experimentally by Mr. Charles Chalmers in his printing office at Dundee in August, 1834. These experimental stamps were printed from ordinary type and were made adhesive by a wash of gum. Sir Rowland Hill was the first to bring this form of a stamp to the notice of the postoffice commissioners in February, 1837. Mr. Chalmers made no public mention of his stamps of 1834 until December 1837.

In his report to the government commissioners, Mr. Hill recommended to them "that stamped covers and sheets of paper be supplied to the public from the stamp and postoffices * * * * and at such a price as to include postage. * * * * Should such method be adopted this would relieve the postoffice department of the great trouble of collecting the revenue for the letters." After much influential work on the part of Hill and Chalmers these commissioners finally adopted the above methods named by Hill.

The first stamps put on sale, sold so rapidly that the stock was soon exhausted and even the postoffice department could not print them fast enough for the sale, printing day and night; so we can see how and what a great success stamps were from their very start.

In the production of stamps both cheapness and security had to be combined. For a long time chemists, printers, engravers and artificers of several kinds had to combine their skills before the desired result was obtained. The total cost per thousand to print them was £22; paper poundage, etc., £45; total, £67. To this a commission on the sale amounting to £8 more, making all together the manufacture cost £75. From the first of May, 1840, up to the end of 1884, more than 300,000,000 had been printed.

The little canton of Zurich was the first country outside of England to adopt stamps in 1843. The stamps reached America in the same year, being introduced by Brazil. The United States did not adopt them until 1847, but a tentative issue was made by the postoffice of New York and the same year St. Louis issued an adhesive.

Below is a list of when some of the countries adopted postage stamps:

1840. United Kingdom.

1843. Zurich, Brazil.

1844. Geneva.

1845. Basel, Finland, New York and St. Louis.

1847. The United States and Mauritius.

1848. Russia.

1849. France, Belgium, Bavaria, Tuscany and New South Wales.

1850. Austria, Italy, Prussia. Schleswig, Holstein, Spain, Switzerland, Hanover, Baden, British Guiana and Victoria.

1851. Wurtemburg, Denmark, Oldenburg, Canada, Trinidad, Chile.

1852. Roman States, Parina, Modena, Brunswick, Thurm and Taxis, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Isle of Reunion.

Other countries adopted stamps in quick rotation, and at the present day every country has its own stamps. C. D. L.

Additional to United States.

It is stated that the following changes have been decided upon in the current issue: Four-cent to be printed in dark red brown (same as cu. 6c); 5c to be printed in light blue; 6c to be printed in magenta (same as 8c color); 10c to be printed in light brown.

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St. Louis Notes.

By Ecol Hector.

St. Louis has a "curb stone broker" in stamps. He has a regular faker's outfit, consisting of folding table and valise, and this enables him to move as often as he pleases. Of course, his principal customers are small boys, telegraph messengers, errand boys and the like, and he reports that while the majority come to him with the ordinary 2c, 4c, 5c, etc., of the current issue, there are others who know something about stamps and rarely a day passes but what his stock is increased by a profitable purchase or exchange.

The stamp sellers at the post office report that Omaha stamps are slow in arriving from Washington. There is a special clerk in the post office here who attends to dispensing Omaha stamps to purchasers.

Dr. J. R. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio, was in town this week and visited several dealers here.

Last week the writer happened to mention stamps to a certain citizen who is well posted on all current events transpiring here, but who confessed entire ignorance relative to matters philatelic. —"What?" said he, "people foolish enough to collect canceled postage stamps?" "Well, I never heard of such a thing before."

One of our St. Louis collectors recently had to attend to some business in a little country town in the interior of the state. It so happened that a friend introduced him to a certain Mr. Smith. Our collector after a short conversation ascertained that Mr. Smith was the county clerk and he straightway asked to be allowed to look over some old documents on file in the county court house, and having received permission he lost no time in delving through the record in true stamp hunters style with the result of finding several one dollar mortgage revenue stamps @ 10c, power of atty. imperforate, @ $2.00 and $5.00 probate of will and several $2.00 conveyance and others, all of which through the kindness of Mr. Smith now repose in our friend's collection.

At the last meeting of the Century Stamp Club a new president was elected and other business transacted. Although the attendance was not as large as at previous meetings owing to the rain and cold weather, yet the veteran collectors were there, which goes to show that a dyed in the wool collector cares little for the weather, provided, he can talk stamps and gather up a "snap" to fill an empty space in his album.

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The Interpolitan Magazine for November comes with its cover title printed in red and gilt, the "Thanksgiving Number." It is the best we have yet seen of this magazine.

The Mystic Tree is several months behind time, the September number only coming to hand.

The Eastern firm, holding the plates from which the Providence stamps were printed, announce that they have ordered a small quantity of full sheets printed from it and as a precaution, will have printed on the back of each stamp one letter of their name, which contains twelve letters, the same number as the stamps in the sheet.

Read Carion's adv. on another page. It may interest you.

The new high value Documentary revenues are making their appearance quite rapidly.

The engraving on the ½c Newfoundland is that of the photo of Prince Edward of York.

A Cycle Mail Stamp claims its home as Western Australia. It is a 6d stamp printed in pink on a lightly shaded pale green background, with the words: "Take Lefroy Goldfield," on top, the black swan in an oval with "Cycle Mail" above and "Western Australia" below it; 6d Postage 6d, at the bottom.

Send us the names of four new subscribers and a dollar bank note and receive your subscription free.

Another 4 cent stamp is announced for Canada in the near future. It will be used for double weight, Imperial penny postage letters and city letters of double weight.

Read our various premium offers.

Toronto now has, or at least it did have, a local stamp club. Winnipeg expects to follow suit in the near future.

If you are a stamp dealer and receive this number as a specimen copy, it is a request for your adv. for our next number, so don't de-

lay, but send at once, as we shall advance our rates another notch before long and then you will have to pay a bigger sum for your space. Sign yearly contracts now.

The August, 1861, set of U. S., is a very scarce one and collections having the complete set enumerated among them are rather scarce, the ten cent being the most numerous stamp of the act and it finds sales at eight and ten dollars a copy.

The three cent "cog wheel" of the Continental print, of which few were issued, was the ordinary of that date with a portion of its center partially cut away in the form of a cog-wheel. This part, thus stamped out, was attached to the stamp only by a small connecting link at the point of each tooth and when a stamp, once applied to an envelope, was removed it would tear in such a manner as to be unfit for use again.

Well, how do you like us in our new form? The best way to show that you appreciate our efforts, will be to subscribe at once. Send silver, or 1c or 2c stamps, we care not which, just so that we get your subscription.

The 15, 20 and 50 cent values of the present issue Canadian stamp are not expected to appear until after the New Year, but the 10 cent is expected daily.

The postoffices in many of Canada's largest towns still have the 20 and 50 cent Jubilee stamps on sale.

As error has been discovered in the new ½c numeral stamp of Canada. The oval band surrounding the Queen's head is not shaded, and, as there is only one such stamp to a sheet is probably a genuine error and not caused by too much ink.

Kind reader, we recommend to you, any dealer advertising in this magazine as first-class, reputable and responsible and feel sure that you will be treated fair and square in your dealings with any of them, and if you are not, would consider it a special favor if you advise us at once of any crookedness in their business transactions with you.

The genuine of the 2c, 1873 Peruvian issue can be distinguished from the new plate reprints and other counterfeits as follows, i. e., the ground beneath the llama shows several blue dots and dashes, somewhat like a Morse telegraph code, in the original, while in the reprint, etc., the ground appears solid. Originals genuinely used are rare and seldom seen.

Peruvian postmasters are using copying ink for cancelling purpose in many of the interior towns and cities,—thus spoiling the stamps for collections.

Try the Paragon Stamp Co., whose ad appears on another page of this issue when you want good stamps on approval.

Another number of the Rocky Mountain Stamp has appeared from New Oxford, Pa. Editor Dodge states that Mr. Hammond, the new proprietor, expects to be with us soon with what shall be an able representative of the magazine's former self.

A new philatelic magazine from Peru, published in the English language, is announced.

Wanted—Some one to keep us constantly informed on matters

philatelic from across the oceans. We would like a correspondent from each of the countries in North, South and Central America and also in each of the European, Asiatic and African countries beside all other countries on the face of "God's Green Earth." We want to make our magazine worth its rate of subscription and shall try, in fact are doing so as fast as is possible.

Cochin has only seven stamps. The first appeared in 1892. There are three adhesives:

½ puttan, orange.
½ puttan, magenta.
2½puttans, violet.

There are three envelopes, bearing a circular shaped stamp, with values and colors the same as the adhesives, and to make up the entire list of seven, the ½ puttan is found on both wove and laid paper, the latter being comparatively scarce.

Read our several Premium offers.

We ask our writers to kindly forward their manuscripts for our Christmas number as soon as possible after receipt of this number, as we want to have our next issue in the hands of our subscribers by December 10th if possible to do so.

The League of Canadian Philatelists is the title of Canada's latest philatelic fad.

We do not publish our magazine on the ten to fifteen line to each title plan and the claim that our monthly contains more articles than any published, we try to make our manuscripts as interesting and to include all the latest as is possible, therefor we do not have, say three or four articles for each page and probably all bordering on one and the same thing, but we do have as much of the latest and most valuable notes, etc., as any and more than nearly all other monthlies published, and claim to give as much useful information as any of our contemporaries for the same and in some cases, more money. So there, some of ye editors who are pegging away at us. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Investigate Hermann Lechner's adv. on another page.

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The Standard Stamp Co. buy old collections. Write them. Their address appears in their adv. on another page.

A corporation has opened offices in Portland, Oregon, for the forwarding of letters to all persons in Alaska that can be reached by sea, Dyea, Skaguay, St. Michael, etc. A rate of 10 cents is charged, including two cents United States postage. The frank is similar to the last Northern Pacific Express

Co's., and has been printed on the two cent current green envelopes. The corporation is known as the Alaskan Pacific Express Co.

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The color of the current 15c U. S. is to be changed to olive green.

The high prices at first asked for the revenue stamps which are rouletted on two sides only and perforated on the other two, have to be cut down, owing to the considerable quantities they are turning up in. The 10c documentary, in pairs, perforated between, have, within a week or two, come down half.

Canada is said to harbor one, an artistic genius, who, by a chemical process, converts the color of the 2c navy department from blue to green, thus making a counterfeit of the rare error.

We have heard of the following new issues since our last number, in addition to those chronicled on another page: Canada, 8c, orange, numerals in lower corners; Curacao, 12½, 15, 20, 25 and 30c king's head, surcharged 10c; Fernando Po, four new surcharges, 50c blue on 2c rose, 5c blue, 2 varieties, on 2c rose, 5c black on 12½c bistre; China, ½c brown, 10c dark blue green, Mozambique, entire set surcharged "1489—Centenavis de India—1898;" Roumania, watermark P. R., unpaid letter stamps, 5 bani green and 50 bani green; Selangor, Straits Settlement, 8c blue and ultra-marine, 15c green and black; the following post cards: India, 1a blue on buff; Portugal, letter card, 65r, grey blue on azure, (same also for colonies); Queensland, 18 varieties view cards, views on address side, 1½d black on buff; Servia, 5 par. green on buff, 10 par. carmine on green; Registration Envelope, Barbadoes, 2c blue, formula in red; Mexico, two wrappers, 1c green, formula in black, 1c green, formula in green.

The Brazilian provinces of Rio Grande de Sul and Parana are going to issue their own stamps.

An expert in Newfoundlands, lists the following varieties of the 3c slate and 1c green of that country, as follows:

3c slate, 1890.
3c lilac-gray, 1894.
3c lilac, 1896.
3c violet-brown, 1896.
1c gray-green, 1887-88.
1c green, 1888-94.
1c yellow-green, 1894.
1c pale yellow-green, reissue, 1897.

About Exchanging Stamps.

By Phil. A. Telist.

Every stamp collector will in the course of time accumulate some duplicates, and the question of what to do with the duplicates so accumulated is a matter which often puzzles him. If he belongs to a Philatelic society he may try the Exchange Department. But in order to do this he must first purchase approval Books and Control stamps, and after he has sent these to the Society Exchange manager filled and priced he complacently awaits developments.

In due course of time he receives an acknowledgment of the arrival of his books with notification that they are sent on circuit, and at the same time the Exchange Manager sends him some books from which he may select stamps to his satisfaction. At first the collector is delighted, he sees in the workings of the Exchange Department a way by which he can increase his collection with very little cost (so he thinks). The Approval Books which he has received are carefully looked over and a goodly number of stamps taken therefrom. He reads the instructions carefully and sends the sheets to next party on circuit. But he finds that instead of merely an exchange of stamps the Department Manager says in the instructions to members that "cash" must be sent to him for all stamps removed, etc. So our collecting friend sends the cash. In a little while he receives another lot of approval books, and the same performance is repeated, then comes a third consignment with similar results, then a fourth lot and so on until our good natured collector gets that tired feeling from continually arriving consignments, or else his pocket book commences to cry "halt!" for really such a course could not continue forever. Let us suppose that our collector friend has been waiting all the while for his approval books to be returned, also his heart grows weary from the long wait. Now he takes his pen and writes to Mr. Exchange Manager asking why his books are not returned, and receives the reply that they are still "on circuit." At ast after labout five months his books come back much the worse for wear, stamps disarranged, some substituted, others damaged, and the amount removed by the other collectors; well, it is almost swallowed up by the postage, etc. To say that the collector is angry is putting it mild, he resolves never to patronize the Exchange Department again. But he takes up a philatelic paper in which he has noticed the advertisement of a certain—well, we will call it Equitable Stamp Exchange—which promises great things, stipulating that only good stamps (by which such stamps as catalog over 50 cents are usually meant), are to be put in books and sent in. Our collecting friend sends the best he has and receives in return books which once contained high grade stamps, if prices count for anything, but alas, when he gets the books, somebody has already removed the best stamps and what is left; well, our friend takes such as he can use and sends the books to the next on circuit, and when he finally gets his own books back his experience is nearly the same as it was with his philatelic society, only he is more out of pocket owing to the 10 per cent commission

and two per cent insurance, besides the continual receipt by him of new books to select from as before.

Now, gentle reader, we have only cited a sample case, one out of thousands of a similar nature, and we can not see that collectors can be benefitted by exchanging a good grade of stamps for an inferior quality, because the fact must not be overlooked that the Exchange Manager, whether for a society or for a private enterprise will always have the first pick in the matter of stamps offered, and the first on circuit will be pretty sure to skim off what little philatelic cream (if any) there is left. Our collecting friend is pretty sure to "catch on" to the scheme before long and then quit exchanging entirely because he feels that, the cost of the stamps he gets, together with price of approval books, control stamps and postage is entirely out of all proportion to the benefits derived.

The very best way to get rid of your duplicate stamps is to mount them on sheets, put the catalog value underneath, make a price which will allow a profit and then send your duplicates to a dealer who will pay cash for them. In that way there is no trouble, no long waiting for returns, no disappointment. Let it be borne in mind, however, that to a collector duplicates are of little value, and he should therefore in selling make the price low enough to enable the dealer to realize a living profit. This method is by far the least expensive and most satisfactory.

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Holland's Coronation Stamp.

The new 1 gulder (florin) stamp of Holland, issued last month in honor of the coronation of Queen Wilhelmina, is a large one, handsomely engraved in bronze green with a likeness of the young queen reproduced from a recent portrait. The line work is very fine and graceful, suggesting the delicate tracery of an etching. It appears, however, that the design is not satisfactory to the queen and that accordingly the stamp is to be withdrawn. Hence dealers are already demanding a large premium over face and it is expected that the coronation stamp will eventually command a very high price. There is manifestly no speculation on hand in this matter, since the Dutch government is very conservative and sensitive on the subject of its credit. But even the most conservative of governments may be driven to freakish performances under the influence of a woman, who, while she possesses rare good qualities, has also some of the weaknesses of her sex.

The color of the current 50c Belgium, with Sunday label, has been changed to gray.

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New Issues.

The current 4, 5, and 6 cent stamps in the new shades are being reported from different places.

The ½c slate, 1c blue, 2c rose and 10c brown documentary revenues have been noted as part rouletted.

The current ½c stamp of the Argentine Republic has been noted in a dark blue tint, quite different from any of the earlier varieties of blue and slate blue.

From Belgium comes the 50 centimes, current type, in a new color—gray.

Stamps of the values of 8 annas and 1 rupee in the redrawn type have appeared from Bundi.

Four new values have been issued for Temchal—65r gray-green, 115r salmon on pink, 130 reis brown on buff, 180 reis slate on pinkish.

The new issue for Gibraltar has been received. The types are the same as those used for the issues of 1886-89. Watermarked Crown and C. A. Pref 14.

½p. gray-green.
1p. rose-carmine.
2p. brown, violet and ultramarine.
2½p. deep ultramarine.
4p. brown, orange and green.
6p. purple and carmine.
1s. bistre and carmine

Guatemala is still furnishing us with surcharges. Revenue stamps have been surcharged either "Correos-Nacionales" or "Correos-Nacionales—2-centavos." 2c on 1c dark blue, red surcharge. 2c on 1c aniline rose, black surcharge.

The current 5c envelopes have been surcharged with a large 6 over the post horn, the value is obliberated by the word "Centavos" and the numerals at the sides by stars.

The following is taken from the New York Evening Post:

A RULING AS TO HAWAIIAN POSTAGE.

Washington, October 26.—Postmaster-General Emory Smith has

issued an order directing that Hawaiian postage stamps shall be recognized at their face value for the prepayment of postage on all articles mailed in Hawaii, whether addressed for delivery in the United States or elsewhere.

Honduras.—We have received a new value of the ugly locomotive type chronicled last month. 20c, orange. The 1c appears in two distinct shades, brown and black brown.

The four values which mark Portugal's currency depression have been inflicted upon. Horta—65r, 115r, 130r and 180r, in same colors as for the other colonies.

We understand that Guinea is to have a set of stamps of the same type as those of Cape Verde.

Four higher values have been added to the current set of Johore. $2 lilac and carmine, $3 lilac and blue, $4 lilac and brown, $5 lilac and orange.

The Philatelic Journal of India reports that the State of Las Bela has given up stamps. Their issues are confined to two ½ anna stamps each very much like the other, only more so, and their untimely end can only be a source of satisfaction. —A. J. of P.

The Monthly Journal reports new forgeries of the Madagascar 1 and 5fr. 1891 issue as follows:

"We are informed, by an esteemed correspondent in Paris, that well made forgeries of these stamps are now to be met with, which are stated to come from Marseilles. The following are the points of difference:

1. They are larger.
2. The foulage is not present as in the genuine stamp.
3. In the letters '5fr.' the ink is different, being paler.
4. They do not agree with any of the types known.

Mexico.—The 3c has not been issued with the Eagle and R. M. watermark. The old watermark (Correos E. U. M.) now runs vertically through the sheet instead of sideways and each letter is placed sideways in its stamp instead of vertically.

Recent receipts of stamps would point to the abandonment of watermarking in Mexico altogether. The 1, 2, 3, 5, and 15c have been received upon a porous wove paper without the watermark.

A new issue is under consideration for Malta, but no information can be given as to date of issue or the number of denominations.

Macao is to have a set of stamps of the new type for Portuguese Colonies. Values and colors as follows:

½ avo grey.
1a orange-yellow.
2a light green.
2½a brown.
3a lilac.
4a dark green.
8a blue.
12a rose.
13a purple.
16a dark blue on blue.
24a light brown on buff.
31a red lilac on pale lilac.
47a blue on rose.

L. T. P. announces that a courier service has been established between Tangier and Alcazar, and a new series of stamps prepared as a consequence. The design is very mediocre, it represents a steamboat with "Service de Poste" in a label

above and the value across the bottom. At the sides are inscribed "Tangier" and "El Kasar."

5c green.
10c rose.
20c olive.
25c light blue.
40c brick red.
50c pale violet.
1f bistre.
2f gray black.

The Monthly Journal states that the stamps of the Mozambique Co., of the arms type, also the 10r and 20r cards used in their offices, have been surcharged "1498—Centenario-da-India—1898" in honor of the recent discovery (by means of a magnifying class) of Portuguese-India on a large sized map.

The current 2½d, New South Wales, has been changed from purple to blue, to conform with the requirements of the U. P. U.

New Zealand.—Two additional sizes of the Registration envelope with the stamp of the 1873 type on the flap have been issued. 3p blue, size 132x88 mm. 3p blue, size, 29x150 mm.

Nyassa.—The 10r chronicled last month should be light green instead of light brown as given.

A ½d rose on white postal card has been received from the Orange Tree State.

An entire new set of stamps has been issued for the following Portuguese Colonies:

Angola, Cape Verde, Lawrence, Marques, Mozambique, Nyassa, Portuguese Congo, St. Thomas and Prince Islands and Zambesi. The colors and values are the same for all colonies.

2½r gray.
5r orange yellow.
10r light green.
15r brown.
20r lilac.
25r dark green.
50r blue.
75r rose.
80r purple.
100r dark blue on blue.
150r light brown on buff.
200r red lilac on pale lilac.
300r blue on rose.

A new provisional is announced from Paraguay. The current 40c has been surcharged "Provisorio—10—centavos," in three lines.

The $1 and $5 stamps of Perak have been surcharged "Pahang."

The set of four odd values have been issued for Portugal, also for Ponta Delgada. For values and colors see Funchal.

50,000 each of 5 and 10 soles stamps have been ordered for Peru. The 1c stamp has appeared in green.

The Madrid Lilatelico states that the color of the current 1 centavo stamp, Philippine Island, has been changed from violet to carmine.

Porto Rico.—The 1890 set—1m to 80c have been surcharged. Habilitado—Para—1898-1899.

Postal cards of the value of 1 penny, printed in brown are announced from Queensland.

A new ½ penny wrapper, chocolate on buff, has been received also.

Salvador.—The Bogert & Durbin Co., inform us that the stamps of the issue of 1897, Greater Republic of Central America have been surcharged for official use

with the type used on the issue of 1896. The Registration and Registration Return Receipt stamps have been surcharged locally with the same type.

On Regular issue of 1897.

1c rose, blue, gold and green, black surcharge.

5c rose, blue, gold and green, black surcharge.

On Registration Stamps.

10c dark blue, red surcharge.

10c carmine brown, black surcharge.

On Registration Return Receipt Stamps.

5c dark green, black surcharge. —A. J. of P.

The I. B. J. says that the postage and postage due stamps of Servia are appearing on stout, white wove, instead of paper with red fibres. Thus far the 5 and 10 paras regular issue and the 20 paras postage due have been seen.

Tunis.—The 20c has appeared in a new color—red on green paper.

A series of stamps similar to that issued for Macao is announced for Timor.

The current 2 and 5c stamps of Uruguay has been surcharged "Official" in black.

A set of bi-colored stamps for official use are reported from Venezuela. Colors and values as follows:

5c black and green.
10c black and red.
25c black and blue.
50c black and yellow.
1b black and violet.

There are rumors to the effect that the Virgin Islands will withdraw from the Leeward Islands postal convention, and again issue stamps of their own.

European papers claim that the following stamps of the Cape of Good Hope are appearing in new colors.

3d in magenta and 4d in sage green.

Fernando Po.—There are two new surcharges to chronicle for this great little surcharger. The 50c was produced by means of the hand-stamp used for that value in 1884-87, while the 5c is like the most recent productions of that value. There were also a few 5c on 2c made, but no mark is given to distinguish them from the earlier lot on that value. We list the double surcharge however.

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5 centavos on 2c rose blue surch.

5 centavos on 12½c brown blue surch. W. S. N.

A number of minor varieties may be found in the recent Hong Kong surcharges. There are several sizes of the Chinese characters in the surcharge used to convert the 30c into 10c stamp. The $1 on $2 has been found with only one set of Chinese characters without any Chinese characters, and with a small "A" in dollars.

Judging from recent reports, we may expect an entire new issue from Italy, shortly.

The 1 rupee carmine and green, of India, has been surcharged "Jhind State."

It is stated that the 12 and 18c North Borneo have been issued with the surcharge "Labaun."

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The reliable, popular and well known dealer and philatelic expert of San Francisco was born at the beginning of 1868 in Paris, France, where he began collecting stamps in 1876. He started as a dealer in 1879 and still has an office in Paris, at 29 rue Legendre.



Mr. George Carion has published two philatelic papers in France; in 1884 the Bulletin Mensuel, and in 1885 La Timbrologie, but his stamp business requiring all of his time, these publications were discontinued.

He contributed to a few of the stamp papers in France, and many articles to the American and Canadian press.

His articles have attracted much attention, as he has stated many facts concerning stamps that were previously unknown.

He came to San Francisco in 1893 and has met there with the success that honest methods deserve.

Mr. George Carion is known as an expert on all Stamps, and is all around acknowledged to be the highest authority on the stamps of France and her Colonies; in which he was the first collector in Paris, to make a specialty of.

He is a member of all the leading societies, resident Vice President for the Southern Philatelic Association, Philatelic Sons of America and Columbian Philatelic Society.

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Editorials.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We send to all receiving this number our Xmas greetings and wish them at the same time a happy and prosperous New Year and many more of them.

The Lake State Stamp for October presents a rather neat appearance, but, brother publisher, could you not try to give your philately department a little more of your space and time?

E. W. Thomas has an advertisement in this issue; look it up. His twentieth century wonder is a wonder indeed.

The paper proposed from Peru by an enterprising Peruvian firm, as announced in our last number, will probably be called the Peruvian Philatelist, published in the English language by Messrs. Williams & Co.

Read Carion's advertisement on another page. It may interest you.

The regular monthly meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Association was held Thursday evening, December 8, at its room at 25 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, and after the regular routine of business was concluded a rather interesting essay, by J. C. Miller of Coal Valley, was read and a vote of thanks to Mr. Miller moved and seconded. After the regular auction sale, the meeting was adjourned until January 12, 1899.

Rumor has it of a 2-cent letter rate soon to be adopted by the United States on mail to England.

The new letter rate from Canada to England, of two cents, goes into effect on Christmas day.

What has become of the Philatelic West and the National Stamp? Have seen neither since the September number. Have they decided they are too good for us? Well, well, well.

Our subscribers must excuse the delay in our November number. It really was no fault of ours, it was held at our Postoffice just one week from the time we delivered it to Uncle Sam, thus causing the delay.

More than 2,000 different kinds of postal cards have been issued during the last 35 years.

Egypt has 802 postoffices. In 1896 the number of letters handled was 16,510,000, of which 3,190,000 went abroad and 4,410,000 came from abroad.

Well, what do you think of this month's number. The best way to show that you appreciate our efforts, will be to subscribe at once. Send silver, or 1-cent or 2-cent stamps, we care not which, just so we get your subscription.

If you are a stamp dealer and receive this number as a specimen copy, it is a request for your advertisement for our next number, so don't delay, but send at once, as we shall advance our rates another notch before long and then you will have to pay a bigger sum for your space. Sign yearly contracts now.

The Philatelic Society of India is to hold an exhibition Christmas week.

The Virginia Philatelist is now the official organ of the S. P. A.—having been elected to succeed the Lone Star State Philatelist.

S. P. Lev will issue the first number of The Stamp Tribune next month. Read his ad. on front inside cover page.

The Westminster Gazette has this true story of a post-card:

On September 19 the agent of the Allan line at Christiania received a post-card bearing two dates; one was that of its delivery September 19, 1898, the other that of its original postage, "Stavanger, June 15, 1880." How the post-card has occupied its time, where it has been hid, or who has been guilty for its delay during these 18 years, nobody is able to say. Neither at Stavanger nor Christiania can the postal authorities give any help toward the clearing up of the mystery.

The publishers of this magazine are offering a limited amount of ad. space in exchange for Omaha's and Canadian Maple Leaf Issues. See their announcement in another column.

The Curio is a new magazine devoted to coins, stamps and curios in general and published occcasionally by Chas. Steigerwalt.

My. my, but some of our contemporaries do lots of mud-slinging and the same people usually forget to balance their own faults in with the results.

Some publishers claim to double their circulation every time they purchase a brother publisher's magazine. Wonder whether they mean the total circulation, including sample copies, etc., sent out in separate wrappers or the circulation among paid subscribers?

The supplement to Scott's 58th Catalogue was received and offered for sale at the T. P. C. S.'s last meeting by a Pittsburgh member.

The members of the American Colony at Havana are up in arms and after the postal authorities at Washington, on account of the antiquated, slow and comfusing method of handling the mail at that point.

H. Wendt has an ad. in this issue. Look it up,—it will interest you.

The general business of the P. O. Department shows an increase of over $6,000,000 during the fiscal year. This year there were 27,798,078 domestic money orders issued—the amount carried was $191,354,121. There were 2,358 new money order offices established.

Try the Paragon Stamp Co., whose ad. appears on another page of this issue when you want good stamps on approval.

First Assistant Postmaster-general Perry S. Heath in his recent report, recommended a repeal of the law requiring the use of the present form of money order in the interest of safety and simplicity and also authorization for the use of a postal check payable to bearer.

Kind readers, we recommend to you, any dealer advertising in this magazine as first-class, reputable and responsible, and feel sure that you will be treated fair and square in you dealings with any of them, and if you are not, would consider it a special favor if you advise us at once of any crookedness in their business transactions with you.

A postal service has already been established in connection with Khartoum, and letters are finding their way to London from that place in 17 days. A new stamp has been introduced for the Soudan, bearing the name "Khartoum," and superscription "Soudan Postage" in English.

An electric canceling machine is being introduced into the Youngstown (Ohio) postoffice, which gives every promise of success. The apparatus is run by an electric motor, and capable of conceling 360 letters per minute. The machine is furnished with changeable type and a self-inking roller, and is fed somewhat after the style of a printing press, although less pains are required in getting the letters in straight. The mail matter is dropped into a trough, at the bottom of which is a belt, which carries the letters to the printing part of the machine, where the postmark, date and name of the city are printed on the letter. Afterward the letters are carried away and delivered at any point desired by means of a continuous belt.

The following is a P. S. to a letter from a cook: "Please exkuse bad writin' and spellin', as mi feet is awful sore."

Educated women in England find great difficulty in obtaining suitable employment, as is shown by the enormous number of candidates who present themselves for clerkships at the London General Postoffice. At a recent examination held for women clerks there were 1,530 candidates for 30 positions.

Try E. N. Kiefer's fifty-cent special bargain, advertised on another page.

The 25-cent Uruguay, 1895 issue, can be found inverted.

Comptroller Tracewell, of the Treasury Department, has decided that Postoffice Inspectors are entitled to a per diem of $4 for expenses only when on duty outside of offices, as the law provides that they shall be actually engaged in the field in order to obtain such allowance. Before the act of Congress, which went into operation July 1, Inspectors received the per diem for every day they were on duty, no matter what its character.

Read our offer: A watch for an hour's work. Have you secured one? Probably you are one of many who are contemplating to secure one. Better start at once if you are, as our present stock on hand is fast becoming exhausted and the supply is limited, we may have no more left by next month, probably before that.

The sale of the new surcharge stamps at the postoffice (Mauritius) was the cause of riots, and the police had to quell the disturbance raised by the stamp collectors, who fought for a place near the window, as a result the governor ordered the stamps to be taken to the treasury and deposited there. Collectors are expecting the large 36c stamps, commemorative of the Queen's Jubilee, to appear reperforated so as to make two

stamps of 18c each; at the same time looking for the large stamps to be withdrawn from circulation.

Read the ads. in this issue carefully. They all represent active and reputable dealers.

On November 10 the first shipment of the new U. S. 10c brown was made from Washington.

The Canadian government will issue a special postage stamp of the 2c denomination on Christmas day, to commemorate the establishment of imperial penny postage, the same to be in use for a limited period only. The reduced rate will apply to letters passing between Canada and Great Britain and Ireland, British India, Newfoundland, British East Africa, Uganda, Zanzibar, British Central Africa, Niger Coast Protectorate and the Niger Company's territory.

When the 2½d. postal rate was introduced in Sierra Leone, the authorities first used up their stock of ½d. and 2d. stamps, and then began to employ one-half of the 2d. and one-half of the 4d. stamp, cut diagonally and pasted together so as to look like a stamp of two colors. The cancelation "B 31," must cover the the two halves without break in orders to show its genuineness."

Mr. M. A. McDonnell, 1646 Madison Ave., N. Y., auction manager of the S. of P., is endeavoring with all his might and main to put the department on a paying basis. He announces five sales, to be held in December, February, April, June and August, and invites all to bid at them.

Several of our exchanges, although receiving two copies of this monthly at each issue, are only sending us one copy of theirs in exchange. Is it an oversight, or do they only care to exchange one copy with us hereafter?

All exchanges for our puzzle department are requested to send one copy to the publishers as heretofore and the other addressed as follows: Puzzle Department, Allegheny Philatelist, Allegheny, Pa., so as to insure its getting into the hands of our "Uncle Bill."

The Allegheny Mailing Agency, which formerly received its mail at this office, in our care, has recently opened up its own office at No. 75 Perry street, where it will hereafter receive its mail, and respectfully invites any of its present or future patrons, when in this city to give it a call.

A correspondent of the Monthly Journal sends in an extra from the Government Gazette, of Surinam for August 30, by which it appears that the 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c stamps with head of William III., of Holland, were to be withdrawn from circulation, and, by surcharging, converted into 10c stamps as required, the lowest value first and so on. This was acted upon at once and the usual fun commenced. The 10c on 12½c, to the number of 78,400, was issued August 30, and the whole lot was bought for a German firm. The 10c on 15c, 6,300 only, came out on September 1. These were bought by two or three people, and were being resold locally a few days later at 3s. to 5s. each. The 10c on 20c, appeared on September 2, and the lot of 68,000 was bought up in quantities of from 1,000 to 10,000; 46,000 of the 10c on 25c were issued on September 5, and 32,000 of the

10c on 30 on September 8. It is reported that the 40c, 50c, 1 gl. and 2 gl. 50c are to be treated in the same manner.

The Standard Stamp Co. buy old collections. Write them. Their address appears in their adv. on another page.

Hungary's entire current set has appeared on paper watermaked a crown on miter within interlaced circles.

The complete new set of Hayti is made up as follows:

1c blue.
2c orange.
3c green.
4c brick red.
5c chocolate.
7c dark slate.
8c carmine.
15c olive.
20c black.
1 gourde, violet.

The 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 7c, 20c and 1 gourde bear the portrait of President Sam. The design on the others is the Haytian coat of arms.

A letter will go to London from New York in eight days; to Accra, Africa in 29 days via London; to Shanghai, China, via New York and London, in 45 days; to Shanghai, China, via San Francisco, in 25 days.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, the total collections of internal revenue amounted to $170,866,819. 36. The cost of collections was $3,-907,010.50.

We receive the following price lists: H. F. Dunkhorst's wholesale price list, D. F. Eaton's price list, and S. P. Lev's price.

Try James Sanborn when you want all that you are paying for.

In 1894, 1,016 unregistered stills were seized and since then the siezures have greatly increased, until the last fiscal year they reached the unprecedented number of 2,391.

The G. C. Keith Stamp Co. have a small but interesting adv. in this issue. Look into the matter.

Questions are beginning to arise in regard to the island of Porto Rico, which is soon to come under authority of the United States as a result of the war with Spain. The commissioner recommends that congress be requested to enact the necessary legislation, so that the collection of internal revenue taxes may be made there as in other parts of the United States as soon as possession is acquired.

W. H. Walker & Co.'s ad. is one of those that usually speak for themselves.

Provision should be made for the collection of internal revenue taxes in Cuba while occupied by the United States authorities. If the peace negotiations now in progress result in the acquisition or retention of the Philippine islands, or any portion of them, the commissioner recommends suitable legislation looking to the collection of internal revenue taxes and the enforcement of the internal revenue laws in such territory.

Have you read W. A. McDonnell's adv. yet? You better read it then. It may and will interest you.

Get your money's worth—then patronize the Paragon Stamp Emporium.

Try Carion of San Francisco for stamps on approval or bargains of all kinds.

The question of collecting internal revenue taxes in the Hawaiian islands has been considered, and in view of the opinion of the attorney general dated July 22, 1898, it has been held that the Hawaiian islands are treated as foreign territory until congress has passed laws governing the subject. The opinion of the attorney general referred to says, in reference to the resolution of congress for annexing the islands to the United States: "No arrangements are made for collecting our tonage tax upon vessels of other countries entering Hawaiian ports, nor is any other tax or other law of the United States, unless it be the law prohibiting Chinese immigration, expressly or impliedly, furnished with instrumentalities for its execution."

British Colonials.

Collectors of British Colonials and their numerous vatieties have no doubt often wondered why so few of the latter remain catalogued.

In the varieties of water marks Scott's catalogues but one, the "watermark" sideways, and yet many of the stamps exist with inverted and reversed watermarks.

In my opinion these varieties should be catalogued and collected, as much so as the "watermarked sideways," or the errors such as inverted surcharges and errors of colors, for they occur in the same manner through an unintentional error of the printer.

In many instances the inverted watermarks do not indicate a different issue; as in many cases they are the commonest of varieties. These errors are caused by feeding the papers to the presses in an inverted position. Among the British Colonials found with inverted watermarks are the following:

Country	Dte	Val.	Color	Waterm'k
Hong Kong.....	1882	2cent	Rose	Cr. C. A.
Mauritius	1863	1 shil	Yellow	Cr. C. C.
New S. Wales	1860	Reg.	rd & bl	d'ble li'ed 6
St. Helena.	1868	5shil	Or'ge	Cr. C C.
Str's Se'tlem'ts	1883	2cent	B'wn	Cr. C. A.
Victoria	1867	6pen.	Blue	V & Crown
Tasmania	1889	1pen.	Verm.	T. A. S.

Adhesives also exist with reversed watermarks, which are caused by the stamp being printed on the reverse or wrong side of the watermarked paper.

Although I do not consider these as interesting as those with inverted watermarks, still they are certainly worthy of notice in this article.

Of these reversed watermarks I have seen the following varieties:

Barbados, 1p., blue, Cr. C. C.

British Guiana, 8c., rose, Cr. C. A.

Staights Settlements, 8c orange, Cr. C. C.

There are, of course, many others, and I would be pleased to have collectors inform me of their discoveries in this direction.

As many beginners may not exactly understand the terms inverted and reversed, "the words meaning the same in one sense," I will say that an ordinary British Colonial watermarked Crown C. A. is held to the light with the printed side facing you the letters will appear thus: C. A. If it is inverted, watermarked thus: ∀ ↄ; and if reversed, watermarked thus: A. ↄ.

The study and classification of these varieties of watermarks are extremely important to an advanced specialist in British Colonials, and I expect that they will soon find a place in our catalogues as well as they have in our collections. They usually command a higher price than those in proper positions, so that they are worthy of collecting.

GEORGE CARION.

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97 Liberty Street, Allegheny, Pa.

New Issues.

It is announced that the 15-cent has been printed in olive green—the last of the contemplated change.

The new reply cards, also the foreign cards are being chronicled by various journals. The reply card is black on cream. The foreign card has been announced as black on cream and blue on green. Both are said to be very poor specimens of cards.

The 80c brown decumentary and 1⅞c blue and 3¾c olive-gray proprietary revenue stamps have been issued.

The Phil Monthly and World says that the postal authorities of the Argentine Republic are using regular postage stamps perforated with the letters "C. Y. T," which stands for "Correos y Telegrafos" as unpaid letter stamps.

The Monthly Journal announces a 1d. pink of a new type for the British South Africa Co. It resembles the first issue, but the device is more artistic and better executed.

Two new letter cards are announced from Brazil. 200 r. orange-red and black for inland use. 300 r. blue and orange for foreign use.

The Metropolitan Philatelist is authority for the following: "This country (Canada) will issue a jubilee stamp to celebrate the introduction of the 2 d. letter rate for the entire British Empire, it will be oblong; 4 cents value, and probably printed in two or three colors, with a design consisting of a map of the British Empire."

Various papers are announcing a $5 provisional from China made by surchanging the 3c red revenue stamp. Further information is awaited in regard to this stamp by the Monthly Journal.

The 30c and 50c unpaid letter stamps of the current type have been issued in Curacao.

The state of Dhar (Indian Native States) has abandoned the type-set device hitherto in use and has adopted a lithographed design of more pretentious nature. Only one value of adhesive has been seen thus far, but there are an envelope and post card with stamp of new type—½ a carmine, ½ a ultramarine, envelope; ¼ a purple, pub. card.

Servia has the 5 f. letter card with the stamp in a new color—green.

Gibraltar—On one of each sheet of some (probably all) of the values surcharged "Morocco Agencies" the a. of the second word has no crossbar, but is like an inverted "v." The stamp is No. 36 on the right-hand pane and we gather that the stamps were overprinted in half sheets, 120 at a time—Monthly Journal.

A handsome new set has been received from Hayti. Following are the values and colors: 1c dark blue, 2c orange, 3c green, 4c vermilion, 5c redish brown, 7c gray, 8c carmine, 15c olive, 20c slate and 1 grounde violet. A ten-cent is expected.

The papers which chronicled the 2, 4 and 8a. stamps from Holkar last year are now engaged in requesting readers to remove same from their list. Some one has discovered that there is an inscription in native character on these particular stamps which signifies "court fees," thus showing them to be revenue stamps only.

Horta has also been supplied with a 65 r. letter card of the same design as the various other Portugese colonies.

Two new values have appeared from Negri Zembilan—a 2c lilac and chocolate and an 8c lilac and ultramarine.

The 5c "deficit" stamp of Peru has been used for postage, owing to the exhaustion of the regular issue.

A sets of 8 values from 1½ r. to 8 tongas has been issued for Portugese India.

Ponta Delgada has been supplied with the 65 r. letter card of the same design as supplied to the various other Portugese colonies.

Of course the mother country could not be left out, and we have a 65 r. letter card from Portugal.

1½ d. and 1 d. postal cards with views of Queensland scenery etc. have been issued. 18 views on each value.

Selanger—The 50c lilac and black has been replaced by a 50c green and black.

A 3c unpaid letter stamp in olive green, with the numeral in carmine is announced to have appeared in Switzerland.

From Uganda comes a new set of 7 varieties. The low values are 22x27 min. in size, with small head of the Queen to left in center with palm leaves above and elephant heads at each side; "Uganda Protectorate" on curved label over the head, "Postage" and "Revenue" at right and left of oval below, value in words in straight label at the bottom. The 1 and 5 r. are larger, 28x34 min. and bear the same head in the center, but framework is different, having foliage at the top and lions in lower corners.

1 anna, carmine.
2 annas, brown lilac.
3 " gray.
4 " dark green.
8 " pale olive.
1 rupee, ultranarine.
5 rupees, brown.

F. H. Fox has an ad. in this issue which is certainly a stunner.

The new eight-cent Canadian, numerals in corners, is yellow.

Funchal now has the letter card with impressed stamp of 65 reis.

Investigate Hermann Lechner's adv. on another page.

Newspaper Stamps of France.

If we open the Standard (Scott's) Catalogue at "France," we will find the following under the heading:—

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

	Unused.	Used.
No. 252—2c rose	$50.50	$50.00
No. 253—2c blue	3.00	3.00

PERFORATED.

No. 254—2c rose	$ 1.25	$ .75
No. 255—2c blue	.50	.30

I do not intend in this article to criticise this catalogue, which from several points of view, is certainly one of the best published, as in my opinion a catalogue should not be a guide of what to collect, as the collector is the only one privileged to say what he will or will not collect. A catalogue should be what the name implies, a "chronicle of what is in existence," and the one mentioned is certainly one of the most complete issued.

But I will respectfully submit to the collecting public the following observation regarding these so-called newspaper stamps; and, before going further, will say that, in my opinion, they have no values, and are out of place in a collection of postage stamps, as they were never used to prepay postage on newspapers. In fact, they were not issued for that purpose.

They are intended merely to show that the fiscal tax or revenue levied on the publication has been paid. This was in accordance with the old French laws (before the freedom of the press had been obtained,) as at that time all newpapers or journals were taxed. These stamps were issued under rule of Napoleon III.

They replaced the old hand stamp that was formely impressed on the paper to show that these fiscal duties had been paid. (A similar stamp is still in use for stamped papers, such as legal documents, etc.)

I would like to ask why the 2c rose imperforate No. 252 of these stamps, (of which it is not known that indisputable genuine used specimen exists in this imperforate condition) is listed at $50.00 while they do not catalogue the cheaper stamps of the same series, such as:—

IMPERFORATE.

	Unused.	Used.
2c lilac	$ 2.00	$ 1.00

PERFORATED.

	Uuused.	Used.
2c lilac	50c	5

There are also many errors or "so-called" errors of these stamps that are very high-priced, such as:—

IMPERFORATE.

	Unused.	Used.
5c rose	$25.00	.....
5c blue	20.00	.....
5c lilac	10 00	.....

PERFORATED.

	Unused.	Used.
5c rose	$25.00	.....
5c blue	20.00	.....
5c lilac	7.50	$5.00

The above prices are approximations from the leading European catalogues. It is very probable that the so-called errors are only essays like the 2c rose imperforate.

As I have said, these stamps are of no value in a collection of postage stamps, as they have no claim to be such, being merely revenues, (very similar to U. S. document revenues,) the cancellation to which is merely the printed matter of the journal to which they were attached. But as these stamps are catalogued, and there is a space reserved for them in nearly all albums; many

collectors will probably wish to secure them. I would warn them that there are now being circulated "reprints" or very fine counterfeits of these stamps, that are very dangerous, as they are sold by many of the leading firms in France.

They were probably manufactured by the same gang of counterfeiters who issued fine imitations of unpaid letter stamps of France, which collectors should also watch for. I give a list of the stamps counterfeited:—

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

Scott's No., issued 1859-1870, square stamps:—

No. 201—10c black lithographed.
No. 202—10c " typographed.
No. 203—15c " "
No. 206—25c " "
No. 208—40c blue "
No. 209—60c yellow "
No. 210—60c blue "

The counterfeits of the newspaper stamps are very perfectly executed, the principal difference I have been able to find is in the paper, which, in the counterfeit, has a satin finish, somewhat similar to bond or light parchment paper.

As the imitation of these stamps are offered on part or on entire newspaper, especially set and printed with a date of about thirty years ago, it is very hard for the collector who does not know of this to tell the difference.

I would advise collectors of postal franks to drop these stamps from their list, for three reasons:—

They are not postage stamps in any sense of the word.

The genuine copies are very seldom found.

The counterfeits are so well made that even the best informed are deceived, and there is more probability of having a counterfeit palmed off on you than there is of securing a genuine specimen.

There are also some of the lower values of postage stamps of France that are offered as newspaper stamps. These stamps are canceled by printed matter, and were used to denote the payment of the fiscal tax on posters, handbills, etc. They have absolutely no value whatever.

In fact, the French Government has never issued a stamp especially designed *for use on newspapers to prepay postage*. Consequently there can be no newspaper stamps of France.

GEORGE CARION.

Mourning Stamps.—Spain's Latest Emblem.

As a means of paying off the war debt, which is claimed to be 2,000,000,000 pesetas ($400,000,) the Spanish government has issued a stamp of mourning, which is to be used on all the inland mail of Spain and her colonies. The stamp, which is of the denomination of 5-cent de pesetas (1 cent,) is printed in sombre black and must be affixed to all mail matter in addition to the regular postage stamp. It is of ordinary size, with the inscriptions "Impto, de Guerra" and "1898-99" at the top and bottom, respectfully. The figure "5" and "cent" appear in the center in a vertical oval, with scroll work at the sides. The government has occasionally issued stamps of this character, the use of which was voluntary, but not so with this one. Every piece of mail matter for inland delivery must bear a mourning stamp, otherwise it doesn't go. It is a greater tax for the Spanish people than it would be

for Americans, for in Spain they have been taxed year in and year out, and the continual drain is having its inevitable results. The mourning stamp has presumably been issued as a svmpathetic appeal to the people for the many lives lost in the late conflict.

The mourning stamp is not the only label issued by Spain since that country met the United States in battle. A short time ago four distinct stamps were issued by the Madrid government in its endeavor to meet the running expenses of the war. Two black stamps of the denomination of 5 cent de pesetas made their appearance recently, but did not accomplish the desired results. They were simply obligatory taxes, and naturally looked upon with anything but favor by the populace. Two other voluntary tax stamps, pink and blue in color, the latter having been issued by the city of Madrid, were authorized at the same time as the two above, making five distinct stamps in the last few months, all of which show to what extent the government has been forced, to raise money.

Nor have any of the efforts been crowned with success. It is stated as an actual fact that they resulted in utter failures. The number of letters posted at Madrid office having fallen off fully one-third since the recent taxes were levied.

Raising money by stamp taxes is a different matter in Spain from what it is in the United States. Indeed, were Spain to enjoy the revenue that is being derived in this country from the war revenue bill, it would not take a great while to square her accounts with the world. But Spain lacks the people, the vast commercial enterprises and the businesss interests generally, where the use of revenue stamps counts most rapidly. The receipts from taxes levied in Spain in the same manner as in the United States would not yield a hundredth part of what they do in this country. The people have not got the money, and a revenue bill, whether, drafted for stamps or other taxes, gets little or no support throughout the country.

C. A. S.

Curfew Ordinances.

By Phil A. Telist.

The subject of how to keep children indoor after nightfall has caused many parents a good deal of anxious thought. There are in various parts of the country among the smaller towns, ordinances which provide that all children, (unless they have a permit from their parents) must not be on the streets after nightfall. But in the large cities it is entirely different. The parents in large cities do not seem to give the matter the proper attention and hence Curfew Ordinances are seldom enacted. Recently the good people of St. Louis, Mo., desired such an ordinance passed. Headed by the best known church and society people, they called upon the mayor and presented their desires. The mayor listened patiently and suggested that a bill be put through the municipal assembly. This was accordingly done, but the bill failed to pass, it being the sense of the delegates that such an ordinance was unconstitutional.

Whether the stand taken by the city fathers is correct or otherwise it is not our intention to discuss in

this article. We merely want to point out a way to all parents by which they can keep their children indoors in the evening and out of bad company. Let every parent who has the welfare of his children at heart get them a stamp album together with a lot of canceled postage stamps to start a fair sized collection. As Christmas will soon be here, now is the appropriate time to do this. The outlay can be made to fit the parent's purse, as stamps and also stamp albums can be had at prices varying from a few cents to any amount desired. Having done this, let the parent interest his children, both boys and girls, in the pastime and he will soon find that Curfew Ordinances need never worry him nor his children either. Of course it must not be supposed that all children will take an equal delight in a stamp collection, but let the parents encourage the children, ask them questions regarding the various countries, the size of each, and any kind of knowledge the child may have concerning such subjects. Every person, young or old, likes to see other people, whether relatives or friends, appreciate their efforts, and a word of encouragement or advise given in a kindly way may do much to stimulate interest in the pastime.

But we hear some people ask "what good will a collection of stamps do a child? Well, let us see. In the first place children will be kept at home in the evening and out of bad company, which fact alone ought to convince every parent that it is far better to give children a pastime which is both agreeable and instructive than to let them drift into bad habits. Collecting stamps will also teach children the art of saving, and everyone knows that persons who save will if they persist, therein eventually get rich. The habit of saving stamps will naturally tend to the desire to save money, besides it teaches children a number of things which in themselves would be dry and uninteresting to the average youngster. Take geography for instance, and it is surprising how quickly a child by the aid of a stamp collection picks up matters pertaining to the location, inhabitants and government of various countries, and as our country has now entered upon an era of expansion it can readily be seen by every parent that children should by all means be encouraged to learn all that is possible regarding such matters. Every nation tells its past history by its stamps, and this makes the child acquire a knowledge of history in an easy and pleasant manner, while where the leading industries of a country are shown by its stamps, as in the case of Newfoundland, the knowledge which the child gains therefrom may in future years prove very valuable in business.

Were we to enumerate the good points about stamp collecting, we could write enough to fill this magazine from cover to cover without exhausting the subject, but we think we have made it apparent to every thinking person that stamp collecting has everything in its favor, and that anyone who once takes it up will never regret having done so, and as it is elevating, pleasant and profitable we see no reason why every child in this broad land should not be given a chance to demonstrate the truth of what we have

just said. There are millions of stamp collectors all over the world and for all these millions of stamp collectors not one Curfew Ordinance has ever been necessary, and we hope that everyone who reads this and have never given stamp collecting a thought heretofore will start in and give it a trial, and our word for it they will only regret that they did not start years ago.

St. Louis Notes.

By Ecol Hector.

At last the United States District Court at St. Louis has sentenced the notorious stamp fraud and swindler R. P. Wolle, alias Fischer, Kaiser, Bohn, etc., etc., after an interesting trial, to eighteen months in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of $500.00, and it is safe to say that for the next two years Wolle will be placed where he can do honest people but little harm. Judge Adams, in pronouncing sentence, said that although Wolle protested his innocence, the proof of guilt against him was beyond question and that as he had been twice previously convicted of crime against the postal laws and still persisted in swindling, he would impose the highest penalty as enumerated above.

The Wolle trial brought several well known dealers and collectors to St. Louis who had been fleeced by the captive, and all breathed a sigh of relief when the jury, after being out only three minutes, filed in and announced the verdict.

It is queer how much ingenuity some crooks will display in trying to cheat honest people. The trial of Wolle plainly showed that he was well posted on stamps, both as to market value and salability. Had he devoted his knowledge to honest business he could have made a good deal of money.

The Century Stamp Club held its regular monthly meeting Nov. 17, and as the president had resigned owing to his having taken up his residence at Kansas City, an election was held and Mr. H. E. French was unanimously chosen.

Rare stamps turn up every once in a while. A dealer here received several Philadelphia locals and also a copy of Floyds Penny post recently.

It is surprising how well the Omaha stamps are liked abroad. One of our dealers has requests for same continually from all quarters. If you have any Omahas to sell, you had better sell now while the demand is here. If you don't sell someone else will and you will regret your delay later on.

Foreign Exchange.

E. W. Thomas.

Much has been said the last few years opposing foreign exchange and it will be the endeavor of the writer of this paper to set forth some reasons for upholding it.

To the writer foreign exchange has always been a fruitful source of increasing his collection at a small cost. Since the establishment of the Postal Union, the facilities for carrying foreign mails are as efficient as the domestic, and a letter entrusted to the Union's care is as sure of reaching its destination as if it were going only a few hundred miles.

Taking everything into consider-

ation, the price for conveying letters is very small and this should form no bar from a pecuniary standpoint. Then again, the stamps that are common to us seem quite scarce to the average foreigner, China and India, for instance. The opposite is also true with ourselves.

It is often argued that foreigners, as a rule, are rascals and no dependence can be placed in them. Undoubtedly there are many rascals, but these are met with everywhere. In every country and in every profession and occupation there are "black sheep." It is also true that there are many honest foreigners. By careful discrimination honest correspondents may be chosen from almost any country and one should be enough for each country.

We often see jingos publishing through the papers that such-and-such-a-person is a fraud because the jingo had sent him a selection of stamps and had never received a reply. If we should look into the matter we would find that the jingo's consignment was almost worthless and scarcely worth the postage to return it. Thus we find it is the fault of the sender rather than the receiver.

The writer had a personal experience recently, a fair illustration of the above. One day when calling for the mail I was informed that there was a foreign letter addressed to me with ten cents "due." Thinking the letter contained something valuable I willingly paid the required sum and eagerly opened the envelope. But alas! It contained only 100 very common Europeans with the outrageous request that I send in payment 100 American post cards! It is needless to say that the letter was not answered, being unworth half the return postage. This is but one case out of many, and others might be cited. I give a few suggestions which, if followed, will cause less trouble in foreign exchange.

1. Be sure your consignment is worth sending. Don't send worthless stuff.

2. Have the postage fully prepaid. Register valuable packages.

3. Be sure your correspondents are reliable. Select only those who are the best known and not those who offer the greatest inducements.

4. Conduct your exchange in a business-like manner, thereby inspiring your correspondent with confidence in your ability.

5. Favor your correspondent in every way possible, especially by sending those stamps which he desires.

6. Lastly, be honest.

New York Correspondence.

Mack.

That the discontinuance of the custom of issuing the standard catalogue during the latter part of the year has no effect on the market is a gratifying sign that philately stands on a more substantial and firmer foundation than some "calamity howlers" can imagine. That the cheaper priced stamps are in large demand is also evident. The sign, "We buy stamps, etc.," is exhibited everywhere, and the busy season is now at its height.

The agreement entered into by Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, to form one Great Republic, under the name of the United States of Central America, has lasted but one month, ending in a revolution—a

common happening with these hot-headed Spanish-Americans. I suppose the first thing to be done now, is to rush to the printer and order five hundred thousand postage stamps, of every conceivable shape, size, color, form, type, etc., to enable the respective countries to carry on an endless war with the money thus obtained.

Local news is surprisingly scarce. Our philatelic weekly, and the various monthlies are still pegging away, as prompt as ever. The Post Office is as interesting as it ever was. The American Journal of Philately has concluded the article on the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors, which has been running in that magazine for some time. The Herald Exchange is progressing finely, and gives us a nice batch of notes and instructive articles monthly. The services of J. F. Farrell has been secured by the publishers of the New York Philatelist. He occupies the place on the editorial pages as associate-editor, and the contents of this monthly have improved wonderfully under Mr. Farrell's part management. I receive the Metropolitan Philatelist promptly every Sunday morning.

The persistent rumor that a new monthly would probably be issued some time during the winter, will not down. The writer is conversant with all the particulars regarding this proposed publication, as it was acting on his suggestion, that the idea was ever contemplated. At the present moment I am unable to present any other information, only to mention that the suggestion is still under advisement, and Greater New York may still boast of a "handsome monthly, instructive and interesting."

That many of the colors of the current issue of revenues are somewhat conformable is certainly undeniable, and a large business house in this city, after finding that for some time they had been using 4 cent denominations on their checks intead of the two cent, were so overcome with "their sorrow and loss," that a long letter containing a few choice and expressive sentences was immediately dispatched to the Washington authorities.

Curious Condensations.

Of the 1897 Canadian Jubilee Issue the following quantities were issued:

½ cent black, 150,000.
1 " orange, 8,000,000.
2 " green, 2,500,000.
3 " bright rose, 20,000,000.
5 " deep blue, 750,000.
6 " rich brown, 75,000.
8 " violet, 200,000.
10 " brown violet, 150,000.
15 " steel blue, 100,000.
20 " vermilion, 100,000.
50 " ultramarine, 100,000.

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Watch for writings from some of the best and most noted writers of this and several other countries in our next issue. Having had several of as good writers as ever produced with us since we took hold of this magazine, by the addition of four or five others of the same class for our January number, among them being Canada's two best writers, we expect to send out a magazine second to none in the near future.

There were printed, of the first Maple Leaf Issue, of Canada, the following:

½ cent black, 2,000,000.
1 " green, 34,000,000.
2 " purple, 12,000,000.
3 " bright rose, 44,000,000.
5 " dark blue, 3,500,000.
6 " brown, 500,000.
8 " orange, 1,400,000.
10 " plum, 500,000.

We recently received a copy of the new two-cent Imperial Stamp for Canada, to go into effect December 25th. It is printed in three colors, and by next month expect to have an illustration of same to adorn a neatly written article on same by one of our Canadian correspondents, for the benefit of our readers.

Have you not yet decided to send us your quarter? We need your subscription badly if we are to keep up and probably improve upon our present high standard. Why not subscribe at once? It would be a most suitable Xmas gift from you and also show your appreciation of our most earnest endeavor to put out a monthly worthy your attention.

A London collector recently paid 4,500 marks for an 1856 Austria news stamp, Mercury's head. It was in fine condition and on entire newspaper.

Orders for printing of wrappers and envelopes with the official stamps, for private concerns, at the cost of mark 1.75 per 1,000 or fraction thereof are taken by the printing office of the German empire. Not less than 20,000 are accepted.

Send us the names of four new subscribers and a dollar bank note and receive your subscription free.

We clip the following from The Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Toronto, Canada:

The following is an official list of the places other than Great Britain, to which letters can be sent for two cents on and after Christmas day:

Aden,
Bahamas, The
British C'nt'l Africa,
British East Africa,
British India,
Ceylon,
Cyprus,
Falkland Islands,
Fiji,
Gambia,
Gibralter,
Gold Coast,
Hong Kong,
Lagos.
Leeward Islands,
Niger Coast Protectorate
Natal,
Newfoundland,
St. Helena,
Seychelles,
Sierra Leon,
Straits Settlement,
Trinidad,
Tobago,
Turk's Islands,
Uganda,
Windward Islands,

But the Canadian farmer who wants to communicate with his son nearby, or to write to the nearest town, must pay three cents.

What sense is there in such discrimination against Canadians?

Why should we pay two cents for a long distance and three cents for a short one?

One cent Canadian post cards will appear with numerals in the lower corners soon. The special new one cent post card has been issued by the P. O. Dept. in sheets of sixteen, eight or singly.

The color of Canada's new two cent Imperial postage stamp is black, with Great Britain and its many worldly possessions indicated in red ink on the map of the world which constitutes the design of the stamp. This design is engraved in an oblong border having horizontal and vertical lines to represent latitude and longitudinal lines. A blue background appears within the lines constituting the border.

The Puzzle Folio.

Somewhat in accordance with our announcement in the September number we again include this department as one of the many unexcelled features of "Our Superb Monthly," but in our September announcement we promised to have "Our Puzzle Folio" ready for our October number, but later trying to oblige the editor in charge of same, "Uncle Bill," we decided to wait until we began our new volume and here we are.

NEW SERIES: FIRST MONTH.

1. Diamond:

1, a letter; 2, to hinder; 3, one who bales; 4, sweet flag; 5, to relax; 6, the track of a wheel; 7, a letter.

Coal Valley, Pa. T. AUKY.

2. Diamond:

1, a letter; 2, an exclamation; 3, conceals; 4, a flat iron; 5, a water fowl; 6, a male child; 7, a letter.

Pittsburg, Pa. UNCLE BILL.

3. Diamond:

1, a letter; 2, to place; 3, subject to a penalty; 4, a fugitive; 5, of a yellowish dark color; 6, a wager; 7, a letter.

4. Diamond:

1, a letter; 2, a Hebrew dry measure; 3, an alloy of lead and tin, (Chinese use for tea canisters); 4, the part of the turtle attached to the lower shell; 5, a two-footed animal; 6, a boy's nick-name; 7, a letter.

Pittsburg, Pa. J. K.

5. Diamond:

1, a letter; 2, a carriage; 3, to desire earnestly; 4, spoils; 5, to commence; 6, a number; 7, a letter.

All are invited to compete in these contests and all puzzelistic friends are invited to also send in contributions for this department, addressed to Kiefer Publishing Co., "Puzzle Department," 97 Liberty St., Allegheny, Pa. Be sure to not omit the "Puzzle Department" when writing, so that it may fall in proper hands and thus insure insertion.

All answers will be published in our next number, also the names of those sending in correct answers.

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What Will 1899 Bring Forth?

By Phil A. Telist.

The new year has made its appearance and of course everybody, including the philatelist, is asking the question which is the title of this article. Some people judge the future by the past, and as the past has been, for philately at least, somewhat gloomy, so they say they cannot see that the new year will improve matters much. But thanks to the good sense of the majority of stamp collectors there are a goodly number who can look upon the bright side of things, and who have made up a good resolution on the first of the year, namely, that they will do *their* share towards advancing philately in the present year, and if they will carry out their good resolve there is no reason why we should not witness the most prosperous year in philately both to collector and dealer in 1899. We occasionally hear people complaining that this dealer has taken advantage of them, or that another dealer has not kept his promise which he made in his advertisements; but if these people will but reflect a moment they will see that in most cases they themselves were to blame quite more than the dealer. For instance: A dealer advertises a mixture containing stamps from Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines etc., at a low price. Now this advertisement is read by young Mr. Wantmuch, who straightway sends the required sum, and in due course of time receives the mixture. He finds it contains stamps from Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines, but there are also other stamps in the mixture, while he had expected the *entire mixture* to be composed of stamps of the countries named, which at the selling price that he paid would be an impossibility, and so the dealer is blamed. But Mr. Wantmuch does not stop to think that advertising space costs money, and that it would be next to impossible for the dealer to enumerate exactly every stamp which the mixture contained because his advertising bill would be so high that his profits could not pay therefor.

Now right here let us give the stamp collector a little friendly advice, and we hope thereby to smooth his philatelic pathway in such a manner that collecting stamps will be a pleasure to him. In the first place let him take his catalogue and mark off therein with a small dash such stamps as he has in his collection. He will thus know at once what stamps he is short of, and when he sees stamps advertised such as he wants for his collection, he can see exactly what the catalogue price is, and whether the stamps advertised are bargains or only advertised as leaders to draw attention to the ad. If the difference between prices enumerated in an advertisement and catalogue prices are very great, it is safe to assume that the stamps are not first grade, they may be what is usually termed "seconds,"

that is they may be heavily canceled, be off center, or have other defects. In such cases always take the dealer's offer "with a grain of salt" and don't expect too much, as the dealer is in the business for the purpose of selling stamps at a living profit. If my gentle reader will take this timely bit of advice he will find that he will get vastly more pleasure from his stamp collection this year than ever before. But the year just begun will also bring forth quite a number of new dealers who, thinking that selling stamps is a "picnic," will advertise on as large a scale as possible, and then—well let the philatelic press inform the public what has become of him—when he is out of business, out of cash, and when the bill collector is chasing him high and low with varying success.

Another crop which will blossom forth in the philatelic field will be a goodly number of "frauds" of all kinds, but let them beware; Uncle Sam has heretofore been somewhat lenient with them, but the large number of frauds convicted in the past year and the heavy sentences imposed have shown that old Uncle Samuel will not be so merciful to them as heretofore.

The philatelic field is at present so large and diversified that the specialists will come forwa d in larger numbers than ever before, but as specialists are usually advanced collectors our hobby can only be benefitted thereby.

The indications are that in this year we will have more auction sales than ever before, and we should advise all our readers to attend any auction sale which they are able to, as they will learn many things which they were ignorant of, besides forming new acquaintances and increasing their collections.

But this year will also witness the birth and death of quite a number of philatelic publications. We would earnestly caution every aspirant for fame as a publisher to think twice before embarking on the stormy sea of literature, for on every land we see the wrecks of former fine literary efforts, and many a young man can be pointed out as a "has been" and failure.

In conclusion we can say that when all things are considered we shall have a good prosperous year in philately for all parties concerned, for there are vast numbers of people who will take up stamp collecting in earnest, and then there will be others who are attracted by the numerous new issues and commemorative stamps to largely swell the philatelic ranks. Therefore let every well wisher of philately put forth his best efforts to do all he can for our hobby and it is safe to say that if he will do this the present year will bring forth more genuine pleasure, joy and gladness than any previous year ever did.

The issuance of a 4 cent stamp to pay double postage at the imperial rate, is contemplated by the Canadian government.

The new imperial stamps of Canada appear in various varieties of color. The sea is colored a light lavender in the first printing; a light blue in the second, and, as understood, the color is to be changed to dark blue in later printings.

St. Louis Notes.

By Ecol Hector.

The Standard Stamp Co. has sent to its patrons and friends a fine New Year card, and in one corner thereof is affixed a Canada Xmas 1898 stamp.

The Stamp Exchange, which is conducted by the Mekeel Brothers, of St. Louis, is holding two auctions every month, and although the attendance at first was slim, it is a fact worth noting that the crowds are getting larger with each succeeding sale. St. Louis is almost in the center of the United States, and we hope to see the auction business grow to large proportions.

Mr. C. E. Hussman, who is known far and wide as a dealer in high grade stamps, has removed his office from the aristocratic West Belle Place and is now located at the Fullerton Building, in the heart of the city, and within two blocks of the post office.

The many friends of that refined gentleman and thorough student of philately, Rev. J. W. Higson, will be somewhat surprised to learn that he has left St. Louis, and is now located at Detroit City, Minn. Shortly after his arrival there he was taken ill, but he speedily recovered and we hope he will continue to enjoy the best of health hereafter.

The Century Stamp Club, of St. Louis, held its 30th regular meeting Dec. 15, 1898. The attendance was good; a new member was admitted and quite a lot of stamps were exchanged. This is the only real live stamp club in St. Louis, and it invites all collectors in St. Louis and vicinity to join. Any desired information will be cheerfully supplied by the secretary Mr. A. L. Wissmann, 1104 South 13th St., St Louis, Mo.

Boys who collect stamps are bound to make good business men. A boy called at the office of a local concern lately and asked for a ten cent packet of stamps. This was handed him, but before taking it he inquired whether all the stamps enumerated in the price list in which the packet was described were actually therein. He was assured they were. He next inquired if he could trade back such stamps as he already had, at a discount, and take other stamps therefor, but the dealer fearing that the boy might want to do business on the so called "endless chain plan" refused, so the boy took the packet and departed. In relating the incident the dealer remarked: "That boy was one of the smartest youngsters I ever met. If I had given him any encouragement, he would some day be bold enough to try and trade off his mother-in-law for stamps.

Beware of the 18c Labuan, 1892 issue, error, bearing the inscription "postal" instead of "postage." A block of four was sold some time ago for $1.75. Dealers now advertise them as low as nine cents, this with a reasonable profit, although their face value is equal, to. 10½ cents.

The $5 newspaper stamp surcharged for revenue, is printed in two different ways. One is with the surcharge reading from top to bottom and the other from bottom to top.

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Editorials.

The January number of the Virginia Philatelist is just as interesting as ever and a little bit more so.

The Allegheny Mailing Agency, of 75 Perry street, have some interesting ads. in this issue. Write them.

The Tri-Monthly Collector, a magazine issued three times a month, now takes the place of The Columbian Philatelist, The American Collector and The Rocky Mountain Stamp, by the former publisher of the above trio, J. F. Dodge. It is a most unique and interesting magazine.

A 4c stamp, to pay double postage at the imperial rate, is soon to be issued by Canada.

Friend French, can't you surprise us with an exchange of two copies of one issue at least occassionally?

The Philatelic West and Camera News is another of those we would call a first-class magazine. Write our friend L. T. Broadstone, Superior, Neb., for a specimen copy.

Mr. E. G. Rathbone, the new Director of Posts, for Cuba, took possession of posts in Cuba at 12 o'clock, January 1st, 1899, and personally raised Old Glory over the Havana Post Office.

Burton's 41st auction sale catalogue certainly was a corker. Are they all gotten up as neat? Also, let us say that any of our readers desiring to receive same regularly can do so by writing to Judson N. Burton, Madison, New York.

On New Year's day the two-cent letter rate to all Canada and the United States was inaugurated. The Postmaster General is enabled to put in operation the two cent domestic rate by reason of a permissive act passed at the last session of Parliament authorizing the government, when deemed advisable, to reduce the Canadian letter rate to two cents. In fixing the date for the inauguration of the two-cent domestic rate, the government has had regard to the Canadian system of keeping the public accounts, according to which the fiscal year begins July 1. Thus it was thought best to bring the change into operation on the first day of the second half of the fiscal year.

A philatelic branch has been added to the library of the war department in Washington.

Two shades of the 10c Ohama, one a handsome deep purple-black, have been discovered by Geo. S. McKearin.

Queensland has abandoned perforations, and the 1 penny stamp has already appeared with saw tooth roulette.

The 1 centime to 1 gourde set of Hayti, which appeared recently, is to be recalled on account of some trifling errors.

On January 1, the new schedule for envelopes went into effect. All prices on stock on hand will be reduced at once, or in other words, the issue now in use is to be worked off at new rates. The use of manilla and amber-manilla paper will be discontinued. The shape 14 will appear on both first and second quality paper.

The 2 d. and 4 d. British South Africa, brought as high as $6 a piece three years ago. Later, after it was discovered that 30,000 of each variety had been printed, the price dropped to about 75c at once.

The terms of the postal arrangements between Canada and the United States are such that the reduction will apply to letters to all points in the republic. It has also been decided that the 3 cent stamp no longer being required, there will be no more issues of it after the present supply is exhausted. When the present supply of green two-cent stamps is exhausted, it will be necessary to change the color to that of the three cent domestic stamp, according to the suggestion of the Postal Union.

A system of monthly European circuits, managed by a central office in Paris, is now one of the features of the American Philatelic Association.

According to J. C. Morgenthau & Co., the boy king set, of Cuba, has been counterfeited. Cancelled forgeries of the 3 and 6 centavo values have been found. They are rough lithographs, irregularly perforated.

The genuineness of the early stamps of the Azoes, according to The Pittsburg Leader, may often be determined by the cancellation, which should be in the shape of large figures, from 42 to 49. These numbers represented the eight post offices on the island.

The Coamo provisionals, issued by the alcalde of the town in the first days of the American occupation are exciting widespread interest. These are rude labels, bearing the type-set inscription "Correos–5 Cent.–Coamo." Four varieties of type were used.

The values of the new United States surcharges for use in Cuba are the 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c, and in all probilities the 4c. The 2c is surcharged 2½c de peso; also 2c de peso on 2c. Probably on account of this dual use the recall of the 2c stamp has been ordered.

The island of Crete, under the rule of Prince George as high commissioner of the powers, is to have a set of stamps of its own. The design will show the picture of an ancient coin, with the head of Juno and an inscription in Greek characters in the center, and is being executed by a French artist.

British Colonials.

The article published in the December number, regarding the varieties in inverted and reversed watermarks of the stamps of the British Colonies, has brought me many letters from advanced specialists of these countries, with remarks and information that prove that I am not alone in thinking that these interesting varieties are worthy to be collected and listed, just as well as the variety watermarked sideways.

Since my former article was published I have found some few varieties which together with the ones I am so kindly informed of by my correspondents, (to whom I tender my thanks) I will mention for the benefit of my readers.

The following are found with inverted watermarks:

Country	Dte	Val.	Color	Waterm'k
Great Britain..	1862	1 sh	green	Her'l'ic emb.
Hong Kong.....	1862	96c	gray	Cr. and C. C.
Mauritius.....	1863	1 p.	brown	Cr. and C. C.
New S. Wales	1860	6 p.	gray	d'ble lined 6
"	1860	6 p.	violet	" " 6
"	1863	1 p.	red	s'gle lined 1
"	1882	3 p.	green	l'ge cr. n s w.
Sierra Leone...	1873	1 p.	rose	Cr. and C. C.
Straits Setlm'ts	1868	2c	brown	Cr. and C. C.
Tasmania.....	1857	1 p.	carm'e	d'ble lined 1
"	1857	1 p.	red	" " 1
"	1857	4 p.	blue	" " 4
"	1857	4 p.	d'k bl'e	" " 4
"	1857	6 p.	lilac	" " 6
"	1864	1 p.	carm'e	" " 1
"	1864	1 p.	red	" " 1
"	1864	4 p.	blue	" " 4
"	1870	2 p.	green	single line 2
"	1870	1 p.	red	slanting 10
Victoria	1878	1 sh	blue	V. and Cr.
"	1890	1 p.	r'd b'n. & blue	V. and Cr

An error in the watermark does not always make a stamp more valuable than its correct brother, for while in most cases they are the scarcest, in others they are the commonest variety and do not command an advanced price. As an instance I will call attention to the stamps of Grenada, with watermarked Crown and C. A. issue of

1883, ½ p. green.
" 1 p. rose.
" 2½ p. blue.
" 4 p. slate.
" 6 p. mauve.
" 8 p. bistre.
" 1 sh. violet.
1887, 1 p. rose.

Provisional stamps of

1891, 1 p. on 8 p, bistre.
" 2½ on 8 p. bistre,

and including the Unpaid Letter stamps which were surcharged on postage stamps of the 1883 issue,

1892, 1 p. on 8 p bistre.
" 1 p. on 6 p. mauve.
" 2 p. on 8 p. bistre.
" 2 p. on 6 p. mauve.

All of the above stamps are to be found with inverted watermarks, but they are not scarcer than the right ones, as these stamps were printed "Tete-beche," that is one right and one inverted.

I wish to say to some of my correspondents, who seem to have misunderstood me, that while I believe these varieties of inverted and reversed watermarks should be listed, it was not my intention to say that I considered this or that catalogue no good because it did not include them. A general catalogue requires a great deal of work, and naturally is subject to errors and omissions. Furthermore it is not to be expected, for the time being at least, that a catalogue to be put in the hands of the general public should list varieties that are mostly of interest only to a class of specialists, and not to the majority of collectors. Anyway a catalogue can only be perfect in the listing of the stamps, and not as to prices,

the market value of the stamps changing constantly, it is a matter of impossibility for a price catalogue to be absolutely correct.

GEORGE CARION.

Connecticut Valley Musings.

By Henry A. Chapman.

INTRODUCTORY.—The writer is located in the small town of Rocky Hill, eight miles from Hartford, the capital of Connecticut. Although my home is in a small place, I am as much in touch with philatelic matters as when residing in Hartford, where I lived 36 years. We have here four mail arrivals daily and as many outgoing. I trust I shall be able to please the readers of THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, for which journal I have engaged to furnish a letter monthly.

STAMPS WORTH FULL CATALOGUE.—Mr. Willard O. Wylie is an intelligent writer, and generally knows what he is talking about. His series of three articles in The Boston Stamp Book, giving lists he and his advisers considered worth full catalogue, stirred up some discussion. Generally speaking, with few exceptions, the facts bear out his assertions, if good specimens are to be taken into account. Dealers have advertised the stamps he mentioned at discount, but, as he says, they didn't do it very long. There are some scribes who pooh-pooh at everybody else, and seem to think they know it all, and Mr. Wylie has been a target for them, but it looks as if he was their equal as an expert, and, as a writer of readable articles, he is as much above them as a mountain over a sand hill.

POOR JOURNALISM.—In a recent issue of The Weekly Philatelic Era, a correspondent says he can read all there is in The Metropolitan Philatelist in five to ten minutes, it takes a much longer time to while peruse the Era. That kind of talk is foolish. It must be remembered that one is published at 25 cents a year while the other costs 50 cents. They are both worth more than they cost. For myself I think Father Scott's "weekly letter" worth more than the subscription price of his journal. He can say more in twenty words than the majority of scribes can in two hundred, and has a faculty of condensation worthy of imitation.

FLIES LIKE STAMPS.—A correspondent in a contemporary relates how flies eat the gum off the new revenue stamps, necessitating the use of sticking material to hold them on where they belong. The past summer was remarkable for excessive humidity, and when the regular stamps were not stuck fast together, they seemed to be bare of gum, and perhaps the flies were to blame for that also.

WHERE PEOPLE ARE MISLED.—Some people are not always posted on the exact values of stamps, and oftentimes mistake the meaning of the letter "C," or the word "cents" on them. The republic of Hayti uses centime values, the six lower ones being worth 4⅗ cents of our money and the five lower ones 3 cents. The unwary collectors may be induced to pay the advertised prices of 40 and 20 cents, asked by dealers for them, but a charge of 40 cents for 4⅗ cents seems a pretty exorbitant price, whereas to pay 20 cents for 3 cents is bad enough.

A HANDSOME NEW SET OF STAMPS.—The stamps of Uganda, Africa. have hitherto been plain affairs, of local manufacture, type-set. A handsome new set of seven stamps has appeared, ranging in value from one anna to five rupees. The five anna values are about the ordinary size, bearing Queen Victoria's likeness, surrounded by banana leaves, with an elephant's head on each side; the two rupee values are stamps larger than the Trindad jubilee, having also the queen's head, with a background of palms, two lions occupying the lower corners. The colors are as follows: 1a, carmine; 2a, brown lilac; 3a, gray; 4a, dark green; 8a, olive; 1r, ultramarine; 5r, brown. The anna values are watermarked with a crown and C. A., the rupee values with a crown and C. C.

HIS EYES ARE OPENED.—Edgar Nelton, in a letter to The Weekly Philatelic Era, says: "I wish to correct any impression that I am a speculator or boomer in British North America stamps, although practically complete in that group and having a good stock in both old and new issues. I regret to say that the speculative modern new issue taint has crept into this interesting group and no doubt affected the valne of all old issues, and I regret to state that I have kept right along and bought the Canada Jubilee and Newfoundland mushroon issues, and seriously think of hiring some one to kick me around the block for so doing, but when it came to the New Zealand 'kit and kat flock,' my eyes were opened and I closed in one, as the theatrical cult say, and am buying no more new issues to discount, after holding five years, at 15 per cent. below face."

HOW TO ADVERTISE.—I have read many articles on this subject, and probably shall read many more. I have my ideas on the subject, however, and will give them briefly. The method of advertising depends on the article or articles for sale. If a dealer has a specialty which sells itself he does not need to change his "ad." at all, but he does need to have it continuously before the public to let folks know he is alive. If the dealer has a really good thing, like one I could mention, 400, all different, for a one dollar bill, he only needs to keep it in sight. If the dealer has a large variety of articles to sell, he should constantly change his "ads.," use taste in regard to his display lines, and give his printer instructions accordingly. It also makes a vast difference where you place your "ads." The dealer who has the specialty I have named told me that he received better results from a certain journal than all others. The journal he named is not credited with a large circulation, and does not make a bombastic allusion to any. It is not classed as a lofty dissiminator of news, but, and here is the one great point in its favor, it does appear regularly. The writer acted on his informant's advice and tried the same journal himself, and has received more replies to an "ad." from it than all others combined. It is not a journal I have been interested in, so I have no "axe to grind" in speaking of it. You must issue you journal promptly to get dealers to patronize it, and

they certainly desire to have their bargains set forth regularly. You may be able to convince a few—very few—readers that the "excellence" of your journal is "worth waiting for;" but you cannot convince the level headed advertiser that the setting forth of his new bargain can stand any such waiting for. One dealer might have an article in a prompt publication and be selling his bargain "like hot cakes," while another might not see his "ad" of the same article till the novelty had all worn off, and he would be left with something on his hands which would have to be "scaled" one-half or two-thirds. Dealers who compete should be careful to advertise just as low as they can and make a reasonable profit. No matter how good the medium, if you advertise a ½ cent jubilee for 40 cts., you cannot blame it for not benefiting you, if another dealer in the same journal agrees to furnish it for 17 cts., and, the latter is getting a good deal more for the little black sticker than he ought to.

"Brazil at last has a surcharged stamp. The remainder of the 100 reis, violet, newspaper stamps of 1890, has been surcharged in black, "200" over the numerals "100" and the date "1898" over the word "Jornaes." This stamp may be used for correspondence of any kind."

The Mon Jour has seen a curiosity from British Central Africa. It is the long rectangular £10, brown, fiscal, surcharged "six shillings," in black, and then divided vertically into two 3 s. stamps.

Our Canadian Letter.

Having had the pleasure of being requested by "ye Editor" to furnish a monthly letter to the Allegheny Philatelist. I take great pleasure in writing the following notes, and hope to give my readers every month, the latest news from the land of the maple tree. Nuf sed.

—JOIN—

A special meeting of the officers of the D. P. A. was held in Toronto on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, Nov. 24, 1898. The following were present: Pres. Bailey in the chair, C. S. Applegath, Geo. W. Starnaman, W. Starnaman, F. I. Weaver, N. Matches, G. W. Hicks, R. S. Mason and W. B. Grant.

Several D. P. A. members were also present. A very enjoyable day was spent, and it was demonstrated to the philatelic world, that our "society" is not dead but very much alive. Apropos to the above, the secretary's books show that after all dead-wood has been cleared away, we have remaining 178 members and 20 applications for December.

—THE—

The following has been clipped from the Montreal Daily Star:

"Ottawa, December 16.—The Post Office department has a large quantity of the higher denominations of the Jubilee stamps still on hand. They expect to work them off in connection with the newspaper postage."

—D. P. A.—

Things are getting rather tangled up here of late. We have two weekly papers, each claiming to be the only and original "Canadian Philatelic Weekly." One is published in Toronto, the other in Berlin.

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New Issues.

U. S.—The W. S. N. reports the 5c proprietary, current issue, perforated 12.

The $30 documentary stamp, in bright red, was issued December 2nd.

A 65 reis blue on gray letter card has been issued for use in Angra.

BELGIUM.—The 50c postage stamp, with Sunday label, appears in a color-gray. The 2c newspaper stamp now comes in violet brown.

It is rumored that the entire current issue is to receive some surcharge, (V. R. suggested) in order that any attempt to dispose of stamps supposedly stolen may be checked.—Metro. Phil.

After regularly chronicling the 3d. Great Britain with "Bechuanaland Protectorate" surcharge, the English papers are now disclaiming all knowledge of any such variety.

The British South Africa Company have issued two more varieties of the new types—6 d. lilac, 1 s. ochre.

The color of the Bahamas shilling stamp is now blue-green, a very distinct shade from the previous supply.

The 20c red-brown and the 30c rose stamps, of the Waterlow series for China, have appeared.

The map of the world on a postage stamp is accomplished as witness the new Canadian 2c stamp. The Metro. Phil., states that futher printings will be in black, red and green instead of black, red and blue.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 2c stamp with the portrait of the Prince of Wales, in the Postal Union color, has now been issued:—2c vermilion red.—A. J. of P.

PUERTO RICO.—The A. J. of P. says that during the time between the signing of the protocol on August 12th, and the final transfer of of the island, on Oct. 17th, to the U. S., Puerto Rico stamps of all kinds were accepted in full prepayment of postage and the surcharges previously referred to, were used during this period. This refers to surcharged Impuesto de Guerra.

The 2 r. 50c stamp of Ceylon has been printed in a new color—violet or red.

CUBA :—The W. S. N. states that upon the exhaustion of the 1c and 5c of the 1898-'99 set, the 1c and 5c of the 1896 set were placed on sale without any distinctive surcharge as was the policy adopted in Puerto Rico.

Current U. S. stamps of the 1, 2, 5, and 10c values have been surcharged for use in Cuba. The 1c will be known as the 1 cent de peso, the 2c as the 2½cent de peso, the 5c as the 5 cent de peso and the 10c as the 10c de peso. It is also stated, an entire new set is in preparation. The designs will include a portrait of Columbus, a Cuban scene, one will typify "Industry," another "Commerce" etc. The rate of letter postage, 5 cents for half an ounce, will not be changed for the present.

A provisional official stamp made by surcharging the 50c lilac "Correos—5 cents—Oficial" in black, is announced from Ecuador. Two new wrappers are also announced—2c yellow and 3c ultramarine. Size 145x235 mm.

From Chili comes a new value of the current, 30 centavos carmine.

The 1 rupee, carmine and black stamp, of Jhind, has been surcharged. Service in black, for official use.

The following additional values of the Mexican current issue have been seen upon unwatermarked paper: 10c rose lilac, 12c olive, 20c brown lilac, 50c violet, 1 p. brown and 10 p. deep blue.

Three more surcharges are chronicled for Fernando, Po.

5 centavos on 12½ brown blue surcharge.
5 " " 2c rose " "
50 " " 2c " " "

—Metro. Phil.

The new 65 r. letter card has been issued iin Funchal.

GIBRALTAR—In addition to the adhesive stamps already chronicled, the following have also been issued.

Registration Envelope.

2 p. red 134x83 mm.

Wrappers.

½ p. deep green 125x300 mm.
1 p. carmine " "

Postal Cards.

½ p. green 120x75 mm.
½x½ p. " " "
1 p. carmine 140x89 mm.
1x1 p. " " "

A fresh supply of the surcharged stamps for the Morocco agencies, shows that the broken letter "A" has been replaced.

GUATEMALA.—Five more surcharges to add to the list:

1c on 10c blue green, red surcharge.
2c on 5c violet, " "
2c on 10c blue green, " "
2c on 50c deep blue, " "
2c on 25c carmine, black surcharge.

The 150c of the 1886 issue has been seen with the surcharge inverted.

The 5c blue envelope has been surcharged in black, 2 centavos, also 6 centavos.

Four values of unpaid letter stamps are announced for Hayti:

2c deep blue, 10c orange,
5c bistre, 50c black.

FERNANDO, PO.—The 10c revenue has been surcharged Habilitado Para-Correo 15c de Peso, in both blue and black.

From Honduras comes a lot of new stamps. Two new values of the locomotive type head the list: 50c red orange and 1 p. blue green.

The following values of arms type have been issued. 1c yellow, 2c gray blue, 5c black, 5c red, 10c black on gray, 10c black brown. This last set bore the inscription "Republica Mayor de C. A." As the "Greater Republic of Central America" is completely "busted," Honduras may stick to the arms type.

The following Hungarian stamps have appeared with the watermark Crown in circle.

1 k. black and black.
3 k. green " "
5 k. rose " "
10 k. blue " "
20 k. gray " "
24 k. puce and red.
30 k. olive green and brown.
Newspaper stamp, 1 k. orange.

From India comes the news of a ½ a. provisional service stamp. The stamp surcharged is the ½ a. blue, and the surcharge being manuscript. The Phil. Jour. of India, illustrates a pair on the original cover.

ITALY—The 1 lira. stamp has been noted with the numeral in carmine.

The current 4c stamp, of Mexico, has been seen upon the unwatermarked paper.

MACAO.—The 1 avo. on 5 reis, of 1894, has been seen with the surcharge inverted.

The Metro. Phil. has seen the current 2½ p. purple stamp, of New South Wales, perforated, both 11½x11 and 12x12.

Panama has a provisional registration stamp made by surcharging the current 10c stamps with a large "R" and "Colon" in a circle. 10 cents, orange, violet, surch.

PERU.—Two postage due stamps, 5 soles, light green and 10 soles, lilac, have been issued.

The stamp upon the newspaper wrapper has been changed to green.

Four values of pictorial postal cards have been issued:

1 centavo, violet.
2 centavos, red.
3 " greenish black.
4 " brown.

There are said to be about forty different views.

The A. J. of P. chronicles these two new surcharges from Puerto Rico.

5c light green, 1891 issue, car. surcharge.
6c orange, " " " "

The surcharge consists of the following: "Habilitado–Para–1898 y. '99."

Attention is called to the following as there is some doubt as to their having any official organ.

The 2 m. rose, 8c brown, 10c pink, 10c rose and 20c red, of the 1890-97 types, are reported surcharged diagonally in these lines. 1898–Provisional–1899.

The 5 m. stamp of the 1898–99 type is also reported with the surcharge "Habilitado–4 ctvs."

The same journal states that the "Impuesto de Guerra" surcharge has been very skillfully forged, but it may be detected by the fact that the word "Guerra" is too short by about the length of one letter.

TUNIS.—The new 20c adhersive has been perforated with "T" for use as a postage due stamp.

From the Mon. Jour. we gleam that the Portugese stamps which have been declared obsolete, will be surcharged and put into circulation again. The large quantities of stamps returned from the various colonies will also be used in the same way.

The 4 pence, yellow, figures in all corners, has been added to the current set of Queensland.

A new issue is appearing from Rhodesia. The design is similar to that of the first issue, but has numerals in the upper corners.

1 p. rose. 6 p. violet. 1 s. green.

SERVIA.—The 5. para letter card has appeared in a new color. 5. paras, green or greenish.

The following are also in new colors:

Post. cards, 5x5 paras, green.
10 " red.
10x10 " "

The Straits Settlements now has a $5.00 stamp. Color, orange and carmine.

SALVADOR.—The 24s, yellow, official stamp, issue of 1897, has been seen with the surcharge inverted.

SAMOA.—The 5 p. now appears in deep red—a much darker shade.

The 1sh. carmine has been surcharged 2½ d. in black.

ST. VINCENT.—A new issue was announced to be placed on sale January 1st, 1899.

Sierra Leone now has an envelope and a wrapper, both of the type of the new St. Lucia set.

The envelope stamp is 2½ d. in ultramarine. Size, 133x106 mm. The wrapper is 125x98 mm. and the stamp is printed in dark green. Value ½ d.

ZANZIBAR.—The current French 10c unpaid stamp has been surcharged "1–Anna–Zanzibar" in deep blue, for use here.

The current issue of stamps for the Austrian Post Offices in the Levant, is appearing in a small perforation, guaging 13 all around. Thus far we have seen only two values, but presume that the others will follow before long. 20 pa. on 5 kr. rose, 1 pi. on 10 kr. ultramarine.

The 1 anna, of Zanzibar, has been surcharged British, East Africa, for use in that country,

BULGARIA.—The 5c yellow-green now comes with perforation 11½ instead of 13. The 10 s. is printed on thick paper, and the 15 s. and 25 s. on thin paper.

We understand that all stamps of the current issue, adhesives and newspaper, of Brazil, are to be surcharged with a value approximately double the original reading. The 200 on 100 r. is already chronicled. The remaining surcharges are to be as follows:

50 r. on 20 r.	1000 r. on 500 r.
100 r. on 50 r.	1000 r. on 700 r.
500 r. on 200 r.	2000 r. on 1000 r.
700 r. on 300 r.	

The 200 r. Unpaid Letter stamp comes in various shades, from gray lilac to deep purple.

From a foreign paper we glean that a 30c Unpaid Letter stamp may be expected from Chili.

An entire new outfit of adhesives, envelopes, wrappers, cards, officials, unpaid letter and telegraph stamps may be expected from Ecuador, during this year.

A new 70 centime stamp may be expected soon from Switzerland.

GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA.—The hyphen between Sudwest and Africa is now omitted, the compound being spelt as one word. Surcharge in black.

3 pf. brown. 25 pf. orange.
5 pf. green. 50 pf. red-brown.
10 pf. carmine. 20 pf. blue.

Postal Cards.

5 pf. green. 10 pf. carmine.
5x5 pf. green. 10x10 pf. carmine.

Guatemala, apparently, is short of 6c stamps, as the 1 peso, purple, the 5 pesos, gray violet and 10 pesos dark emerald green have been surcharged 6c in black.

URUGUAY.—Four surcharges were resorted to, pending the arrival of the 5 m. (½c) stamp which is used for postage on newspapers. The following stamps have been surcharged "Provisional–½–Centesimo."

1c Jubilee issue of 1896.
2c blue of 1895.
5c Jubilee issue of 1896.
7c green of 1895.

The new 5c milesimos stamp is now on sale, and will probably end the surcharging.

Canadian Notes.

By Charles Bailey.

Beginning with this number I am pleased to announce that with the permission of the publishers, I will endeavor to furnish from month to month, philatelic notes of interest from Canada to the readers of The Allegheny Philatelist.

Our P. O. department in Ottawa has now in preparation, the high value numeral issue, 15c to $5.00, which shall be placed on sale when the jubilees are exhausted.

The British East Africa, 1898, 1 p. on 3 shillings, is quoted at 70-50-35 cts. respectively, by three Toronto dealers. It is needless to say, that the dealer selling them at 35 cts. each, is making the largest number of sales for that particular stamp.

Although somewhat late to announce the appearance of the new 2 cent Imperial stamp, now more commonly known as the Xmas stamp, I believe a few remarks (aside from what has already appeared in the philatelic press) will be accepted, although not entirely original.

The stamp was placed on sale in Montreal and Toronto on Dec. 8th, and has evidently gained favor with the general public, if not with the skeptic philatelist, from the fact that $1,700 worth were disposed of in three days sale in the Toronto postoffice. Up to date, Dec. 29th, plates 1 and 2 have appeared. The coloring of the stamps from plate 1, was black, red and lavender. A change has been made on the printings from plate 2, as they now appear black, red and sea green, and as these two shade varities will likely be recognized by Scott in his 59th edition catalogue, I would advise collectors to secure copies of each while they can be obtained at face value.

Rumors of a great "philatelic find" in Montreal have reached me, but whether of the Hair Line Trunk kind or not, I am unable to state. I expect however to be in a position to furnish in my next month's notes, a full account of a valuable "find," recently made in Toronto.

Toronto dealers are continually "picking up" good things. Only recently I was shown a superb copy of the Canada, 1857, ½ p. perforated unused, that was turned in at face value.

Local stamp clubs in Canada do not seem to meet with a great amount of success. The Hamilton, Ont., and the Halifax, N. S., stamp clubs, which I had every reason to believe where in a healthy, prosperous condition last winter, have not as yet announced their intention through the philatelic press, to again organize this year, and are practically dormant. This is to be regretted, because to my mind, there are, through a local stamp club, many benefits, and helps to be derived from personal intercourse, that cannot be enjoyed through a national society, and the usefulness of a local club cannot be too highly estimated.

The philatelic club recently organized in Toronto, Ont., has been favored with a marked success since its formation, Sept. 27th last. With a membership list of over 20 active collectors, and the interest manifested is such that success is assured. Regular weekly meetings are held in its club rooms, Forum Bldg's., every Tuesday evening. Auction sales are held once a month, and as a member it is gratifying to me to see the good fellowship that is being extended, and the willingness of its members to help and advise each other on philatelic matters generally.

Read the ad. of Herman Lechner on another page and see if his stock does not include something you are in need of.

Notes and Items, Original or Otherwise.

By a Book Worm.

The Russians print their stamps on paper which has previously received a coating of whitening of chalk, mixed with gum water. The design is then printed on this coated paper, and when it is dipped into the water, this coating is washed away, carrying the design with it.

The one penny postage stamp of 1881 issue, of Great Britain, is printed in a fiery fugitive lake, which is readily destroyed by the action of chemical agents.

We have received many inquiries about the bright new series of 1872, that have been freely offered. They are counterfeits, although the lithographic stone from which they were printed was produced by transfers from the original stell dies. The counterfeits from this new stone are printed much better than the genuine, and the colors are brighter. The morie on the back is well imitated. These stamps are extremely dangerous fakes.

Forgeries of Stellaland stamps are occasionally met with; the following is an excellent description of them. Lithographed in sheets of 00 stamps, in color a shade lighter than the original, the whole design rather clearer than in most specimens of the genuine stamps, well perforated 13. (perforation of the genuine is 12.) The lettering of the forgeries is a trifle larger and more clear cut than in the originals. Tha principle difference is that in the forgeries both branches under the shield touch the ends of the scroll, whilst in

the originals, the right hand one only touches the end of the scroll, the left hand one being some distance from it. In the genuine stamps the lines in the quarter (upper right hand) of the shield bearing the star are moderately regular; in the forgeries the top six lines are very distinctly arranged in two groups of three lines.

The United States Postoffice department was the first to issue printed labels, for sealing matter handled by them. The first seal (1877) was used exclusively in the dead letter office at Washington for sealing letters which had been opened to ascertain the sender's name and address. The groundwork of the label, as we all know, consisted of "Post Obitum" many times repeated. This means "after death," and we are all permitted to assume that a letter is "dead," after it has been opened at the dead letter office. These labels were seldom, and as far as my observation extends, never found postmarked, possibly because they were only used at one office.

New York Correspondence.

By Mack.

With the holidays past, the demand for albums and cheap pockets, the kind for presents, etc., is about over. Some of the dealers present to their regular or "steady" customers, Scott's Supplementary Catalogue, gratis, as it is cherished more as a net price list, than a catalogue. Dealers can't very well allow large discounts from this list, as a good many of the stamps are priced at a small premium above face value.

It is rumored that the American Collectors Company, of this city, intends to launch upon the troubled sea of philatelic journalism a monthly publication, fashioned after the late lamented "stamps," with a few variations. Here's to its success.

I read with interest, in the December number of the Allegheny Philatelist, the quantity issued of the different denominations of Canada stamps, of the 1897 and '98 issues. From conclusions drawn, I should judge the eight cent jubilee stamps to be greatly overestimated, taking the market value of the ten cent stamp as a criterion. Why collectors should ever conceive the scarcity of the former in preference to the latter, is beyond my comprehension. I may say without fear of contradiction, that there are two eight cent stamps used to one ten cent stamp. The number of each denomination issue certainly corresponds with my conclusions. The six cent jubilee can't be worth much less than thirty-five cents to any collector. The eight cent value is worth about fifteen cents, and the ten cent value about twenty cents, of the "four maple leaves issue." It certainly proves that the six cent denomination should be as valuable as the ten cent, but the large number of unused copies in existence, makes it impossible to fix the market price much above face value for the cancelled stamp.

I have received a copy of the catalogue of the Philatelic Library of Joseph J. Casey, together with the collection of unused "modern" postage stamps, the property of a president of one of the Central

American Republics, by the J. W. Scott Co. A majority of the publications listed are foreign, principally French. Among some of the rarer books, (the complete volumes are handsomely and expensively bound in full and half morocco, and full cloth) I note the following:

Moen's, Le Timbre Poste, volume I, 1863, (complete and bound in half orange morocco,) to volume XXIX, 1891. London Philatelist, volume I, 1892 to volume V, 1896 complete. Alfred Smith & Co.'s. Stamp Collector's Magazine, volume IV, 1866 to volume XII, 1874, complete, with the exception of a few early numbers, but the loss is more than made up by complete duplicate volumes of 1866 and 1868 issues. Pemberton, Nilson & Co's., Philatelic Record, volume III, 1881, to volume XVII, 1895 complete; volume XV, 893, in duplicate. Of the American Journal I note: The American Journal of Philately, 1868, the first five volumes bound in one, in half morocco, also the same journal unbound volumes V and VI. The American Philatelist, first five volumes bound seperately in half green turkey morocco, and volume VI unbound. The Metropolitan Philatelist, the first six volumes unbound. Philatelic Journal of America, volume I, 1885, to volume X complete, unbound, and Post Office, first five volumes complete, unbound. There are just 261 lots comprising his sale of literature.

Watch for the counterfeit of the medio peso rose, Peru. It is rather coarsely printed on straw colored paper.

Curious Condensations.

By Cu Rious.

When a traveler in the Grand Duchy of Baden wants to send a telegram while he is on the train he writes the message on a post card, with the request that it be wired, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message is sent.

Apropos of the agitation on the subject of cheaper postage, between this country and Great Britain, it is pointed out that the cost of a first-class ocean passage between this country and Europe averages about $100. The charge for conveying the same weight of letters as the passenger weighs is $187.

The famous Bowery in New York was originally the road through the bouwerie, or the farm of Governor Stuyvesant of the Dutch colony of Amsterdam. It was the post route to Boston.

The first American postoffice in Havana was opened December 15. United States soldiers guarded the place and a large number of Americans were present. There was spirited bidding for the first 2c stamp sold. It was knocked down to F. C. Wills, a postal official, for $2.

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Wanted—Correct Prices.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

Nearly all philatelists have complained about the fictitious prices which are enumerated in every catalogue at present before the public. The philatelist can complain and keep on complaining but it seems that the catalogue compilers turn a deaf ear to his wants and wishes and ignore his persistent pleadings for correct prices. Now we cannot for all the world understand why this is so. We cannot see the sense of marking stamps up to a fictitious value and then allowing so and so many per cent. discount. Why not make a true and as nearly correct value as it is possible to obtain and then be done with it. We have heard quite a number of people who were not collectors ask, why prices are made fictitiously high and then sell stamps at all sorts of discounts from catalogue rates, they could not see the sense of it, and as we could not see it either the non-collector viewed it in the light of either downright foolishness, or at least as very unbusiness like, while some non-collectors say it is noting short of intent to defraud the gullible collector. While philately seems to most non-collectors nothing but child's play, still there are quite a number of people who could be interested therein if things were done on a common-sense plan. We have the picture of Franklin on our one cent stamps, and yet the catalogue prices go to show that we care noting for his common-sense teachings. On the 2c stamp we see the picture of Washington who never told a lie, and yet nearly every price in the catalogue is a rank lie, and thoroughly unreliable. Jackson, whose picture appears on the three cent stamp was a man beloved by the people because they had faith in him, but how can a philatelist look at present catalogue prices without losing all faith in the one pastime,—stamp collecting—which appeals to all the world. We say let there be a change and give correct prices and the sooner the better; away with all fictitious values and let us have true prices on which we can rely.

But it is not the collector alone who is bothered with fictitious prices, nay the dealer is far worse off. Let an intending purchaser approach him and inquire the price of any one or more stamps and he is told so and so much discount from catalogue but unless he is a good mental calculator he must needs get out his pencil and paper together with catalogue and start to figure it out, what the cost will be of the stamps he desires. Of course the man who has plenty of time will not mind this so much, but where the advantage comes in over the common-sense price we fail to comprehend. But the dealer is also at all times handicapped if he goes by catalogue figures when making purchases. We all know that there are lots of people who have stamps of which they may not know the true value. Suppose they ask a dealer what he will give therefor; perhaps it may be a stamp with which he is not very familiar, so he gets the cata-

logue to see what it is listed at. Of course the seller also sees the prices enumerated in the catalogue and when told that the dealer will pay 25 cents for a stamp listed at a dollar he naturally thinks the dealer is trying to rob him. But even those people who know nothing about prevailing catalogue prices are often quite indignant when they are offered one dollar for a stamp which catalogues five dollars, but is overpriced. They say stamps are sold at 50 off and expect nearly that much for their stamps and even if the dealer explains that the price quoted in the catalogue is far too high, the seller seems to think that he is being cheated if he sells for less. Anyone can readily see that inflated prices are annoying and confusing, and nothing can be said in favor of same. Suppose the Grocer would mark up his goods by 50 per cent. and then advertise them at half price, or if the Tailor should charge $100 for a suit of clothes and then try to gain favor with his customers and the public by giving 50 per cent discount, would such merchants be considered wise? We think not; and yet the same thing which is considered nonsensical in other lines of business is looked upon as perfectly proper in the stamp business. Small wonder then that a very large percentage of people ignore stamp collecting for just this reason.

But we hear the Catalogue compiler say "it is easier to criticise than to compile a catalogue," that is in the main true, but at the same time he cannot give one valid reason for inflated prices.

Now let the rank and file of stamp collectors take up the matter, and let the philatelic press come to the rescue, and we will soon see that there will be a change for the better. If the parties who publish catalogues at present are so far behind the times that they cannot give us correct and uninflated prices then by all means let the stamp collectors of the world get up a society which will take hold of the matter and publish a catalogue which will contain true prices of stamps etc. on which we can place some reliance. But if such a plan should not meet the approval of the majority of stamp collectors then the next best plan would be to agitate the matter in the philatelic press and let every philatelic society in the world pledge its entire support to those publishers who will give us a catalogue which will contain prices that can be relied upon, and which will be up-to-date, and free from the short-comings of those that are in use at the present time.

Getting Along Well Together.

"Can you oblige me with a sheet of paper?"

"Yes."

"And an envelope?"

"Yes."

"And a postage stamp?"

"No, but here's 2 cents."

"Thank you, that will do just as well."

"Don't you want me to bring you a letter box?"

"I'm afraid it will be too much trouble."

"Not at all. If you'll wait around here half a minute, I'll call up the Postal Department at Washington."

"May I ask you what for?"

"I'm going to request them to put the post office on wheels and have it follow you around."

"How kind! I'm afraid this package is a little heavy for one stamp. Haven't you 2 cents more?"

New Stamps for Cuba.

BY C. A. S.

Postal history is being made fast and furiously at Washington. The Postmaster-General has called upon the Secretary of the treasury to submit designs for a new series of stamps to be used in Cuba, when the contemplated changes in the system have been made. In the meantime United States stamps, with "Cuba" and the denomination printed across the face, will be sent to the island for temporary use. Nearly $200,000 worth of stamps have been surcharged, divided as follows: 2,000,000, 1 cent; 5,000,000, 2 cent; 1,000,000 5 cent and 200,000, 10 cent. There has been a great desire to secure sets of the new stamps, but at this writing none have been seen.

Several weeks ago Postmaster-General Smith dispatched a commission to Cuba to investigate the postal system and make the necessary improvements to conform to the new conditions of the island. The commission will make preparations for the office of postmaster, who will be appointed by the Postmaster-General. This officer will be the "Director of Posts for Cuba," and will have entire control of Cuban postal affairs. He will be nominally under the United States military authorities, but subject to orders from the Postmaster-General. Several military offices have now been established and are handling mail for the troops in the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio. When the Spanish have evacuated Matanzas, mail matter will be handled by the United States authorities as far as Santa Clara. The system is being completed as rapidly as possible.

It takes considerable time to execute a series of postage stamps, and while the new issue for Cuba was ordered several weeks ago, it will probably not be ready until the latter part of the month. This series will be used as long as the United States exercises a military rule over the island. Much interest is manifested in the new stamps, and all are anxious to get a glimpse of them. Speculation is current as to what the designs will be, but nothing definite has been given out. Rumor has it that one of the stamps will show a cane mill, with a cane field in the rear. Other denominations, it is said, will have for their subjects a bust of Columbus, "Industry" and "Commerce," the last named representing a full rigged ship, somewhat after the design of the twelve cent stamp of 1869. The rate to Cuba, 5 cents per half ounce, will not be changed for the present.

That the new series and the temporary one as well will have a big sale among collectors is a foregone conclusion. There has been more interest shown in the probable colonial issues than in those for domestic use, and now that the former has assumed a reality, the interest in them will increase when the issues appear. During the past week every collector you met was asking, "Have you seen the new Cubans?" But no one could answer in the affirmative. All want to see the United States surcharged "Cuba." Four denominations have been treated to the overprint 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, and the set will find a place in every American album. It will be better to get the stamps unused, which, in all probability, means that they will have to be secured from the island.

Collectors should make it a point to obtain a set of these stamps as soon as possible, for there is no tell-

ing how soon they may give way to the permanent issue. It is presumably the intention to use the new series as soon as the postal system of the island gets into good running order, and this is being rapidly accomplished. If the temporary issue is withdrawn in a few weeks—and it is possible, if not probable, that it will—these stamps will quickly advance in price. It is true over 8,000,000 have been surcharged, but one never knows what action may be taken in the postal affairs of this important West Indian colony. Spain, it must be remembered, sent nearly 15,000,000 stamps to Cuba during the first six months of 1897, and more will be required this year than ever, for the business of the island is fast increasing under American occupation.

There will be a demand for the new Cuban stamps in all parts of the world; in Europe especially they will find a ready sale. There was never a time when the stamps of a country which adopts another flag have not become immensely popular and it will be no exception with regard to Cuba. The oppressive policy with which Spain ruled the island was the chief cause of the war, and no colony has ever attracted and held the attention of the world as Cuba has in the past year. These factors would be sufficient to give a boom to the stamps of Madagascar, to say nothing of the issues of Cuba. Furthermore, the island is under the military rule of the greatest nation on earth; to put it tersely, or in the language of the people, "Look who is running things."

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Stampic Facts.

The following is a list of each value of the Omaha stamps issued:

1 cent,	70,304,200.
2 cents,	159,453,300.
4 "	4,918,200.
5 "	7,690,780.
8 "	2,923,900.
10 "	4,624,380.
50 "	530,180.
1 dollar,	56,790.
2 dollars,	56,080.

U. S. Revenues are to appear perforated instead of rouletted hereafter, several denominations having appeared already.

Canada's new 2c Penny Postage stamp is the first tri-colored stamp ever issued by that country.

The new envelope with the 2c embossed stamp upon it has been withdrawn, the stamp being printed in purple instead of red as required by the Berne Postal Regulations. Only a small number of these were issued, and only Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston had them on sale, the supplies on the way to the other postoffices having been stopped and returned. They were on sale but two days.

Report has it that the Bureau of Printing and Engraving has in preparation designs for a series of new stamps to be put in use in Cuba.

Private Peso cards are now admitted to the foreign mails. The cards must not be larger than the regular Jefferson type and bear a 2c stamp. Provided room is left for the name and address, advertising matter or pictures may be printed on the face.

The number of stamps shipped to Havana on December 23, 1898, surcharged on current U. S. stamps, was as follows:

1,000,000	1c	de	Peso	on	1c green.
4,000,000	2½	"	"		2c rose.
4,000,000	5	"	"		5c blue.
400,000	10	"	"		10c brown.

New Issues.

UNITED STATES.—The 2c adhesive has appeared in a peculiar vermilion-red shade. It is understood that the familiar carmine will be reverted too, the new shade being the result of a mistake in mixing the ink.

The stamped envelopes are appearing with a new watermark, U. S. P. O. D. '99, and with the stamp of a re-drawn type. The 1c in yellow green and the 2c in carmine have already appeared.

The "A. J. of P." notes the 4c brown of the 1895 issue and the current 5c Unpaid Letter stamp on laid paper.

The "Metropolitan Philatelist" states that private proprietary stamps will be issued for the following firms:

Lanman & Kemp, ½c, 1½c. 1½c.
Charles H. Fletcher, 1½c.
Hostetter & Co., 2½c.
Johnson & Johnson, ½c.
Piso Company, ½c.
Radway & Company, ½c.
Branca Bros, 4c.
Warner's Safe Cure, 3½c.

The 4c blue playing card stamp is now printed on paper watermarked U. S. I. R.

The entire supply of the Omaha stamps has been turned over to the Post Office Department by the Bureau.

The 2c carmine envelope, legal size, has been found with the old '94 watermark instead of the '99 watermark.

The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" announces the following new colors for Angra, Funchal, Horta and Ponta Delgada, as well as the home country.

15 reis, green, name and value in black.
25 reis, red, name and value in black.

The "Metropolitan Philatelist" states that it is definately settled that the 50,000 sets of Periodical stamps would be sold at $5.00 per set.

The 2c and 3c cards as well as the reply cards of the Argentine Republic may be expected with the surcharge "HABILITADO-4-CENTAVOS."

The Mon. Journal has seen the 3d stamp of Great Britain surcharged for British Bechuanaland, thus ending the doubt as to its existence.

The 4 annas stamp of Bundi now comes in a redrawn type—the dagger now points to the left instead of the right.

The following surcharged stamps have been received from Brazil:

100r on 50r	orange,	newspaper stamp,	purple	surch.
200r on 100r	black,	"	black	"
300r on 200r	purple,	"	?	"
1000r on 500r	yellow,	"	green	"
1000r on 700r	"	"	"	"
2000r on 1000r	"	"	"	"

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—A 1c stamp of an entirely new type has appeared. The design consists of the coat of arms in a circle, figure of value (1) in middle below it; the word "Correos" on a scroll across the top of the stamp; the words "Republica de Colombia" are on a curved label around the lower part of the circle, and the value is expressed in words at each side of the figure of value as previously located. 1 centavo, red orange on yellow.—*Weekly Stamp News.*

The "Monthly Journal" announces the receipt of a "Temporary" set of stamps from the island of Crete. The first type consists of inscriptions in Greek which have been translated as "Temporary—Post Off.—of Eracleon—paras 20," the lettering being in white on a more or less solid ground of color,

and the stamps imperforate. The second is more pretentious, having the value in two lines in the center, surrounded by a circular band, bearing the first three lines of the inscription of the first issue, the whole being enclosed in a square frame of Greek pattern, with fancy ornaments in the spandrels.

Imperforate—20 paras mauve.
Perforated—10 paras blue.
20 paras green.

CHINA.—The following additional stamps of the Waterlow set have appeared:

4c deep brown.
50c light green.

The "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain states that a 6c stamp will soon make its appearance in Ceylon, as that value will be required for single rate letters to the Colonies adhering to the Imperial Penny Postal Union.

CUBA.—The "A. J. of P." gives the following list of Cuban stamps surcharged in the city of Puerto Principe during a shortage of stamps of these values. These stamps will probably become scarce as but a small quantity of each was issued.

1c on 1m orange brown.
2c on 2m " "
3c on 1m blue green.
3c on 2m " "
3c on 3m " "
3c on 4m " "
3c on 8m " "
3c on 3m orange brown.
3c on 1c black violet.
5c on 1m blue green.
5c on 1m " "
5c on 2m " "
5c on 3m " "
5c on 4m " "
5c on 8m " "
5c on 1m orange brown.
5c on 1c black violet.
10c on 1c " "

The surcharge reads Habilitado-5-cents in three lines. There are two varieties of the figures.

The following U. S. Stamps have already been issued with the surcharge "Cuba" and new value:

1c on 1c yellow green.
2½c on 2c carmine.
2½c on 2c red.
3c on 3c purple.
5c on 5c blue.
10c on 10c light brown.

It is stated that the 4, 6, and 8c stamps will also receive the surcharge.

The 1c black and 2c blue U. S. postal cards have also been surcharged for use in Cuba.

It is said that the use of the 2½c will be discontinued and a 2c issued, but this value has not appeared yet.

CANADA.—Two more varieties of the 2c jubilee to add to your collection. The color of the water was first changed to a light green and is now coming in a slate green.

As Canada has adopted a 2c rate for the domestic service and to the U. S. the 2c stamp will be changed to red. This will probably be the shade now in use for the 3c, the latter taking on the purple of the present 2c.

The 2c envelope now comes in carmine-red, instead of green. It is said that some of the 2c envelopes were printed in purple.

FERNANDO PO.—The current 25c stamp has had its value reduced to 5c by use of the usual surcharge.

5c on 25c carmine.

HAYTI.—The 10c red and 50c red brown of the head type have been issued, also the following cards:

1c blue,	1x1c blue,
2c orange,	2x2c orange,
3c green,	3x3c green.

—*A. J. of P.*

The color of the 10c is given by various papers as red, brown-lilac, red-orange and orange.

HUNGARY.—"Der Philatelist" announces the 12kr. brown and black and 15kr. green and black with the new watermark—Crown in circle.

Three stamps of new designs have appeared from Japan—2s. light green, 4s. carmine, 10s. deep blue. The 2s. and 4s. are of the same type.

A new 1x1s. violet-brown reply card has also been received, also a 1c violet-brown postal card.

MEXICO.—The following changes in color are given by "Mekeel's Weekly": 20c pale red, 50c deep purple, 1 peso, purple brown.

The new postage stamps to be used during the fiscal year 1899-1900 are being printed in England. The design and workmanship generally will, it is said, be superior to anything of the kind heretofore known in Mexico.

Norway has issued two new letter cards—5o green and 10o carmine.

The 2c stamp of Newfoundland has been issued in the Postal Union color—red.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. A. Calman has shown us the 1 centavo and 1 peso stamp of 1897 imperforate vertically.—"A. J. of P."

The 50c stamp of Perak now comes in green and black.

PUERTO RICO.—For about two weeks after August 13th an interesting provisional was issued at the post-office of Coamo, Puerto Rico. The stamps are type set, ten in a sheet; there are four prominent types. The stamp consists of the words "Correos 5cts Coamo enclosed in a single lined frame.

The "Stamp Collector's Fortnightly" quotes a Bribane correspondent to the effect that Queensland has abandoned, for the time at least, the ordinary method of perforating stamps, in favor of rouletting by means of raised brass rules.

The "A. J. of P." has the following bit of advice for collectors. Collectors will do well to secure all the varieties while they may be had as current stamps, for they are certain to have to pay pretty stiff prices for some of them before they have got to the end of the changes and settled down to civilized stamp production after the style of New Zealand. One thing collectors will do well to keep a sharp eye for is shades in the Queenslands for they are numerous, well defined, and decidedly interesting.

The "Philatelic Record and Stamp News" states that a £1 stamp of the re-engraved type for Rhodesia has been issued but fails to give the color.

ST. VINCENT.—The beautiful old stamps of St. Vincent have become obsolete, and have been replaced by the regular De la Rue type.

½p. lilac and green.
1p. lilac and carmine.
2½p. lilac and ultramarine.
3p. lilac and olive green.
4p. lilac and orange.
5p. lilac and ?
6p. lilac and brown.
1sh. gray green and carmine.
5sh. gray green and ultramarine.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—The "Monthly Journal" has seen the 2½r. on 25r. of 1887, with surcharge in green.

It will be well to watch the stamps of the South African Republic as they are to be locally printed hereafter.

URUGUAY.—The "A. J. of P." notes the following official stamps: 10c red, 20c rose violet and black, 25c pink and blue.

Overlooked Varieties.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

Methinks there are a good many of them, not undiscovered please understand, but just "overlooked". The catalogue is not to blame in the least, it is a marvelously complete list of everything in the line of varieties, but strange as it may seem to some not every collector has a catalogue, and quite a large proportion of those who have do not think to go through it country by country in order to find out what new varieties have been chronicled among the old issues since the former catalog was printed. By that last catalog they have certain issues complete, and unless their attention is caught by some supposed oddity appearing among their duplicates they are quite apt to ignore the possibility of there being any such additions to the list of collectible varieties. Again, some will miss all chances of seeing the new things listed because of their neglect to purchase each catalogue as it comes out. Many advanced collectors make a practice of checking off their accumulations in the catalogue they use because it is so much easier and safer to carry around such a reference list than to carry the album and have to refer to it when doing a bit of exchanging. These collectors will sometimes make one catalogue do two or three years before buying another, depending on chance to keep themselves in touch with the latest prices. I know of one gentleman who is still using a catalogue so old that I hesitate to say what year it appeared; his collection is beautifully checked off in it, and the latest prices of such stamps as he has determined to obtain that year are carefully penciled beside the old prices; of course it is considerable work to do it and harder still to keep run of new issues for which the catalog makes no allowance, but the monthly chronicles of new issues supplied by our journals help to repair the lack, and on the whole he considers his plan easier than re-checking the entire collection each year. He admits, though, that he will have to invest and re-check pretty soon now. I should add that the checking process is carried out on the monthly chronicles, which are selected in their most compact form, cut out and pasted in a blank book. These are also priced when desirable, so that the owner of the unique affair is not so far behind the times as one would think he must be.

An acquaintance of mine who is twice my age both philatelically and physically received quite a shock the other day through the discovery that he, who prided himself on recognizing every variety with the least claim to the name, had been for a long time "overlooking" a whole set of Netherlands, the numeral and Queen Wilhelmina designs. The only difference lies in the colors of the two issues, and these vary so little that they had never attracted his attention. As given by Scott the colors of each issue are as follows:

1876 ½c rose.
" 1c green.
" 2c yellow.
" 2½c violet.
1891 3c yellow.
" 5c dull blue.
" 7½c brown lilac.
" 20c lake or brick red.
" 12½c gray.
" 15c red brown.
" 20c light green.
" 22½c dark green.
" 25c violet.
1894 ½c brown rose.
" 1c emerald green.

1894 2c olive yellow.
" 2½c brown violet.
" 3c orange.
" 5c light ultramarine.
" 7½c brown.
" 10c rose.
" 12½c bluish gray.
" 15c yellow brown.
" 20c emerald green.
" 22½c yellow green.
" 25c purple.

It will be seen that the variation of color is very trifling, but the changes were officially and purposely made and therefore each member of the '94 set is as distinctly a new issue as is our own 10c since it has been changed from green to brown.

Other varieties very generally "overlooked" lie in the two dies of De La Rue plates of British Colonials, the design containing the head of the Queen within an octagon. These are not really varieties such as are the Netherlands sets referred to above, and so the general collector may be pardoned for not noticing them, but the advanced collector would not hesitate to include them in his album, and would certainly call them separate varieties. These two types are illustrated and described at the beginning of the 58th catalogue, but many they be who have not noticed anything about it, more especially as there is no explanation that the description applies to the plates used for any country except Cyprus, whereas the same difference occurs in the issues of other countries using the same design, St. Lucia for instance. Perhaps I had better copy the explanation of the die differences for the benefit of those who haven't the catalogue.

Die A.—The lines in the background vary in thickness and are not uniformly straight.

Die B.—The lines in the background are all thin and straight.

Die A.—The 7th and 8th lines from the top, in the groundwork, converge where they meet the head.

Die B.—All the lines of the groundwork are parallel.

Die A.—There is a small dash in the upper part of the second jewell in the band of the crown.

Die B.—There is no dash in the upper part of the second jewell in the band of the crown.

Die A.—The vertical color line in front of the throat stops at the 6th line of shading on the neck.

Die B.—The vertical color line in front of the throat stops at the 8th line of shading on the neck.

In the surcharged "On H. M. S." of India lies another variety that is too often "overlooked" by the collector who has not been educated to the point of appreciating watermarks, albeit he is quite willing to accept all die varieties that are extra plain. The difference lies in the setting of the type for the surcharge, and is very perceptible when once noticed. In one type (watermarked elephant's head) a line drawn from the foot of the H to that of the S would touch the top of the M standing under the space between them, while in the other (watermarked a star) there is quite a space between the M and the letters above; in addition, the "On" is considerable higher in the first mentioned type than in the second. I understand that there are two varieties of surcharge on the stamps watermarked a star, but beyond saying that the variety lies in the formation or setting of the "On" cannot explain what it is.

Uncatalogued Indian surcharges must not be considered as coming under the head of "overlooked varieties". Some of the not thoroughly posted collectors, those of the younger class as a rule, have many

such surcharges carefully placed in their albums, and more than once specimens have been sent me for an opinion as to whether they are new or rare. Such overprints are merely the initials of firms or private individuals, and are intended to guard against the stamp being used by any except the owners. The perforated initial of Great Britain stamps are of the same class.

In the common low value 1883, of Norway there are two varieties although Scott lists only one. One variety has small figures of value and the other larger thicker figures. Due to a re-engraving, I believe. The 1894 issue is so similar to that preceding it that here again is another case of "overlooking" by even a well advanced collector, many of whom fail to notice until told that the letters of "Norge" in the 1894 set are of a different type than in the earlier issues.

I am perfectly well aware that advanced collectors will not be apt to find anything new in this article, but many will read it who are only advancing, not advanced, and if it shall help even one such reader to a recoguition of something not before noticed, its object will have been accomplished, and the time and space bestowed upon it worthily used.—*Perforator*.

MR. H. A. CHAPMAN has our heartfelt sympathy in his hours of bereavement, and our most ardent hopes for the successful termination of his son's illness, who, he informs us, is ill with the grip and at times out of his head.

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The Newspaper Stamps of France.

BY GEORGE CARION.

If we open the Standard (Scott's) Catalogue at "France," we will find the following under the heading:

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

IMPERFORATED.

	Unused.	Used.
No. 252—2c rose	$50.00	$50.00
No. 253—2c blue	3.00	3.00

PERFORATED.

No. 254—2c rose	$ 1.25	$ .75
No. 255—2c blue	.50	.30

I do not intend in this article to to criticise this catalogue, which from several points of view, is certainly one of the best publshed, as in my opinion a catalogue should not be a guide of what to collect, as the collector is the only one privileged to say what he will or will not collect. A catalogue should be what the name implies, a "chronicle of what is in existence," and the one mentioned is certainly one of the most complete issued.

But I will respectfully submit to the collecting public the following observations regarding these so-called newspaper stamps; and, before going farther, will say that, in my opinion, they have no value, and are out of place in a collection of postage stamps, as they were never used to prepay postage on newspapers. In fact, they were not issued for that purpose.

They were intended merely to show that the fiscal tax or revenue levied on the publication had been paid. This was in accordance with the old French laws (before the freedom of the press had been obtained) as at that time all newspapers or journals were taxed. These stamps were issued under rule of Napoleon III.

They replaced the old hand stamp that was formerly impressed on the paper to show that these fiscal duties had been paid (a similar stamp is still in use for stamped papers, such as legal documents, etc.).

I would like to ask why the 2c rose imperforate No. 252 of these stamps (of which it is not known that indisputable genuine used specimens exists in this imperforate condition) is listed at $50.00 while they do not catalogue the cheaper stamps of the same series, such as :

IMPERFORATED.

	Unused.	Used.
2c lilac	$ 2.00	$ 1.00

PERFORATED.

2c lilac	$ .50	$ .05

There are also many errors or "so-called" errors of these stamps that are very high priced, such as :

IMPERFORATED.

	Unused.	Used.
5c rose	$25.00	
5c blue	20.00	
5c lilac	10.00	

PERFORATED.

5c rose	$25.00	$
5c blue	20.00	
5c lilac	7.50	5.00

The above prices are approximations from the leading European catalogues. It is very probable that the so-called errors are only essays like the 2c rose imperforate.

As I have said, these stamps are of no value in a collection of postage stamps, as they have no claim to be such, being merely revenues (very similar to U. S. Document Revenues), the cancellation of which is merely the printed matter of the journal to which they were attached. But as these stamps are catalogued, and there is a space reserved for them in nearly all albums, many collectors will probably wish to secure them. I would warn them that there are now being circulated "reprints" or very fine counterfeits of these stamps, that are very dangerous, as they are sold by many of the leading firms in France.

They were very probably manufactured by the same gang of counterfeiters who issued the fine imitations of the Unpaid Letter Stamps of France, which collectors should also watch for. I give a list of the stamps counterfeited :

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

Scott's No.—Issue 1859-'70, square stamps
No. 201—10c black, lithographed.
No. 202—10c black, typographed.
No. 203—15c black, "
No. 206—25c black, "
No. 208—40c blue, "
No. 209—60c yellow, "
No. 210—60c blue, "

The counterfeits of the newspaper stamps are very perfectly executed ; the principal difference I have been able to find is in the paper, which, in the counterfeit has a satin finish, somewhat similar to bond or light parchment paper.

As the imitations of these stamps are offered on part or on entire newspapers, especially set and printed with a date of about thirty years ago, it is very hard for the collector who does not know of this to tell the difference.

I would advise collectors of postal franks to drop these stamps from their list, for three reasons :

They are not postage stamps in any sense of the word.

The genuine copies are very seldom found.

The counterfeits are so well made that even the best informed are deceived, and there is more probability of having a counterfeit palmed off on you than there is of securing a genuine specimen.

There are also some of the lower values of postage stamps of France that are offered as newspaper

stamps. These stamps are canceled by printed matter, and were used to denote the payment of the fiscal tax on posters, handbills, etc. They have absolutely no value whatever.

In fact, the French Government has never issued a stamp especially designed *for use on newspapers to prepay postage*. Consequently there can be no newspaper stamps of France.

Our Canadian Letter.

The current 2c and 3c stamps have been recalled. The 2c to reappear in vermilion but the 3c will be issued no longer. A 4c and 7c stamp may be expected. The 4c for letters over weight and the 7c for registration.

The new 2c envelope appeared in purple and was at once called in and printed in vermilion in accordance with the Berne postal rules. The die was made in England.

The "Philatelic Messenger" is now united to the "Philatelic Advocate" and is printed under the name of the latter.

The "Philatelic Advocate" for January was a credit to its publishers. It appeared with 60 pages and cover.

The Dominion Philatelic Association is progressing wonderfully, as may be seen by the large list of new members appearing each month. The departments are in fine working order.

The ½c numeral has appeared in two distinct shades—dark grey and black. In fact most of the stamps of the set have a variety of shades.

The Condition Crank.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

Mr. Willard O. Wylie, in one of his letters to a leading weekly, indirectly furnished me with an inspiration for this article. He said: "The condition crank is a *genus homo* that must be known to be fully appreciated." Most of us know the condition individual pretty well, but our appreciation of him is in a decidedly negative sense. Mr. W. further calls him "one who demands a stamp free from the taint of hinge, with a margin of white on all four sides, not a straight edge, full original gum, and not a perforation missing. I suggest that the condition crank be taxed for his crankiness."

Mr. W. is "all right." Many of us are reasonable condition cranks, while many more are unreasonable condition cranks. If a person wants "all the ornaments" perfectly attached to his stamp, he should be willing to pay "full catalogue," and he will if fair-minded; but the cranky condition crank "wants the earth," with a garden hitched on, and expects to get it for 50 per cent. off. A certain proportion of stamps come with a straight edge on one side. The writer isn't fussy on that point, if the stamp is well centered, but thinks it should be priced higher for full perforation. Certainly the status of the stamp should be specified. It is not fair to charge A 10 cents for a three-sided perforation if B gets the correct thing for that price. I want an unused stamp of a large denomination to be perfect if intended for a collection: If used, I am willing to pay according to condition.

In the world of philately, we have

many kinds of condition cranks. There is the shade crank, who wants each shade to be just so; there is the anti-Seebeck crank, who wants his hundred all different or his thousand mixture to be free from the Seebeck issue. For my part, I had rather have a few Seebecks in a thousand mixture than two or three hundred ten-pfennig Germans or a lot of cut postals, the latter really having no business in a mixture of any kind. There is the "unnecessary issue" condition crank, who expects mixtures to contain none of them. There is the used stamp condition crank, who kicks if certain unused stamps get into his order, for fear they are reprints, but this crank will have used stamps in his collection which have been canceled by the seller, and though his ignorance doesn't know it. There is the particular flaw-picking condition reader crank, who expects either to have his philatelic monthly "all about stamps," or, on the other hand, "all chat." There is the "what contstitutes a postage stamps" condition crank, who claims that dues stamps or special deliveries are not postage stamps; happily he doesn't have supervising of our collections.

There are condition cranks who wish to learn all about the conditions of stamps, who write you for information, and they want it quickly. *But*, they don't put any return postage in their letters. The writer has had his pill in the past year of this individual. It was my lot to be elected as a "bureau" for a philatelic society. I was told that the office was merely a nominal one (would that it had been). It so happens that I received a good many requests for information, and the majority failed to send the postage either at first or when the information was sent with a gentle hint.

The dispenser of approval books is often a condition crank. He gets hold of your name some how. He sends you a selection of stamps, doesn't register them, or forward postage for their return; he evidently thinks you will be very happy to pay yourself. This crank deserves to lose his stamps if he doesn't register, and he should pay return registration, too, if he sends the lot unsolicited. It is very aggravating to receive a little book half-full of "measly" looking, dirty stamps, with the "We trust you will be pleased," and if you are not pleased to have to pay for their return. You are expected to return these poor condition things in good condition. These stamps may be marked 50 per cent. off, but if you find but a few and have to pay expenses, they come pretty near costing "full catalogue" when not worth it.

The *small* condition crank is he who expects every stamp in a "hundred all different" packet, price ten cents, to be perforated all around, in first-class shape Some of these individuals are not perhaps so particular about their perforations as they are to make sure that they get the hundred "all different." Cases have come to my knowledge where the receiver of one of these packets complained of there being duplicates. For instance, there were two 7K Russian stamps, but one had lightning flashes, the other not; two types of Austrian 5K were thought to be duplicates; there were 10 pfennig and 20 pfennig German stamps, with and without the final "e," which were considered duplicates, the collector not being up in the study of them.

The "philatelic literature" col-

lector is often a condition crank. He is looking for his journal to be evenly printed every time, and doesn't know that a cut with a light background will not always jibe with a cut having a dark background. It makes no difference to him if he does get a 25 or 30 cent publication at the combination rate of 15 cents. He expects everything perfect, even if he does get a 60 page special issue for the same price as a number containing only eight pages.

In conclusion, I rise to remark, "Is the sample copy fiend a condition crank?" Well, I should rather reckon he is. He expects a sample copy of several publications twelve months in the year, with a few extra thrown in for his friends, or so that he can bundle them off to the "philatelic literature" dealer, and his condition is that the words "sample copy" shall not be stamped on. "Please send a strictly perfect copy" is the request received. Oh, yes, the fiend is a condition crank, the most persistent of condition cranks, and the hardest condition crank to squelch. If you don't believe it start a philatelic journal and be convinced.

The writer of that pleasant story, "All sorts and conditions of men," should have been a philatelist, and he could have written a long story entitled "All sorts and conditions of cranks," without going outside of the charmed circle.

THE publishers of this magazine would be pleased to hear from the following, in regard to a settlement of their respective accounts:

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C. J. Carver, Buckingham, Pa.

Canadian Notes.

C. BAILEY.

Since the reduction of the foreign and domestic letter rate in Canada we Canadian philatelists have been kept on the rush securing the many new issues and shades, etc., that Bro. Mulock has given us. First came the announcement of the 2c Imperial to commemorate the adoption of the cut rate. Following that came the good news of the reduction of the domestic letter rate, and finally we will in all probability shortly enjoy a 1c city letter rate. Canadian collectors and the public in general have reason to be proud of our P. M. General, and to use the remark of a well known Toronto collector "The Hon. Mr. Mulock is to Canada the Sir Rowland Hill of Great Britain".

The new issues of Canada up to date are the 2c Imperial in 4 distinct shades, lavender, green, light blue and dark blue. 2c embossed envelope, purple (error) and vermilion. Following will come the two new values, viz: 4c and 7c to cover double letter rate and registration. The following have been recalled and will be discontinued: 3c letter card and envelope, 2c purple and 3c vermilion, current issue stamps, and we also expect the 8c value to be withdrawn. If the P. O. Department don't soon let up on us we will surely go broke.

I have seen the 2c Imperial on thin card board, thick and thin wood papers, and soft spongy paper, and Mr. Marks, manager of the Marks Stamp Co., of Toronto, recently showed me a copy of this stamp with the water portion of the

stamp in two distinct shades, one half lavender and the other half green, picked from a lot of over 1000.

One Canadian dealer is seriously contemplating the issuance of a special album, designed exclusively to receive the 2c Imperial. with the words "This holds a vaster number of shades than has been" across the cover. It goes without saying that the album will meet with a ready sale, and that in a decade hence it will be an uncommon thing to hear a collector say I have just 743 distinct shades in the 2c Imperial stamp, and 56 distinct paper varieties.

I trust the readers of the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST will pardon me for using too much of my valuable space scribbling about the Canadian gum back. I will therefore close my remarks about this stamp with the good news that today, February 4th, the stamps have been discontinued at the Toronto P. O. for an indefinite period, I presume to allow Mr. Mulock an opportunity to fix the new color with the printer.

Mr. Boyd, of Simcoe, Ont., was a recent visitor to Toronto. While there he attended the weekly auction sale of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, and expressed his approval on the enterprise of the club, which, by the way, is the first attempt of this kind in Canada, and results for the past four weekly sales has been highly satisfactory, both to buyer and seller.

A used copy of the 2c purple (error) envelope brought 65c at the Club's last weekly sale. A fair price because, although the newspaper figures give the total number of this envelope issued at a few thousand, there is likely a large number of these envelopes in the possession of the chosen few in Ottawa and will later be placed on the market for sale as was the case of the ½ and 6c Jubilees.

This envelope in question is Scott's 58th, type E. 4, supplement. Information from Ottawa states a few thousand of the new 2c envelopes were struck off in purple, but later the error was noticed and the color changed to vermilion as required by the U. P. U. Probably 1000 were sent out to the Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa and Winnipeg post offices and the remainder, 1000 or 2000, will likely turn up in the possession of the Government's friends.

Brooklyn Philatelic Exhibition.

The section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences has decided to invite Philatelists to join with it in commemorating the recognition, by the Institute, of Philately as a science. It proposes to give an exhibition of Postage and Revenue Stamps, including adhesives and envelope stamps, post cards and reprints.

The exhibition will be formally opened free to the public March 18, 1899 at 8 p. m., and will be open free to the public Sundays from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m., and week-days from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., from Sunday, March 19 to Friday, March 31, inclusive, at the Institute Art Rooms, 174 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Few Stampagraphs.

A. LLOYD JONES.

At this writing "Stamp Hunting," by Lewis Robie, is what the stamp collectors are talking about. It is an interesting and instructive book. An evening spent reading it will not be wasted although, as it is not universal, it is not true literature. However, the author does not claim any literary merit for it but says it is written just as he would talk to you and that describes it exactly. It consists of the conversations he has while a traveling salesman for J. Elwood Lee & Co., Manufacturing Chemists, with one of his druggist customers spoken of as "Doc".

This book will likely be the means of making several new stamp collectors as Mr. Robie reports it having quite a sale outside of stamp collectors, especially among the druggists. Anyone reading it cannot help but being favorably impressed with philately. A person not acquainted with stamp collecting will be wonderfully suprised at the magnitude of philately of which he will get quite a good idea from "Stamp Hunting" and it will likely surprise even many stamp collectors, especially those in towns who have not been collecting long. It will also likely be the means of bringing more good stamps to light as after reading of the magnificent finds of Mr. Robie you cannot help but wanting to go stamp hunting yourself.

The cover design of four common Canadian Revenues has justly been criticised as inappropriate, for Canadian Revenues are hardly mentioned in the book. A representation of a six cent orange proprietary would have likely been best as it is mentioned in every chapter. A picture of several of the rare medicine and match stamps would also be good. If the law that prohibits the making of pictures of United States postage stamps includes the old revenue stamps then pictures of some of the famous United States locals, which are spoken of, and some of the Confederate States locals he speaks of finding in Alabama would have been enough better than the Canadian Revenues and there is no law against making pictures of local stamps.

"Stamp Hunting," in the fifth chapter, gives a number of dealers good advertisements. I was going to say free advertisements but that may not be.

It was not generally known among followers of the goddess Philatelia (as say some stamp collectors) that Lewis Robie was the author of any book till "Stamp Hunting" came out. Such is the case, however, his other book being "Across Wyoming On Horseback."

Newfoundland and Canadian stamps are the favorites at present among collectors. Newfoundland will likely soon be joined with Canada and then we will be rid of this colony of many issues although always issues of exceedingly great interest.

Why Newfoundland has maintained an independent existence from the Dominion of Canada has been a matter of some mystery ever since the Dominion of Canada was formed. When the movement for the uniting of the Canadian provinces was in progress it was understood that the home government would assume the payment of a part of the provincial debts and the new Dominion government would be responsible for the rest. Newfound-

land had rolled up a considerable debt for railway construction and other internal improvements and the proportion of the debt per capita was larger than that of the other provinces. Objections were therefore raised against her joining the Dominion.

In 1895 Newfoundland sought admission but the Dominion declined to assume the debt of the province, which was financially unable to meet all its obligations, and, through disastrous fires and commercial and banking panics, was on the verge of bankruptcy. Now Newfoundland is in much better shape and her union with Canada is being urged by powerful influences.

Both the two cent documentary and the two and one-half proprietary have been reported as found in a perforated condition. However, the Bureau at Washington denies having issued any perforated, so it must have been done privately, likely for a joke. It has also been reported, in almost every philatelic publication, that they are to be issued in a perforated condition but this has also been denied at the Bureau and they say there is no necessity for a change as the rouletting seems to give complete satisfaction.

It seems strange that there is no bi-monthly publication of philatelic nature in America. With number two, the September number, Mr. Chandler changed the "New England Philatelist" to a bi-monthly but there were no more numbers of that paper issued on account of the sickness of Mr. Chandler and he has now disposed of it to the "Bay State Philatelist".

If the New York stamp dealer who last spring surcharged Cuban stamps U. S. and called them the future Cuban stamps had instead surcharged U. S. stamps *Cuba* he would have been all right for it appears that that is the kind of stamps Cuba is to have till a regular set can be prepared.

I have in my possession the wrapper off a twenty-five cent bottle of cough syrup that contains two one-fourth cent stamps and one-half of another so as to make the five-eights of cent required. The provisional was not made to order either, as the person of whom the medicine was bought is known as one of the closest men there ever was. Don't you think he was close too?

St. Louis Notes.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

There is every reason to believe that the philatelic "center" is drifting westward, and it will not be many years hence when St. Louis will be that center. Some of the oldest firms in the business are located here, and one of the best of the philatelic weeklies is published here, while the number of stamp dealers and collectors located here and in the immediate vicinity is far larger than any philatelic directory has ever yet brought to light.

The Auction business in St. Louis is steadily growing. Formerly auctions were held at the stamp club rooms but lately they have become a permanent feature and occur twice a month regularly. The attendance at these auctions has steadily increased, the bidding is spirited and eleven o'clock arrives before the auctioneer has his total sales footed up.

We would advise advanced philatelists as well as dealers who contemplate removing from their present location to settle down in St. Louis. Besides being one of the healthiest cites in the world it is near the geographical center of the U. S. It has the finest mail service in the country. Special street cars, built for mail service only, run over various lines with regular railway postal car equipment, and clerks together and sort out the mail en route.

There are five daily free deliveries in the business portion and four in the residence portion of the city, and the system for rapid special delivery is nowhere better. St Louis is a city composed of solid business houses some of whom have been in business continuously for over fifty years. The philatelic field here is very rich—the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co. doing the largest counter business of any firm in town, and there is plenty of room for other enterprising dealers.

Some philatelic dealers imagine they are doing a large business when they receive an average of 25 or 50 letters a day, but the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis now receives an average of a thousand letters per day, while the goods which are sent out by mail greatly exceed this number. A force of twenty girls, beside other employees, is kept on the rush from morning till night to fill the orders and attend to even the smallest details. To handle this enormous business requires great tact and very skillful management, but as the heads of the various departments have all been with the firm for years, they have their work so systematized that there seldom is cause for complaint.

Some time ago there was considerable agitation in the philatelic press in favor of encouraging the boy collector. That this agitation has borne fruit is evidenced by the large number of nickel and dime orders received by local concerns. One firm recently received over two hundred and seventy five nickel orders in one days mail.

A local collector was recently offered a lot of stamps for a moderate sum of money. As he had nearly all of the stamps in his collection he was on the point of refusing the offer, when the seller mentioned a few of the stamps the lot contained, and the collector thinking he might lack these in his collection bought the entire lot. In looking the stamps over at home he found quite a number which he did not have in his collection and among these were some which catalogued as much per sing'e stamp as he had paid for the whole pile. He has already doub'ed his money on those which he has since sold and is still some eight hundred stamps ahead.

A local collector has sets of the celebrated Dr. K. & Co., Revenue stamps. These are the first and only surcharged postage stamps having the government's consent to be used as proprietary stamps for revenue stamps and in the years to come must surely be very rare.

If you are a writer of philatelic literature don't fail to read our offer on another page. A splendid opportunity to make $5.00. Also look up our "Missing Word Contest." Particulars on another page.

Comments.

The 1 shilling stamp of the Bahamas has been issued anew in a blue green shade quite different from that of previous issues.

The color of the Belgium 50c Sunday label stamp has been changed from gray to black, in order to prevent its being confouded with the 20c gray.

The Canadian authorities are preparing a new five dollar stamp to pay newspaper postage in bulk. It will be used within the mailing offices like the old-time newspaper stamps of the United States and not issued to the public.

The new 15c stamp of the United States, color olive, has been seen on local mail. The tint is the muddiest conceivable.

The cut in prices of envelopes by the Post Office Department, which took effect recently, has been taken advantage of by the business men here, to whom the almost horizontal cut in prices means much.

Rumor has it that Mr. R. C. Bach's "Montreal Philatelist" is soon to become a weekly publication. At present it is classed with our monthly visitors.

A Japanese named Takuma has been convicted at Sydney of forging seven copies of a rare early New South Wales stamp rated at $400. The imitations were so perfect that they were purchased by dealers and sent to London, where they passed the scrutiny of several experts.

The following is an official list of postage stamps surcharged June 8, 1898 for Porto Rico:

"HABILITADO PARA 1898 y 1898."

200,000	of the	1	milisima.
500,000	"	2	"
100,000	"	4	"
300,000	"	1	centavo.
300,000	"	2	"
2,000,000	"	3	"
100,000	"	4	"
300,000	"	5	"
300,000	"	6	"
70,000	"	8	"
50,000	"	20	"
25,000	"	40	"
6,500	"	80	"

It has been estimated that the average numbers of letters received daily by the President of the French Republic at the Elysee amounts to 700, classified as follows: Begging letters, 250; petitions on political affairs, 150; petitions from criminals, 100; complaints against various functionaries, 100; anonymous insulting letters, 80; threats of assination, 20.

Postmasters in the Netherlands and colonies are no longer permitted to execute mail orders for postage stamps. This regulation has been made for the reason that a certain postmaster in Surinam received large sums of money for unused stamps of that colony, and decamped with the cash. The same official issued certain provisional stamps of Surinam for his own profit.

An extraordinary scheme has been mooted in India, namely, one for the construction of a pneumatic tube line 4400 miles in length, between London and Bombay, for the transportation of mails. The theory is that these could thus be conveyed from city to city in 24 hours. The engineering difficulties

include the great height of some of the mountains to be crossed in Asia Minor and the maintainance of power-houses in remote places. The air pipe project is still very much in the air.

There will be no 4 cent de peso stamps issued for our Cuban colony.

Orders have been given for our postal cards to be surcharged for use in Cuba. This printing is to be done at the government printing office. A large supply had been sent for this purpose, but could not be used as they had been cut instead of being sent in sheets.

Playing card stamps were recently printed from plate 5, 109.

Some interesting history attaches to the crude-looking 10 centime black stamp of New Caledonia, issued in 1858. This stamp was prepared by a sergeant of the marine infantry named Triquera, who drew upon a lithographic stone 50 stamps, using the French stamp as a model. According to one authority, Triquera did this without authority and made illicit profit by pocketing the regular French stamps sent out for use in the colony and substituting his own. For a time be succeeded in escaping detection by prepaying with his stamps only such letters as were intended for Australia, but he was eventually found out, transported to France and punished. As the stamp was actually used for postal purposes it has always been recognized in the catalogues.

Try an ad in the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST. See rates elsewhere.

Private Letter Boxes.

The British postoffice is becoming a real lively concern. There have been more reforms since the Duke of Norfolk became postmaster in 1895 than during the previous twenty years. The latest one introduces a system of private posting boxes, located in private houses and offices from which the postmen collect letters at regular intervals. Two collections are given daily for a pound yearly, with a slight additional fee for each floor above and below the ground. The user is not allowed to have a key to the box. The letter once ppsted becomes the property of the postmaster-general and cannot be returned to the writer.

DON'T forget to read our "Word Contest," on another page. You may be one of the lucky ones.

WE RECENTLY received a copy of the 3c Letter Card issued by Canada and then withdrawn. It contains the words "Canada Letter Card," in two lines, in red, with the likeness of Queen Victoria in a double oval, containing the inscription Canada Postage at the top; Three Cents at the bottom, and all enclosed in an upright oblong; having a maple leaf to fill out all four corners. The stamp is also in red. As this card is in the form of a reply postal the two layers are both perforated about ¼ inch from edge on both the sides and the bottom and the bottom layer is gummed on the inside, between the perforations and edges of card, for security in mailing. The card is of a greenish color.

Here and There.

The United States carries twice as much mail as does Great Britain and has over 50,000 more post-offices.

The United States stamps of the current issue are now being printed, with the following changes in color.

4 cent, Dark Red Brown.
5 " Light Blue.
6 " Maroon.
10 " Light Brown.

The design remains unchanged

A new way of transmitting small amounts has been adopted by the Italian authorities—attaching postage stamps on postal cards. These stamps are then obliterated and their value handed to the receiver of the card.

It is rumored that a two-cent letter rate between the United States and European countries is to be adopted.

It is remarkable how well the Omaha Stamps are liked in European countries. There is a good deman here for the higher values in used condition, and they command from 60 to 80% of the face value.

It is reported that a large number of the Omaha stamps in the government building in Omaha have faded. The $2 is a different shade from other stamps of the same value, the $100 newspaper stamps has faded white and the 3 cent purple has changed to a lighter shade.

A large number of genuine stamps of the Ionian isles are in the market, bearing forged postmarks.

The value of the stamps stolen from the Paris post office aggregates £28,000. Nothing has yet been heard of the thief.

At present there is a great demand for the portrait issue of Newfoundland, jubilee issues of Trinidad, Grenada, and Salvador.

The Italian government has decided to levy a duty on imported used stamps. These stamps come under the heading of "colored illustrations."

The 15 cent stamp of Spain, which has appeared in the color of the 10c is not an error, as was at first supposed, but simply the genuine stamp treated with chemical.

According to the "Metropolitan Philatelist," the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is now at work on private proprietary stamps. Dies for the following are said to have been finished, although plates have not as yet been made:

Lanman & Kemp, ⅛, 1½ and 1⅞c.
Chas. H. Fletcher, 1½c.
Hostetter & Co., 2½c.
Johnson & Johnson, ⅛c.
Piso & Co., ⅛c.
Radway & Co., ⅛c.
Branca Bros., 4c.
Warners Safe Cure, 3⅛c.

The die for the Lanman & Kemp stamp shows a phœnix; Johnson & Johnson, a large cross; and the Hostetter stamp is a label five inches long.

The 1 centavo and 1 peso stamps of 1897, issued by Nicaragua, have been found imperforate vertically.

The 4c brown of the 1895 and the 5c Unpaid Letter Stamp of the current issue, United States, have been found on laid paper.

The one penny Government Parcels stamp of Great Britain has been seen with the surcharge inverted.

The quotation on Canada's Imperial Postage Stamp is taken from

Mr. Louis Morris' "Songs of Britain," found on page 181-2 of the volumn, entitled "Song of Empire."

We love not war, but only peace,
Yet never shall our England's power decrease!
Whoever guides our helm of state,
Let all men know it, England must be great!
We hold a vaster Empire than has been!

The "Eastern Philatelist" has recently absorbed the "Boston Stamp Book."

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155 different plate numbers were used in printing the Omahas. 125 for the 2c; 14 for the 1c; and one two or three plates for each of the other denominations.

With the object of defrauding plate number collectors, attempts have been made to counterfeit the I. R. surcharged stamp.

Notes and Items Original or Otherwise.

BY A BOOK WORM.

The first postage stamp used in Peru was the one real blue of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, and it was used experimentally by the Government between Lima and Chorrillos. The one real and two reals of above kind have been offered in a number of fancy colors, that were never even used by the Company.

The stamps of North Borneo are not issued by a Government, but by the British North Borneo Company, who have their head offices in London, and the unused and "cancelled to order specimens," commonly sold, have never been in North Borneo.

The embossed stamps of the first issue of Natal were used for both postal and fiscal puposes. The stamps of 1860 to 1867 are surcharged with the word "Postage" to distinguish them from revenues, as the same types were used for the same purposes.

The Cape of Good Hope triangular "wood blocks," as they are commonly called, were a provisional issue, prepared by local engravers at a time when the supply of engraved one penny and four pence stamps were exhausted. They were issued in 1861, eight years after the adoption of the engraved set. The color of the one penny was red, and the four pence blue, but in printing a four pence was printed in the sheets of one penny, and a one penny in the sheets of four pence, and in this way we have the two rare varieties.

There are two types of the stamps of the design of the 1888 issue—first with a double outline, a fine white line, and a fine colored line surrounding the whole stamp; second—with the fine white line omitted, so that there is no separate outer line to the lettered labels.

New South Wales. Of the 1856-72 issues copies of the one penny watermarked Crown and N. S. W., and of the two pence watermarked a single-lined figure 2 may be met with; there is little doubt that these are reprints, made for distribution to Foreign post offices, etc., as specimens. Those I have seen were surcharged with this word.

THE Directory of Virginia Philatelists, by H. B. Vesey, York Place, Norfolk, Va., at 10 cents, should be in the hands of all our readers.

New York Correspondence.

MACK.

Now that the Post Office Officials have decided to dispose of the Newspaper stamp remainders, rumors from uncertain sources, are mere fabrications. The official notice appeared in the "Daily Bulletin" for Saturday, February 4, and the entire notice reads as follows:

Announcement is hereby made that, in compliance with numerous requests made to the Postmaster General by collectors and others, enough of the newspaper and periodical stamps lately in use by postmasters to make up 50,000 complete sets have been reserved by the Department for sale, and that on and after the 15th instant they may be had of postmasters at first-class post offices, or upon application to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, at the rate of five dollars a set—the set consisting of one each of the following twelve denominations: One, two, five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents, and two five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred dollars. When applications are made by mail, the money to pay for the stamps must accompany the order, with ten cents additional to pay for postage and registry fee on the return packet.

Not less than a full set will in any case be sold; but as many more whole sets as may be wanted can be bought. When two sets or more are desired, any or all of the several denominations may be had in an unsevered condition, that is to say, in strips not exceeding ten stamps each, or in blocks of four or more. The Department, however, cannot require postmasters to segregate, for the accommodation of purchasers, marginal strips of stamps bearing plate numbers; nor can any guarantee be given that the stamps shall be perfectly "centered." It must also be understood that the stamps are not good for postage, and that after their purchase they cannot be redeemed or exchanged for others by the Government.

The sale of these stamps will continue up to the 31st of December next, unless the stock is sooner disposed of; but no more than the 50,000 sets will be sold, and no more will hereafter be printed. In fact, the working plates from which the stamps were printed will shortly be destroyed.

The newspaper and periodical stamps of a former issue—of which fragmentary lots have been returned to the Department by postmasters—will not be sold, but, together with the stock of the last issue returned in excess of the 50,000 reserved sets, will all be destroyed.

All who can spare five dollars, are respectfully requested to hand same over to poor Uncle Sam, as the war with Spain has been rather expensive, and us stamp collectors must bear some of the burden to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars, i. e., 50,000 sets at five dollars a set—$250,000. As remarked previously, this official step settles the controversy which has occupied much attention from collectors the world over. It is almost certain that the recent decision rendered against the Department, in the famous newspaper and periodical stamp seizure case, had much to do in causing the Washinton officials to adapt such a hasty conclusion. It has been rumored for some time that the postage due stamps would become obsolete shortly (?). Perhaps the Department will now come to some definite conclusion in regard to these stamps—at so much per set. In a New York evening paper a description and an illustration was given of two new stamps (?) issued presumably by the Aguinaldo Government of the Philippine Islands. The description read as follows:

Even if the Filipinos haven't albums, they have stamps. They went to work

and made them by the thousands, and now they are for sale in Manilla. It is probably their only chance at stamp making, so that the boy who gets these for his collection will be fortunate (?). There are two kinds—postage and telegraph—costing from half a cent to several dollars. In these two the postage is red, the telegraph stamp blue. The emblem of a sun and three stars in a triange appears also on the Philippine flag. The K's at the side of the triangle stand for *Katipunan*, a native word expressing what our *E Pluribus Unum* does for us.

Announcements.

A 6c stamp is soon to make its appearance in Ceylon, according to the *P. J. of G. B.*, as that value will be required for single rate letters to the colonies adhering to the Imperial Penny Postal Union.

The cards of 1892, of Argentine Republic, will soon receive the surcharge "HABILITADO-4-CENTAVOS."

The *Metropolitan Philat.list* tells us a 4½c Proprietary stamp will soon be issued by our government, to provide for the needs of one particular firm who sell a certain medicine for $1.75.

We clip the following from the *A. J. of P.*:—

Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste reports that at a recent session of the Postal Committee, a complete modification of the postage stamps of France was decided upon. In future they are to appear in three types,—the first for low values, intended to be used for printed matter; the second for medium values, including stamps for the prepayment of ordinary letters; and the third for high values, intended for payment of heavy letters and registered and insured parcels.

The types have not as yet been decided upon, but they are to bear the following distinguishing characteristics: In the first type the figure of value is to be very distinct; the second is to bear an allegorical picture, perhaps the same that is now in use on the current series; the third is to have a head of the Republic.

The most important object to be obtained is the simplification of the colors employed, and the committee hopes that it will finally be able to use only five colors throughout the entire series, namely, red, violet, brown, blue and green. In the first type the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c are to bear the above colors in the order named, in the second type the 10, 15, 20 and 25c, and in the third type the 30, 40, 50c and 1fr. are to be in red, violet, brown and blue respectively. The opinion is expressed that the difference in type will be sufficient to prevent any confusion as the results of several values appearing in the same colors. The opinion is also expressed that this decision is not irrevocable and that a number of essays and proofs will be made before the printing is finally decided upon. The trials, in the opinion of our contemporary, will prove that in order to avoid confusion, the colors of all the postage stamps will have to be different.

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The editor suggests the following as a means of carrying out the desires of the administration. The first series to be printed in black on colored papers, the second to be printed in color on white paper, and the third to be printed in two colors, one being fugitive, which will form a guarantee against fraud and re-employment of the stamps after once being used.

Our $1.00 Watch.

GUARANTEE.—We agree that if without abuse this watch fails to keep good time, we will, upon its return to us direct, within one year from date of purchase, repair or replace it with a new one.

Allegheny Mailing Agency.

75 Perry St., Allegheny, Pa., U. S. A.

Directory. Directory.

Mailed Promptly Next Month.

Is your name in it? It only costs 5 cents to have it put there. Ten cents for three times or a quarter for ten times. Subscription, 1c per copy.

Allegheny Mailing Agency,

75 Perry-st., Allegheny, Pa.

We Mail or Distribute Circulars, etc.,
for cash at lowest rates for the best service.
We Mail or Distribute Circulars, etc.,
in exchange for advertising space.
in exchange for stamps of our ow.. selection.
in exchange for most anything. Write us.

Allegheny Mailing Agency,

75 PERRY ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.

PUBLISHERS.

Reproduce any or all of our advertisements on this paper in your paper and we will mail 100 circulars for each reproduction. Send marked copy and circulars.

Allegheny Mailing Agency,

75 Perry-st., Allegheny, Pa.

Advertise in "Our Silent Salesman" and make money. Rates 25 cents per inch for new copy, 15 cents per inch for each consecutive insertion of same copy after first appearance. Circulation over 2000 guaranteed.

ALLEGHENY MAILING AGENCY,

75 Perry-st., Allegheny, Pa.

Read our Various Ads Carefully.

Then if you want a BARGAIN, send us 5 cents for a set of

Six Unused Foreign Stamps

worth at least fifteen cents, or it is not worth the nickel we ask.

Allegheny Mailing Agency,

75 PERRY ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.

Send Five One-cent Stamps and receive by return mail a package of

COURT PLASTER

same as sold everywhere for ten and fifteen cents.

Allegheny Mailing Agency,

75 Perry St., Allegheny, Pa.

We don't have any.....

MONEY TO BURN.

We need all of it we can get, therefore we are offering to close out the greater part of our stock for nearly nothing. You can make money by buying up some of these bargains we offer and selling them among your friends at regular retail prices. Try it.

ALLEGHENY MAILING AGENCY,

75 Perry St., Allegheny, Pa.

The Allegheny Philatelist.

A quarter monthly magazine, free for a twelvemonth for each purchase of One Dollar from any or all of our ads in this or any other magazine. Remember to give full name and address with each subscription.

Allegheny Mailing Agency,

75 Perry Street, ALLEGHENY, PA.

Stop. Read. Consider.

A watch given absolutely FREE.

With each purchase amounting to $2.50 we shall send absolutely free one of our $1.00 watches advertised elsewhere on this page. With each purchase of $1.00 we will include one of our Special Heavy Gold Filled Chains; a chain that retails everywhere for $1.25. ALLEGHENY MAILING AGENCY, 75 Perry Street, Allegheny, Pa.

Your Name, business and address neatly printed on 125 6¼ High Cut White Envelopes and 125 Note Heads to match, also an inch ad in "Our Silent Salesman," six insertions for a dollar bill. A RARE BARGAIN, but then we are the Bargain Givers.

ALLEGHENY MAILING AGENCY,

75 Perry-st., Allegheny, Pa.

WE PRINT

Envelopes, Statements,
Name and Business Cards,
Note Heads, Bill Heads,
and small Circulars
at thirty-five cents per hundred, prepaid.

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7. D — M — — I — N — F — A — A — A (a neighbor of ours.)
8. S — — M — C — — L — C — — R (a philatelist)
9. — O — — O — I — O (one of our new possessions.)
10. H — W — — I (another new possession.)
11. — E — Y — R — (a philatelic center.)
12. — IE — E — P — —L I—S—I— — C—MP — —Y (publishers of a philatelic magazine.)
13. — L L — — H — — Y (home of a philatelic magazine.)
14. — W — N — I — Y (a philatelic society.)
15. W — — L — — M M — K — — L — Y (a president.)
16. A — E — I — A — P — I — A — E — I — A — S — C — A — I — N (a well known society.)
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The Allegheny Philatelist.

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EXCHANGING STAMPS WITH FOREIGNERS.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

Every collector who has been in the philatelic ranks for any length of time has usually amassed a lot of duplicate and what to do with these duplicates is a matter of some concern to him. Putting them on circuit through a philatelic society is a tolerable good way to get rid of the better grade of his duplicates, but when he counts the long weary months that lapse between the time his stamps went out, and the time when they are returned to him, he often sighs for some better way to accomplish the desired end. So he looks over all the philatelic papers he can lay hands on and discovers the ads of some foreigners who desire to enter into exchange relations, world wide. So he carefully gets up some sheets of stamps, and then, without first writing his foreign brother collector about what he intends to do, straightway posts his stamps per registered mail to the said foreigner. Now here is just where he makes the mistake. Had he first written to Mr. Foreigner and ascertained the kind and class of stamps his brother collector wanted the result might have been very much different than he will find it after his sheets are returned to him—perhaps with no stamps taken, or perhaps with only a few taken, and in payment or exchange therefor, a lot of common Continentals which every schoolboy in America has got. Owing to such experiences the exchange relations between American collectors and collectors residing in other countries have not been of such magnitude as might have been desired. But even where exchange relations have been conducted both to the profit and perfect satisfaction of both parties there have been a number of things connected with the exchanging which sometimes made things seem a little out of harmony. For instance: The prices in Scott's catalogue upon which our American friend bases his calculations are in a good many cases higher than the prices enumerated in Senf's or Gibbons' catalogue. Of course some prices will be found lower also but as each party will always work things to his advantage it will usually be found that stamps of such values are sent which will enable the sender to get the best value where prices vary.

The complaint which most American collectors make against foreign cellectors is that they desire U. S. stamps which are rare in this country, and hard to get at even 33⅓% discount, and for which they usually receive in return stamps which if the collector already has in his coltion cannot be disposed of except at a good round loss. They say the foreigner has no compunctions to ask for dollar values of Omaha or Columbian stamps and in exchange send only stamps which at most reach the catalogue value of 25 cts. It must not be inferred from this, that the foreign collector does not send equal *value* as far as catalogue prices aggregate, far from it; the foreign collector is, as a rule, as honest in his intentions and deal-

ings as most American collectors, and he sometimes sends a few more stamps than the aggregate catalogue value demands from him but he usually thinks that as he in his native land does not get a great many stamps of his own country—which fact is brought about by the small amount of mail which most merchants and other business men receive and the large number of collectors who are ever on the alert to to take any and all stamps which they can get hold of—and these facts give him the idea that the stamps of his country are worth more than they really are, and he supposes that he is doing the American collector a great favor to exchange with him.

He knows full well also that in America business is done far more quickly than anywhere else on the globe and he supposes that such things as dollar values of stamps of any issue are as common with us as penny stamps in England, and hence he asks for the high values as a matter of course.

Another very disagreeable thing about foreign exchanging is that it takes an awfully long time to get returns as this is a matter which will wear out the patience of the average philatelist we would advise all our readers who have an idea that they would like to enter into exchange relations with foreigners to think twice before they undertake the job.

If we look through these publications which claim to have a large foreign circulation we find our American boy who poses as a dealer advertising to enter extensively into exchange relations with foreigners for the purpose of increasing his stock in trade. No doubt some good exchanges can thus sometimes be made, but if the dealer desires to make a profit on his stamps he would be more apt to do so if he bought foreign stamps for cash, outright, in preference to exchange.

No doubt a great many American boys have thought it a great thing to enter into exchange relations with foreigners, but sooner or later they all get tired of it and when they have learned a thing or two in this way they usually come to the conclusion that America is good enough for them. The collector, when he figures out how much he has spent for postage, registration, etc., with an occasional loss thrown in, resolves that in future he will "stay at home" in his exchanging; and the dealer after he has met with some disappointments and vexatious delays, to say nothing of accumulated unsalable or at least slow selling stock, comes to pretty much the same conclusion, and after cutting his eyeteeth, to use a common expression, he would be pretty sure to be found in the ranks of those who say: America for Americans.

Williams & Co.

This firm, which has lately been doing an unlimited amount of advertising through the columns of our contemporaries, both in this country and abroad, has on investigation, concerning its personnel and methods of doing business been found to be another one of the neatly conducted "fakes", usually practiced with alarming success to the party or parties conducting them. This firm was represented by only one party, a Mr. Casnough, the various other partners given never having been known in Lima, Peru, the home of this enterprising? firm. The office wherein the business was transacted was merely a small, poorly furnished office in the Hotel Cardinal, at Barranco, a suburb of Lima.

HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

Never put an unsoaked stamp, at the back of which pieces of paper still cling, in your album but first soak such stamps in either warm or cold water, until they easily peel off the paper; then press between two blotters to dry, so the stamps will not curl.

Never soad a lot of mixed stamps together, as some colors are apt to run, and discolor the other stamps.

There are three different ways of hinging the stamps in your album, at top, in middle or at bottom of stamp. The first method I recommend as the best.

You should also be careful to place your stamps evenly in your album, in the middle of your spaces provided for them, as it will improve the appearance of your collection considerably.

Never use home-made hinges, buy good hinges as it will always pay in the long run. The "Perfect Hinges" are the best on the market.

A perforation and mm. scale is another necessity. Even if you do not wish to collect watermarks, varieties of paper, etc., my advice is to examine all your duplicates for watermarks, ribbed paper, etc., and if you find a rarity of that kind, you can trade them off for other stamps lacking in your album.

Again, a catalogue is another necessity, as it will aid you in finding many new stamps, the existence of which you are now ignorant of. Take for example the 1873 issue of U. S. with secret marks, the 1892 issue of Russia, etc.

Always select evenly centered, lightly canceled and undamaged stamps to place in your album. If you have an inferior specimen and that it is the only copy you possess, place in your album until you can obtain a better copy.

If you have a greasy or dirty stamp, soak it in water, put between two blotters, and iron same with a warm flat-iron, as this will cleanse the stamp very much.

Exchanging with foreign collectors is another good way to increase your collection at small expense.

To be a subscriber to one or two good stamp papers will not cost much—indeed, the benefits derived therefrom will more than pay you for a year's subscription.

Alaskan Mail.

Bids have been opened at the postoffice department for carrying the mails by steamer from either San Francisco or Seattle via Unalaska, St. Michael and points along the Yukon river to Circle, Alaska, and Dawson, Canada. The lowest received and which has been accepted, is from the North American Transportation and Trading Co., Michael Cudahy, president, of Chicago, for three round trips from Seattle at $1495 each, on June 10, July 20 and August 20.

The addressing of letters to persons residing in Dawson City is a matter of no small difficulty. It is common expedient on the part of those writing to friends in this Klondike town to give a description of the dwelling of the addressee, such as, "The Cabin With the Screen Door," "The Tent With Two Stove Pipes," "The Cabin Three Doors South of Where all the Dogs Are", etc.

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COMMENTS.

The valuable stamp collection of the late Washington Hesing, of Chicago, has been appraised, but it is not yet offered for sale.

Captain W. H. Elliott, the director of Posts for Porto Rico, sailed from New York, on board the transport Mississippi, for San Juan, recently, taking with him two confidential assistants and carrying instructions to institute an independent form of postal government on the entire island March 15. This will mean the adoption in its entirety of the postal system of this country and identical with the postal system just introduced in Cuba.

About $1200 worth of Confederate locals, recently found in a stamp hunt in Augusta, Ga., now rest in the collection of an Augusta specialist.

We recently received one of Chas. Bailey's Business Cards and must say it is *fine*.

There are societies of young collectors in Chicago who pool their money, invest in wholesale lots and then distribute their acquisitions pro rata.

At the Hartford, Conn., postoffice orders for 140 sets of the newspaper and periodical stamps were received in advance. An average of about one set for every 500 of its population.

The foreign demand having been provided for and with still a large demand for full sets of the newspaper and periodical stamps it seems unlikely that any of the 50,000 sets offered for sale will be left in the hands of the government.

We have been favored with one the first letter cards of Canada, now obsolete, also one of the surcharged 2c on 3c envelopes described elsewhere.

The great work on English adhesive stamps is rapidly emerging from the press. The book will be sold at 24s (about 48c) to the public and at 15s (about 30c) to the members of the Philatelic Society of London.

With its February issue the *Texan Philatelist* makes its last bow to the philatelic public. The *Lone Star State Philatelist* will fill unexpired subscriptions and advertising contracts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rumor has it that the half penny vermilion stamp of Great Britain will shortly appear in green, in order to confirm with the postal union requirement for this value.

A 2d stamp of the 1892 type is soon to make its appearance from Barbados in order to provide for double rate letters to the countries participating in the Imperial Penny Postal Union.

Rumor has it that the current series of stamps of British Central Africa is to be surcharged "V. R." and that only surcharged stamps are to be accepted in prepayment of postage.

The Dominican Republic proposes to celebrate the erection of a crypt for the remains of Christopher Columbus by issuing a special series postage stamps, consisting of the same values as the present set.

NEW ISSUES.

UNITED STATES.—The 6c stamp has appeared in a new color, magenta, being almost exactly like the color of the 8c Columbian.

There are two dies of the new 2c envelope. The "Metropolitan Philatelist" gives the following descriptions:

DIE A.

71 notches in the outside serrated line. 39 notches in the inside serrated line. Lowest end of bust points at point of shield.

DIE B.

75 notches in the outside serrated line. 41 notches in the inside serrated line. Lowest end of bust points at the second notch. The lower part of the bust is more curved than in Die A.

When once known these two varieties can be distinguished at a glance. Die A. seems to be the scarcer.

The 4 and 5c envelopes of the new issue have appeared and are a decided disappointment. The 4c is the color of the old 4c adhesive, dark brown. The bust of Grant on the 5c is clumsy looking, a poor comparison with the previous issue.

The new dies on the different sizes of and colors of envelopes are gradually displacing the old set.

All the plates of the Omaha series have been destroyed.

The following is taken from the "A. J. of P.:"

"The sets of Newspaper and Periodical stamps were finally placed on sale on Saturday, February 25th, and we are informed that there was an enormous rush for them. One of our friends has shown us a set which was sold at the New York Post Office, and the suspicions, which we expressed in the article contained in another portion of this number, are confirmed. The set shown us had originals of the 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c, $2 and $50, and reprints of the $5, $10, $20 and $100 stamps. The reprints are easily distinguished from the originals by the difference in color and the extreme whiteness of the gum and paper.

The colors of the original stamps of the values referred to are as follows:

$5 blue.
$10 green.
$20 gray violet.
$100 reddish purple.

The colors of the reprints are as follows:

$5 Prussian blue.
$10 gray green.
$20 cold gray lilac.
$100 bluish purple.

Those who may by chance be successful in obtaining originals in their sets will indeed be fortunate, as we have no doubt that the larger part of the stock of the values referred to are reprints and not the originals.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A new letter card of the large circular design of the 1896 series has been issued. Value, 5 centavos. Color, pink on white.

AFGANISTAN.—Two more varieties of the registration stamps have appeared.

2 abassi, black on orange.
2 abassi, black on yellow.

BRITISH GUIANA.—A new registered envelope has been issued with the flap closing on the front. 4 cents, vermiliou.

Commemorative or limited-period stamps being barred from the international mails, the government has deemed it necessary to announce that the handsome set now in use is permanent.

BRAZIL.—The following surcharges have appeared in addition to those given last month. Newspaper stamps, provisional issue:

2000 r. on 1000 r. chocolate, green surcharge; 500 r. on 300 r. carmine.

BARBADOS.—A 2d. stamp may be expected to provide for double rate letters directed to countries in the Imperial Penny Postal Union.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The Acting Postmaster-General reports that a fresh supply of postage stamps has arrived and that there is now no danger of a recurrence of the circumstances, which together with an accident to a case of stamps led to the recent surcharging of stamps and issue of Tokens. 33,420 of the three shilling stamps surcharged "One Penny" were sold. Recent returns show that 23,901 of the Tokens were used in accounting for the postages paid in cash at the different postoffices.

CHINA.—The "A. J. of P." states that the $5 surcharge on the 3c revenue stamp was never used for postage. The stamps were used in connection with the money order department.

CANADA.—The 3c envelope has been surcharged 2c.

A new 2c envelope similar in design to the 1 and 3c has appeared. The first lot was printed by mistake in purple, but the latter printings were in red.

"The recent reduction of the postal rates in this country caused a shortage of the 1 and 2c stamps in several places, and 3c stamps were cut up and used to supply the deficiency. They were used in some cases without further alteration, one-third as a 1c and two-thirds as a 2c stamp, but in others they were surcharged, the figure "2" being printed in purple over the "3" of the larger portion, and the word One in green upon the smaller piece.

1 cent red, vertical ⅓ of 3c stamp.

1 cent red, vertical ⅓ of 3c stamp, green surcharge.

2 cents red, vertical ⅔ of 3c stamp.

2 cents red, vertical ⅔ of 3c stamp, purple surcharge.

The 2c adhesive now comes in red violet instead of dark purple.

A contemporary tells us that there were only 3000 of the 2c purple envelopes issued.

There is no truth in the rumor that there is to be an extra issue of the 2c purple envelope.

A few of the recent curiosities to arrive in this section were three new Canadian envelopes, the scarce 2c purple, recently issued and withdrawn, the current 1c olive green, and from our Canadian correspondent, a copy of the 2c on 3c now current, a result of the introduction of Imperial Penny Postage, the Dominion government having arranged for the over printing of any envelopes presented at the postoffices, the overprint being made with a rubber stamp and being large and clumsy.

If there is any truth in the statement that the printing of the 2c maple stamp has been discontinued, certain shades promise to become scarce, especially the stamp of the first printing which is in a distinct lavender tint.

The 2c red envelope is already on sale. The design is the same as the one cent green.

There are three varieties of the Canadian letter cards: one-cent black, two-cent green, and three-cent red, all on a greenish tinted paper, and measuring 5½x7 inches with a design similar to that of the "maple leaf" series.

CEYLON.—The 15c olive green has been surcharged 6c, this value being required to meet the requirements of the Imperial Penny Postal Union.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—A 5c red brown on salmon of the same type as the 1c chronicled last month has been received.

CUBA.—The following surcharges may be added to the list given last month:

5c on 2m. orange brown.
5c on 3m. orange brown.
5c on 5m. orange brown.

The 2c Cuban surcharge was made by the simple process of dropping the "½" from the 2½c surcharge.

1,000,000 1-cent and 583,000 2-cent postal cards have been surcharded for use in Cuba.

Unsurcharged stamps of the United States are still in use in Cuban mail matter.

CYPRUS.—Reports would indicate that a new set with values in English currency would be issued shortly.

CHAMBA.—The 1 rupee, carmine and green has been surcharged for official use in this state.

CHILI.—A stamp similar to the return receipt stamp with "Avis de Paiment" in the bottom label has been issued.

Advice of payment stamp—5 centavos, brown —"Metro. Phil."

DUTTIA.—The 1a. has been redrawn.

ECUADOR.—The 5c on 50c revenue has been seen with the surcharge in black and red as well as in green.

FERNANDO PO.—The 12½c stamp has been surcharged 50c.

Every stamp of the '95–'96 set, except, of course, the 5c itself has been surcharged in turn for use as 5 cents.

FRANCE.—The 5c stamp is now printed in yellow green, a decided change from the color in use since 1876.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The 1p. Government Parcels has been seen with the surcharge inverted.

HUNGARY.—The 2kr. now comes with the new watermark.

Excellent counterfeit of this countries lithographed stamps, first issue, have been made at Turin, Italy, and unloaded on the European market.

HAWAII.—The 2c stamp now comes in rose red instead of brown.

The first United States Hawaiian stamps will probably be issued in July.

The current 2c brown has appeared in pink.

The current stamps to all appearance will not be discontinued until July.

HAYTI.—A 60c stamp of the portrait has been issued.

A stamp of the value of 60 centimes has appeared.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The "A. J. of P." states that the 2½d. and 7d. stamps were withdrawn from circulation on January 25th, and that the stamps of these two values are to be surcharged 1d. and 2d. respectively, in order to use up the supply on hand.

LAS BELA.—A ½ anna black, on pale blue paper is chronicled in the current magazine.

NICARAGUA.—The new set for 1899 is the same design as that of 1894 with the date altered, except

the addition of the 4 and 15c values and the dropping of the 5 pesos value.

ADHESIVE STAMPS.	OFFICIAL STAMPS.
1c gray green.	1c gray green.
2c bistre brown.	2c bistre brown.
4c lake.	4c lake.
5c dark blue.	5c dark blue.
10c brown yellow.	10c brown yellow.
15c chocolate.	15c chocolate.
20c dark green.	20c dark green.
50c carmine rose.	50c carmine rose.
1p. red orange.	1p. red orange.
2p. violet.	2p. violet.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

1c carmine.	10c carmine.
2c "	20c "
5c "	50c "

—"A. J. of P."

NEW FOUNDLAND.—All plates, dies, etc., of Newfoundland stamps, of the issues of 1866 to 1896, in possession of the American Bank Note Company, of New York, were destroyed. Among the plates were those of the 6c pink, 12c brown, 13c orange and 24c blue. The plates in possession of the British American Bank Note Company of Montreal were also destroyed several months ago. Also the plates of the Cabots; thus there will be no more reprints of Newfoundland.

The list of plates distroyed is as follows:

1 plate 110—1c stamps,	1 plate 100—10c stamps,
1 " 100—1c "	1 " 100—12c "
1 " 100—2c "	1 " 100—13c "
1 " 100—3c "	1 " 100—24c "
1 " 100—5c "	9 original dies of above.
1 " 100—6c "	5 rolls containing same

The above comprises the entire quantity of plates, dies and rolls engraved by the British American Bank Note Company, or its predecessors for Newfoundland, with the exception of those of the current issue.

NETHERLANDS.—It is announced that the new 1g. stamp has been withdrawn, and that 50c, 1, 2½ and 5g stamps of a new design will be issued shortly.—"Metro. Phil."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The current ½ now comes in green—the Postal Union color.

PARAGUAY.—The 15c orange has been surcharged 10c

PERU.—The 2c stamp of the current type now comes in red.

PORTUGAL.—The following cards are now being issued for this country and its various colonies:

25 reis carmine on blue white.
25x25 reis carmine on blue white.
40 reis mauve on blue white.
40x40 reis mauve on blue white.

PUERTO RICO.—The 1c, 2c, 5c, and 10c U. S. stamps have been surcharged "Porto Rico" for use on this island. The following quantity of each value has already been shipped to Puerto Rico:

1,000,000 1c green.	500,000 5c blue.
2,000,000 2c red.	500,000 10c brown.

The provisional stamps for this colony were shipped February 21. They bore the simple surcharge "Puerto Rico." No distinctive set is to be issued for this colony as for Cuba. The denominations and amounts surcharged were:

1,000,000 of the 1c.
2,000,000 of the 2c.
500,000 of the 5c.
500,000 of the 10c.

The total number of postage stamps sold at the sale of remainders at San Juan, October 15, was 12,698,303, of a nominal value of $434,299.24 for which the successful bidder paid $7,528 in Porto Rican currency or about $5,000 in U. S. money.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Several letters from the Philippines have been received in Pittsburg lately, prepaid with Omaha stamps, these, in all probabilities being forwarded to the soldiers by friends, as the postoffice at Manila has been handling the ordinary issue exclusively.

QUEENSLAND.—The ½p. has been issued in a new type. The background has been removed from behind the profile; on the left the name "Queensland" is placed, reading upwards, and on the right, "Half-penny," reading downwards. ½p. green.

The 1d. vermilion has appeared rouletted or with a serrated perforation as noted last month.

ROUMANIA.—The stamps of the 1866 issue are being cleverly forged by means of photography.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—A registration envelope of a very handsome design has been issued. There are five sizes of envelopes. The stamp is circular, with arms in center; inscription surrounding the arms. Value 4 pence, color olive.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Owing to a shortage of 4c stamps the following have been surcharged with that value:

5c blue, black surcharge.
5c brown, black surcharge.
8c blue, black surcharge.

Only 36,000 of the 5c blue received the surcharge.

SURINAM.—The 12½, 15, 20, 25 and 30 cent denominations of the current issue have been surcharged "10 cents" to supply the deficiency of that denomination.

TUNIS.—The 5c stamp has appeared in an entirely new color—yellow green.

TRAVANCORE.—A 1 chuckram, blue on buff letter card has been issued by this State.

TASMANIA.—A two pence, green on light gray letter card has been issued. The stamp is of the old type used since 1870.

THESSALY.—The remainders of the stamps from this place have been sold to a speculator.

TRINIDAD.—The following cards are obsolete and the remainders are to be forwarded to London for disposal.

Single postal cards at 1½ penny and 2 pence, double cards at 1½x1½ penny and 2x2 pence.

URUGUAY.—A new 5m. (½c) stamp has made its appearance recently. It is lithographed by the Oriental Printing and Lithographing Company of Montevideo. Its design consists of a head of Liberty in center, surrounded by a band inscribed "R. O. del Uruguay;" emblems in corners; "Correos" in straight line above. "Mile-5-simos" below. Perforation 11½. 5 centesimos, red.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—A new issue was placed on sale on January 23rd. Following are the values and colors:

½p yellow green,	6p. violet,
1p. red,	7p. slate green,
2½p. ultramarine,	1sh. ochre,
4p. chocolate,	5sh. dark blue.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—It is announced that the color of the 2 pence is to be changed from gray to orange.

An Extension of Time.

By an oversight we gave our printer our copy for "Our Prize Story Contest" and had it dated March 31 as the limit to prepare your article and have it in our hands by. It should have been dated June 1, and we hereby desire to notify all preparing Mss. for same of the change and extension of time. Look up our "Missing Word Contest". It will probably interest you.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOUR.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

CANADA'S ENVELOPES AND STAMPS.—It can be truly said, as one of her philatelic sons remarked to me: "There are no flies on Canada!" Things have been humming up there lately. Jubilees, Maple Leaves, Numerals, Envelope Errors, Christmas Stamp in different colors, to say nothing of the shades, have kept us all busy. One of my lady friends sent me several distinct shades of the 2c purple numeral and as this stamp is to be changed to red, they will be scarce later. They are to have a new 4c from up there, a new registration issue, etc. By the way, where is the 5c numeral? The president of the D. P. A. expresses the opinion that the 2c purple envelope is an intentional error. I notice this specimen is advertised at prices varying from 50c to $1.00.

PREVARICATION.—When quoting from the sayings of another, care should always be taken to use the same words. If you do not, the quotation is a false one, and if it is passed through several hands, and varied each time, it will hardly be recognizable at the finish. Most people have heard the story of the three black crows. When the story commenced, a man ate something as black as a crow, and told his neighbor so. The neighbor said a crow had been eaten, and so it went. Thus it is in philately. Shades of color get changed and a bright red will be pink after a little, and may get bleached to white, and finally "wizzle away" altogether. Apropos of this, the writer once used a figure 28; it was copied as 18, then as 8, and thus a difference of 20 days occurred, which is quite a difference sometimes. The original statement will be correct, but through transmogrification, the truth-teller is declared to be a falsifier, or a heedless mistaker.

"ALL MEN ARE HYPOCRITES".—On occasion, says the editor of "The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly." The animus of the principal editorial, headed "Hypocricy in Philately", is to make out Mr. S. A. D. Cox, of Kansas, who recently wrote on the subject of the Philatelic Hypocrite, a hypocrite himself. The English Editor says: "Mr. Cox, ere he writes again on this subject, might do well to weigh the matter carefully. He might reflect that a stamp, philatelically, is not an ordinary commodity. It is not a commodity in the sense in which polical economists use the word. Mr. Cox pictures a grocer as a man who is in the grocery business solely for money-making; but Mr. Cox forgets that biscuits and sugar are *consumed* almost as soon as purchased. Now philatelists do not consume stamps; they do not even 'use' them, as one uses furniture or books. Now, if Mr. Cox will weigh this point well it may lead him to a more correct view of the subject. He argues well; but he argues from the wrong starting-point. He does so intentionalty, perhaps, therein playing the hypocrite to the public; on the other hand, he may have taken the wrong line unintentionally, in which case he is a hypocrite only to himself. All men are hypocrites—on occasion." The closing sentence qualifies the article immensely, and will save the writer from being flayed rhetorically perhaps. The writer heard the Kansas gentleman's article read out loud by a well-kown philatelist who closed by exclaiming "Rats"!

THE PERIODICAL STAMPS.—The placing of the periodical stamps on sale has created more expressions of opinion—if possible—than the Omaha issues did but a short time ago. To the majority of collectors the government's action was hailed with delight, while the dealers generally were pronounced in their condemnation of their sale at so low a figure. As Mr. Wylie intimates, little has been said in the nature of connecting the matter with the suit of the government against a dealer who had the stamps on sale. The fact remains that, soon after the judge decided against the government, it was announced that the use of the stamps for keeping an account of second-class matter would be abandoned, and it is an open question whether it was not intended as a means of getting even with the dealers. If such was the idea, the department has the pleasure of noticing the squirmings of the dealers, and may think he laughs best who laughs last.

A Recent Find.

Our Canadian Correspondent this month furnishes us with a short write-up of a recent valuable find and promises to follow same up for further developments. Subscribe now and get the full account of this and also a few other special features he promises to give us for our following numbers.

We wish to especially call the attention of advertisers to the ALLEGHENY'S ad. rates and assure them that they will receive more returns, for money invested, than in any other paper. A trial will convince!

UNITED STATES.

The sets of Newspaper and Periodical stamps, embracing values from 1c to $100.00 have been placed on sale to the public. The comple set is sold for $5.00, the face value per set being over $180.00.

Previously these stamps were not on sale; they were used simply as vouchers for postage paid on large bundles of newspapers and periodicals. When, recently, their use was discontinued, the stamps being very beautiful and much in demand among the collectors, the government decided to dispose of about 50,000 sets of the stock on hand to collectors at a nominal figure.

These stamps, though probably never to become rare, are undoubtedly desirable.

A ruling recently made by Attorney General Griggs holds our government liable for the full amount in the event of the loss of a foreign registered letter while in the hands of our post office authorities.

Of the new 2c red envelope, there are two very distinct types. In die A the embossing is sharp; in die B faint. Die A measures 24x27mm; die B 25x29mm.

A St. Louisan who has been giving close attention to stamps cancelled to order in the entire sheet for the use of certain business houses having a large correspondence has so far obtained the following denominations and cancellations:

1c blue and green, 2c and 3c, Boston, horizontal cancellation;

1c green and 2c, Minneapolis, diagonal cancellation;

1c blue and 3c purple, St. Paul, vertical cancellation;

1c green, 2c and 5c blue, Racine, Wis., vertical cancellation ;

1c green, and 4c brown, the former plain and the latter with a bar above "Milwaukee," Milwaukee, Wis.

Those who ought to know claim that the newspaper and periodical stamps have been reprinted and that very few of the sets contain the originals. The list as denominations and colors is as follows :

ORIGINALS.

$5 blue.
$10 green.
$20 gray violet.
$100 reddish purple.

REPRINTS.

$5 prussian blue.
$10 gray green.
$20 cold gray lilac.
$100 bluish purple.

63,300,000 of the 1c and 62,000,000 of the 2c values have been surcharged "I. R."

There are two types of the new two-cent dies, one with 71 notches in the outer circle and the other with 75.

The 1898 proprietory revenue has been found on laid paper.

Paid For Stamps With Bogus Checks.

Clarence Hill, a 17-year-old lad of Hudson, Miss., has been held under $500 bail by the Federal authorities for using the mail with intent to defraud. He secured consignments of stamps from dealers and then attempted to pay for them with bogus checks.

CANADIAN NOTES.

BY CHARLES BAILEY.

Mr. W. A. Lydiatt, of Toronto, late publisher of the now defunct "Canadian Philatelic Weekly," has accepted a position with the Cummings Stock Company, an organization which has been playing in the Princess Theatre, Toronto, for the past 40 weeks. Mr. Lydiatt made his *debut* in that popular French drama, Cyrano de Bugerac, and although previous engagements prevented me from being in attendance on the night in question, it is pleasing news to hear that he received a very flattering reception, and bids fair to make a successful hit.

The 23rd weekly meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto was held on Tuesday evening March 2nd in their Club Rooms, Forum Building. During the proceedings of the meeting it was moved and seconded that the Club hold an open debate on the next meeting night. Topic : The recent postal emissions of the Canadian Government—Speculative or Necessary. The Club will likely draw up a resolution for publication in the "Daily Press" of Toronto.

Since the issuance of the attractive Jubilee set of Canada, it is quite evident to the collectors at large, that there is a big speculation now on in certain stamps. When we consider that during the past twenty months there has been issued and chronicled in the philatelic press 38 adhesive stamps, 5 envelopes, 5 post cards, 3 letter cards and 1 wrapper; a total of 52 new varieties for the indulgent collector, (and the end is not yet). These many new varieties has given the speculator a fine

field in which to corner certain values, and otherwise impose upon the philatelic fraternity.

The 2c on 3c surcharged envelope and the 2c on 3c surcharged letter cards is the latest in postal stationery, they have been issued and chronicled, but have never been placed on sale for the populace to buy one or two. The speculators get them all. (Queer isn't it.)

I am pleased to be in a position to give the ALLEGHENY readers an account of a valuable "find" recently made in Toronto. There recently occurred the death of an old 50 years resident of Toronto, of whom his sole survivors were a daughter and a son. After the usual funeral ceremonies were over, the will of the gentleman in question was brought forward and the contents made known to his heirs. To his only daughter there was bequeathed among other things his entire business papers and correspondence. The son who evidently had an idea of the value of such, obtained access to the correspondence, and later presented himself in the office of a well known stamp dealer in Toronto, and brought forward a few letters, two of which contained thereon a lightly canceled copy of the B. N. A. *rare avis* 12 penny black. Upon being questioned, as from whence they were obtained, he declined to make known but claimed the ownership of them. A price of $275.00 was offered for each of them, but he evidently expected a much larger sum, and declined to dispose of them.

Later the true legal ownership of them has been informed of their value, and will institute legal proceedings for the recovery of them.

Note.—Apropos to the above I will endeavor to obtain more information regarding this valuable *find*, and follow up the case should it be carried to the courts, and inform the ALLEGHENY readers of any new developments.

The alleged rare *find* of editor Bach of the "Montreal Philatelist" has after they have been submitted under the eye of the Chicago experts, proven to be a very good imitation of the rare 5c British Guiana. Better take the advice of *Dottie Lonesome*, Dear Bach, and devote a few more days to your Kindergarten.

Among the many underpriced stamps in Scott's 58th, there is one (that if the number issued, and the length of time they were doing postal duty) were taken into consideration I think the majority of collectors will agree that it is priced extremely low; I refer to the Canada 5c olive green, 1875-77. This stamp was in use but two years, and was intended to cover foreign letter rate. The amount of foreign mail sent out twenty-two years ago was very small; about 10 per cent. of the amount that is handled by the Department to-day. From what I have seen of this stamp on the original cover, the past ten years, has led me to believe it was used but very little for domestic postal duty, and evidently there was but little demand for it. Very few dealers in America hold any quantity of them, and in my opinion the time is not far distant, when we shall see this stamp advanced over 100 per cent. from its present list price.

Among the latest things (it is one every week now) in Canada stamps

—the 3c carmine red, Scott's type A 22, has appeared surcharged, overprint 2c. I also hear of the 3c numeral being cut diagonally and used in conjunction with the ½c to cover 2c letter rate. This occurred in a small country P. O. wherein they had disposed of their 2c value, and was waiting a fresh supply from Ottawa. To use the remark of a friend philatelist, "If Mulock don't soon let up on us, we will surely go broke."

NOTES ON REVENUES.

BY JOHN PETZ.

Part of the old Canadian revenues have been printed by the American Bank Note Co., of New York.

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I am of the same opinion as B. A. Cottlow, that the cat. prices of the following revenues could well be cut in half:

1878 rouletted proprietary, 3 cent and 4 cent (both shades). There are several others to add to above list; I will do, later on.

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The ½c proprietory, of U. S. 1898 series, in orange-brown is so far different in color from the same stamp in light brown shade, that I think each shade has a right to be called a different color, in fact.

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Mr. S. E. L., in the *Weekly Era* of December 17th, states that he has seen no other firm, beside, the manufacturers of Castoria, who have placed their entire signature on the stamps used on medicine. In reply to this I wish to state that I have seen the entire name of the Chatta Medicine Company printed across the face of the stamps they have used.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY ECHOL HECTOR.

Everybody hereabouts is talking about the great World's Fair which is to be held in St. Louis several years hence to commemorate the great "Louisiana Purchase." Philatelists are already laying plans to get in line and make a grand philatelic exhibition. So far not even the question of a site for the World's Fair has been definitely settled, but everyone can rest assured that the philatelists who are scattered all over the great "Louisiana Purchase" which now comprises over 20 States will not let any grass grow under their feet, after the location is once decided upon. We would urge upon all those stamp collectors as well as upon dealers the necessity of thinking about this matter at an early day if they intend to exhibit any stamps, etc., for in this way the best results will be brought about when the time for action arrives.

In St. Louis there is a man who sells stamps for a living and does nothing else—I mean unused U. S. Postage and Revenue stamps of the current issue—and he sells a good many too. He buys them at a discount from firms who receive a great number of stamps through the mail in payment from their customers. He sells them below face value to business houses who send out great quantities of mail. Not alone does it keep him busy at all times, but he hires a boy to help him deliver the stamps to his customers. For years he was the only man in town doing such a business, but lately other people have also entered the field but there seems to be plenty of work for all.

As I mentioned in my last months notes the trade with the boy collector is booming here. Youngsters are in evidence daily at every stamp shop. They come before shool opens, and also call during the noon hour and quite often after 6 p. m., when it is supposed that the tired dealer is getting ready to leave for home.

The local postoffice is now an "all night affair", as a local stamp collector recently said. Since our new Postmaster has taken possession one can get whatever he likes in the way of stamps, registration, money orders, etc., at any time during the night. We have been longing for this convenience for many years and now feel very grateful for having it.

Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, induced a number of our local stamp collectors to send them stamps to be sold by their unsurpassed facilities. Since Williams & Co. have "evaporated" so to speak our collectors are kicking themselves for being taken in by such fakes. Some people think "Williams & Co." and "Quigley" are one and the same, and are wondering where "Quigley" will turn up next.

St. Louis stamp collectors are getting enthusiastic. The Century Stamp Club which heretofore met once a month has resolved to meet twice a month from March 2nd. The nights selected are the first and third Thursdays of each month. At the meeting held March 2nd the annual election was held and the best workers were elected to the various offices. The Century is the only live Stamp Club in St. Louis and under the wise and progressive guidance of President French will surely be one of the largest clubs in the U. S. before long. President French extends a cordial invitation to all visiting philatelists to come and see him at the office of the Grand Piano Co., 1102 Olive street. If he cannot buy stamps from you or make an exchange trade with you then it will not be his fault, but if he succeeds in selling you a Piano or Organ or Regina Music Box or even a few pieces of sheet music he will not begrudge the time spent in so doing, and politely ask you to "call again."

One of our local stamp firms recently sent out seven big sacks of mail in one day, this being made up of letters, filled orders for sheets and packets, and some advertising matter.

A customer of a local stamp firm sent some stamps from Sweden to them pricing them according to Senf's catalogue to an aggregate amount, as he gave the amount in Marks and Pfennigs the post office money order was so written out. The issue clerk at the post office was sorely puzzled for awhile in trying to change the amount from German to Swedish money but after a little aid from another employe he finally succeeded and what had at first seemed to be a hard job was soon accomplished with less work and worry than he had imagined.

When you intend to sell your stamps do not procrastinate. A local dealer was offered some stamps which were valuable. He promptly offered his price to the seller, but the seller was undecided whether to accept or not. Business called the seller away from his town for a few days and during his absence his business partner sold the whole lot

of stamps for a song. And now there are three men who are very angry, the would be seller is kicking himself because he did not sell when he could have done so—his business partner is angry because he did not know the value of the stamps—and the would be buyer is angry at both the would be seller and his stupid partner for selling the stuff to somebody else.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

I have in my collection a copy of the 1883-84 20 ore of Sweden, color dull blue, without period after the word "Postfrim."

There is one country that requires only 18 cents to have complete. I refer to the New Hebride Islands, but two stamps have as yet been issued catalogued at 6 and 12 cents respectively. Would that it were as easy to complete one's collection of Portugal and her numerous colonies, in the matter of money! But, alack! here it would require thousands of dollars.

When I began collecting stamps, and arranging them in an album, I used to send for "free packets" of stamps, whenever seeing an ad of such a character; and when I received the stamps I kept them in separate envelopes in a box, so I knew which stamps I had received free, and which were bought. When I came in possession of a copy of Scott's catalogue I measurured all perforations of my duplicates and was surprised to find, among a packet I had received free, a fair copy of the 1877 3kr green of Austria, perforated 10½, catalogued by Scott at $1.50.

Eight cent Omahas are really worth more, in used condition, than the price paid for them, i. e. frum 2 to 3 cents per copy, in good condition. Any one holding from 25 to 100 or more specimens of this stamp will no doubt do good to keep them, as doubtless they will be worth many times the price now paid for them, in half a dozen years hence. It is interesting to note that at first it was the intention of the Post Office Department at Washington to have 2,000,000 of the 8 cent Omahas printed, but that in reality, it now appears, 2,923,900 were printed. How many copies of this number have been used, and how many have fallen in the hands of collectors? Probably very few.

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THE VALUE OF SYSTEM.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well" is an old saw that still holds a keen edge although it has stood the test of years. We have have known men who have clung to this maxim for a good many years and when we observe that they are getting along nicely in the world, and are successful in what they undertake we cannot deny that it is the adherence to a well known rule that makes their success possible. Now what is true of this maxim when applied to affairs in general is doubly so when applied to philately. Stop to think for one ment how systematically everything works in nature. The seasons come and go with mathematical exactness, the grass grows the flowers bloom, the sun rises and sets, all in regular order. Can we not apply the lesson thus taught to our own pet hobby—stamp collectiing—and profit thereby? We certainly can, and it is the purpose of this article to point the way to those collectors, as well as to some dealers who may not have given the matter its proper share of attention heretofore. Let us take the collector first. His object may be either to amass a large collection, or to get a valuable collection, or perhaps to acquire a collection which he can sell at any time at a profit should the occasion ever come when he wonld be forced by adversity, or for any other reason to part with his stamp collection. In any event he will surely be far in advance of the collector who goes at it in a haphazard way without any definite ideas as to what he intends to do. We know from observation that by far the greater number of collectors are what is termed "general collectors" that is they will buy stamps of any country if they can get them at reasonable prices. They can never tell unless they have their Albums handy which stamps they lack and hence it often happens that they acquire stamps which they already have in their collections. These stamps of course are then duplicates and require both time and attention to get rid of again either by way of exchange or sale.

Now the collector who goes about things in a systematic manner avoids the useless expenditure of money first of all. If he is a general collector he takes his stamp album and his catalogue and with a small dash made in his catalogue opposite every stamp which he possesses he is in a position to know exactly what stamps he lacks. Some collectors imagine that it is an awful job to do this but we know from personal observation that is the very best way in the long run.

Having now marked off in his catalogue those stamps which he has he can at all times easily tell what he wants. As there are certain stamps which are not much sought, our systematic friend takes particular notice of such so-called "unfashionable countries," and endeavors to obtain the stamps of such, as for instance Argentine, Bosnia, Egypt, Siam etc. etc., but he is careful to avoid such countries whose stamps are "booming" for the bottom will drop out sooner or later after the "boom" has depart-

ed. He also does not aim to get the oldest issues first but commences to collect the last issues or the current issues because stamps are usually the cheapest when they are current. Of course should any of the older issues be brought to his notice at a reasonable price he will not hesitate to purchase. Then he is particular to get the higher values first and go down the scale instead of buying the lowest values first and going upward, for he knows it is very hard to climb up hill, in stamp collecting especially. Anyone who will but stop to think a moment will see that the higher values of stamps will increase in value much faster in proportion to their cost than the lower values.

"But," we hear some collector say, "how is a person to tell which countries to select when there are so many, and the collector of limited means where can he practice such a system? The answer is easy. As in nature the sunshine is essential to life, so in philately the philatelic press will furnish you with the desired light on most any subject. The practical and systematic collector reads the philatelic papers, such as the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, which gives him abundant light on all matters pertaining to stamps and philately in general. He is very particular to read the chronicle of new issues and being thus posted is far in advance of his fellow collectors who ignore those beaten paths which lead to success. Whenever he discovers the number of stamps issued of any particular set he is careful to make a note of it in a book of statistics which to him is a necessity, and which he could not get along without. Should he find it convenient to make a trade with a brother collector and take in exchange stamps which to him are duplicates he mounts them either on sheets or approval books so as to have them handy at any time. He is thus at all times prepared to do his stamp business expeditiously and while his slow going fellow collector is trying to ascertain whether such or such a stamp is in his collection our systematic friend is already at the end of the last chapter and is the gainer thereby.

We could fill pages along the same line but believe that we have made the point sufficiently clear to all thinking philatelists and hence will turn our attention for a few brief moments to the dealer and show him how he can best serve his customers to mutual advantage.

It is the duty of every dealer to anticipate the wants of his customers and put his stock in such shape that he can serve his customers without delay and give them precisely what they desire and in such shape as to insure satisfaction for a satisfied and well pleased customer is after all the mainstay of his business and the prime factor when success is desired. The dealer should take pains to have his goods put up in the most attractive style and should avoid damaged stamps in either buying or selling. One of the largest concerns in the business is proud of the fact that all stamps it sends to its customers are such as will induce the customer to want more. Condition is a prime mover to success and it is more profitable to throw away a bad specimen than to sell same because the buyer will later on regret an unsatisfactory purchase and try some other dealer. The dealer should also be sure to advertise his wares in the philatelic papers for he is thus not alone benefiting himself as well as the publisher but he is doing the collector a good turn whenever he offers goods which

are meritorious. But never advertise beyond your means to pay, for that is a mistake which, alas, too many dealers have made, and through which they have gained unprofitable notoriety, and finally the stationery that a dealer should make use of should consist of printed envelopes, letter heads, bill heads, statements and sheets, besides such various printed circulars, price lists, etc. etc., as his business demands. We know quite a number of dealers who are a trifle close when it comes to investing in stationery believing they are saving money by using ordinary paper, plain envelopes etc. but, a little sober reflection would soon convince them of their error. Barnum the great showman used to boast that a dollar spent for printers ink in various ways would be sure to return and bring a dozen other dollars back as companions, and his success certainly was a proof of that fact.

So let our dealers and our collectors go at their work with more system hereafter and our word for it that they will be surprised at the results.

Locating the Brattleboros.

Some years ago, according to the Chicago *Record*, a well known collector, who is also a wag, caused the publication of a story that an old lady in Albany, N. Y., had died and left in her will a provision that her valuable collection should be divided among the collectors in the United States who were fortunate enough to own Brattleboro stamps. He announced himself as the executor of the estate. In that way he was able to locate all the Brattleboro stamps in the world, and succeeded in buying one, which he had long coveted.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOUR.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

QUEER STAMPS.—We have seen some queer stamps, but none that strike us more comically than one of the set of four lately put forth by Malta. The facts here given are embodied in an article to the *Melita Philatelic Chrouicle and Advertiser* by "A. G. T.," who is not in love with the designs. He speaks of the 4½d light brown, supposed to represent an ancient galley of Malta, otherwise a "Gozo" or a "wing-and-wing" affair. The 5d salmon stamp is intended for the galley of the Knights of Malta, which the writer says gives one an idea of a Japanese junk, if not of a ticket of price, such as is generally found on Chinese imported tea-pots, etc. The 2s bistre represents Madame Malta, but the figure impresses the aforesaid writer as not showing forth the female form divine to suit him, reminding him of stone masonry work. Perhaps he was thinking of tin soldiers or Indian cigar store signs. But the high value 10s neutral blue stamp is the most comical of all, intended to represent the Shipwreck of St. Paul. He reminds us that the Acts of the Apostles tell of the Centurion, St. Paul and prisoners, soldiers, et al., numbering 276 souls, but no females were mentioned; yet in this stamp two women are shown, struggling in the water, with their hair quite artistically arranged, hardly in keeping with the circumstances of the case, and a viper is in evidence which looks more like a rampant snake.

UN-PHILATELIC JOURNALISM — Two or three journals make a practice of publishing a certain class of items which are "dead easy" as far

as the composition of them are concerned, but as the animus of them is to annoy certain parties, the result is that the department soon gets tiresome, and does not conduce to the interests of philately. It is surprising that any one who claims to be a philatelist should regularly pen items telling that the Little Birds say "that" and so forth, every paragraph commencing with the same word. It is also surprising to think that any publisher who lays claim to printing a journal in the interests of philately should open his pages to such rot. No decent journalist will pen such stuff under his name, but cowards do it under the cover of a "nom," and get paid for their "space-filling" with an "ad," where their real name appears which "gives them away," even if the characteristic style of the writer is not at first evident.

PERIODICALLY SPEAKING —Notwithstanding the attempts of the "simon-pure philatelists" to make the possessors of the periodical sets disgusted with their "picture labels," as they dub them, very few owners of them can be found who are dissatisfied with them, and they don't waste much time spoiling the face of them by turning them over in their abums to see whether the gum is "yellow" or "white." The great mass of the "stamp collectors" think they have got $5 worth even if the "philatelists" do not. There are one or two scribes at least these queer specimens of humanity can be counted on the fingers of one hand, leaving out the thumb, who assume that they know all there is about stamps, and all others "are not in it." It used to be said that "in the hereafter there will be three places to go to—heaven, hell, and the abode of the ——- family." So perhaps our hobby will be represented by "stamp-collectors," "philatelists" and "know-it-alls."

NO FLIES ON CANADA.— A Canadian correspodent sent me one of the new stamps early in December, and called my attention to the fact that on the specimen furnished the red color representing British possessions had wiped out nearly all of the United States, and closed his remark with the words, "There are no flies on Canada!" With these words ringing in my ears, I fell asleep on a lounge, and had a dream something like this: I appeared to be in a school-room. The school-teacher had a strong resemblance to Queen Victoria, and wore a crown on her head, but there was no harp in her hand. She called on the class in target-practice to come forward. She placed a map of the world on the black-board and requested each member of the class to fire at it. The aim seemed to be bad, or else the ammunition was poor. All but one had tried their skill and failed to hit the target. The last one was a dapper little boy, who strutted out, and, catching up a bottle of red ink, he rammed it down the muzzle of his gun, took aim and fired. When the smoke had cleared the map was found spattered with ink, and the boy defined it as a map of the world, and that the red spots represented Great Britain, closing his speech with "We hold a vaster empire than has been." The teacher requested the boy to kneel, and patted him on the back with a brand new sword, remarking, "Rise, Sir William, you are a knight." And William arose, laid the sword across his arm, and as he strutted off, he winked at his mates, exclaiming "There are no flies on Canada!"

NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—The color of the 6c stamp has been changed to magenta, similar to the shade used for the 8c Columbian issue.

OMAHA STAMPS.—Two very distinct shades, light and dark, in each of the 8 and 10c denominations are reported. The light shades are the rarer and are printed in a dull dead ink. The commoner variety is printed in darker ink and is very bright, as if varnished. Although there were fewer 8c than 5c stamps issued the latter seems to be the scarcest.

All remainders of these stamps have been placed on sale at Omaha.

ENVELOPES.—Mr. Bartels explains the difference in the two dies of the two cent envelope as follows:

"The department has demanded an explanation from the contractors as to why two dies had been used for printing envelopes, when only one had been officially adopted. The reply was that owing to a great similarity between the two, one of the wrong kind had gotten mixed with the others and a few envelopes were printed from it before it was discovered. This is rather a lame excuse, and the department is inclined to believe that the contractors desired to make use of a die they had prepared to save the expense of making a new one, believing that no one would discover the difference, which they considered so very slight."

Die A of the new 2c red envelope has been found on white, amber, buff and blue paper.

A recent discovery shows several minor varieties of the old 2 cent green envelopes. The bust around the knot of the queue shows differences, and the color of some of the envelopes is a washy green on the olive order.

WRAPPERS.—The 1c green has the old or 1894 watermark, the contractors being allowed to use up the stock of manila paper on hand.

PROPRIETARY.—The entire set of U. S. Proprietary revenue stamps consists of a

½c yellow green.	1½c light blue.
¼c pale brown.	2c violet brown.
⅝c deep orange.	2½c lake.
⅝c deep ultramarine.	3⅝c olive.
1c dark green.	4½c purple.
1¼c brown violet.	5c chestnut brown.

The total cost of this set at the post office is 24 cents. Besides the shades noted above are the ½c orange brown, 1½c plum, and 1½c deep purple, purchasable from stamp dealers only. A scarce variety of the ½c on ribbed paper must also be bought of the dealer, unless you happen to secure a used copy.

Chas. Merchand of New York has ordered private proprietary dies as follows: ⅝c, 1½c, 1⅞c, 2½c, 3½c, and 7½c.

A find is reported from San Francisco of a case of matches, each box having a 2 cent "proprietary" blue stamp surcharged Newbauer, Nov. 16, 1866.

NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL STAMPS.—In addition to the list of originals and represent of these stamps chronicled last month we desire to add the list of originals on hand when the government began its reprinting.

$100.00—7,685.
50.00—16,245.
20.00—8,780.
10.00—11,640.
5.00——155.

CUBA.—Postal cards of the 1c and 2c denominations, surcharged

1c and 2c de peso have been prepared for this colony.

Former stamps issued by Spain for use here are still good for postage.

A new lot of surcharges has appeared in the province of Puerto Principe which has not been supplied with stamps by the government. These consist of the 1, 2, 3 and 5m orange brown, the ½, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8m blue green and the 1c black violet surcharged with the word "Habilitado" and figures of value ranging from 1c to 10c. There are 21 varieties.

On each of the sheets of two cent U. S. stamps surcharged for use in this colony, the 99th stamp shows the error "CUPA" instead of "CUBA".

The entire stock of the 2½c de peso on 2c, error, has been sold. Of four shades of this stamp claimed to exist, the rose pink is the scarcest.

The 2c appears in three distinct shades—carmine, salmon-pink and salmon.

When the first 1c stamps were surcharged at Puerto Principe, the "s" was not removed from cents and the peculiar error "1 cents" is the result. 1 cents on 1 milesima, orange brown. It is stated that the stamps were surcharged in strips of five and as the printing office had only four figures of the size required (except the 1c) there must be at least two varieties of every stamp over-printed, excepting, of course, the 1 cent.

The 2½c is said to be entirely sold out and the 2c de peso has now taken its place.

PORTO RICO.—In addition to our last month's chronicle, we are now prepared to complete the same. The surcharging of the stamps sent this colony is in long-primer capitals placed diagonally on the stamp. Outside of a few broken letters, to be found on some of the sheets, no errors have as yet been reported. The set to date consists of four adhesive stamps, perforation 12, watermarked U. S. P. S., surcharged on the following:

1c yellow green, black surcharge.
2c red, black surcharge.
5c blue, black surcharge.
10c yellow brown, black surcharge.

BELGIUM.—The 35c adhesive stamp, perforated 14x13½, with Sunday label now appears in violet brown instead of brown.

BRAZIL.—In addition to the surcharged newspaper adhesive stamps chronicled in our last two numbers, we chronicle the following:

20r on 10r blue, black surcharge.
50r on 50r blue green, blue surcharge.
and a 700r on 500r orange, and
700r on 500r green. Perforated.

PARENA.—This State is to have a postal system and to issue stamps for internal mail matter. Six values are reported to be already in use.

BRITISH GUIANA.—February 19, the 10 cent and 15 cent Jubilees surcharged 2 cents were put on sale at the general post offices at British Guiana. They were in much demand and some stamp dealers were disappointed at not getting an unlimited number of them over the counter, as the authorities would sell each buyer only a limited number. A few stamps bear the words "two gents" instead of "two cents." This misprint, of course, enhances the value of the stamp in the eyes of philatelists. The post-office is being supplied with the stamps by the Treasury Department in limited quantities, to be issued every Monday.

The following adhesive stamps, provisional issue, perforated, were surcharged "TWO CENTS":

10c red and blue black, black surcharge.

15c blue and red brown, black surcharge.
Also the following provisional envelopes.
5c blue on white paper, black surcharge.
5c blue on gray blue paper, black sur.

The 5c ultramarine envelope exists in thin white paper and bluish wove with blue granite surface inside.

CANADA.—E. P. Stanton, Supt. Postage Stamp Branch at Ottawa states that the department has no present intention of getting out a reissue of the 2c purple envelope.

The 5c numeral has been placed on sale at some places.

According to the *Monthly Journal* almost all the values of the issues of 1868 to 1893, generally catalogued as perforated 12 all around, also exist in perforation 11½x12. We give the list as published by our contemporary :

1868—Large Stamp—Perforated 11½x12.
2c light green.
3c bright red.
6c red brown, dark brown.
12½c blue.
15c light gray.
Perforated 12.
2c deeper green.
3c dull red.
6c brown, red brown.
15c gray, light gray, blue gray.
1868-1876—Small Stamp—Perf. 11½x12.
½c black.
1c yellow.
2c green.
3c light bright red, flesh red.
5c gray (large)
5c gray (small)
6c brown, brownish chestnut.
10c pink, dull pink, reddish pink.
Perforated 12.
½c greenish black.
1c yellow, orange yellow.
2c green, yellow green.
3c dull red, bright red.
6c brown, chestnut brown.
10c carmine pink, reddish pink.
1882—Smaller Stamp—Perforated 11½x12.
½c black.
Perforated 12.
½c black, black on yellowish.
1893—Perforated 11½x12.
8c gray, blue gray.
Perforated 12.
8c blue gray.

CHILI.—Chili has a new 30 centavos (carmine) postage due stamps on sale. The 1c, 2c and 5c stamps of this country are to be changed in design, and probably color, owing to the counterfeiting of the same.

The 1c and 2c postal cards now come with the frame better drawn and the imprint in the center of the card below the frame, instead of in the lower right hand corner.

1 centavo green on pale green.
2 centavos, carmine on rose.

CHINA.—WEI-HAI-WEI—Two adhesive stamps, imperforate, 2c black on red and 5c were recently issued for use in this treaty port, described as follows by the *Monthly Journal* :

"The design consists of a circle band, enclosing Chinese characters, lettered 'C. & Co.' above and 'W. H. W.' below, with a star at each side ; outside the circle, at the corners of the stamp, are '2c' at the top and 'C' 'P' at bottom. C. & Co. stands for Comabe & Co., the contractors for carrying the mails, 'C' 'P' for Courier Post and the characters in the center are the contractors 'chop' or monogram. The whole thing is engraved (?) in the roughest possible style, and is impressed in black on red Chinese paper, of course."

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The 10c perforated adhesive stamps, brown on lilac rose paper, in the new type has arrived.

SANTANDER.—A 5c perforated black on rose adhesive stamp of a new type has made its appearance.

CRETE.—The latest Cretian set consists of a 10 parales blue and 20 parales green, both being perforated. The design is plain, embracing the figure of value within a circle, and the whole framed within "Walls of Troy" like those on the unpaid Grecian stamps.

DUTCH INDIES.—Le T. P. quotes a decree under which the following numbers of envelopes :

55,000 of 12½c.
20,000 of 15c.
70,000 of 20c.
50,000 of 25c.

were to be surcharged "10" and used as 10c envelopes. The decree is dated February 4th, 1898—mon. vour.

EGYPT.—The latest is a surcharge on the 5 millemes postal card.

4m on 5m rose, black surcharge.
4x4m on 5x5m rose, black surcharge.

FERNANDO PO.—Rumor states that a full set of 19 values has been issued, in the same types and colors as the 1898-1899 issues of the other Spanish colonies.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—An apparently type-set stamp, bearing a fanciful design, the words "Great Barrier Island Special Post 1s" printed in blue on white watermarked paper, perforated with a sort of rough pin perforation 13, is the latest. It is oblong and said to be used to prepay letters from the island to Aukland by private ships.

GREECE.—A fresh printing of the stamps of Type 2 has recently taken place, said to be better printed than before and to resemble the Belgian prints in that respect. This may mean the withdrawal of the Olympian set.

HOLLAND.—Contradictory to our last month's statement regarding the coronation stamp of Holland, we clip the following from the *Philatelic Monthly and World*:

"These stamps were from the first but sparsely distributed, for the postal authorities wished first to dispose of the stock of the old stamps still on hand before generally distributing the new. In consequence of this policy there is a certain scarcity of the new stamp. This led some speculating collectors and dealers to form a syndicate and to try to buy up all the so-called Coronation Gulden stamps available at the present moment. Circulars were prepared and mailed to all of the 1,400 odd postoffices of the little kingdom, when orders were given by the authorities to entirely ignore such requests and to inform no private individual of the stock on hand of these stamps in any office. This official circular was understood by some to mean that the stamps had been retired, and rumors to that effect were freely floating around last month. It is not so, however. The new gulden stamp is not withdrawn. It is sold with the others, wherever a stock is on hand, but is given only to such customers that ask for it; while a simple request for a gulden stamp will be met with the old kind."

ICELAND.—The surcharge "Prie" (three) on 5 aur, according to the postal authorities at Reykjavik, was necessitated by the exhaustion of the supply of yellow 3 aure stamps and the failure to secure a fresh supply in due time from Copenhagen.

INDIA.—A 3 pies carmine adhesive stamp, watermarked star, perforated 14, has appeared. This stamp is to take the place of the ½a on ½a green. The frame is like the old 9 pies, but has the jubilee portrait of the Queen.

CHAMBA.—A 1r has been surcharged for use here.

SIRMOOR.—Four new values of the elephant type perforated adhesive stamps have appeared :

3a yellow green.
4a dark green.
8a deep blue.
1r vermilion.

KOREA.—We clip the following out of the columns of the *Pittsburgh Leader*, hoping it will be of some use to our readers :

" In answer to the requests of stamp collectors and dealers for Korean postage stamps, the United States consul at Seoul has issued a printed circular in which he says : " In 1884 a postoffice was opened in Seoul, the capital of Korea. Postage stamps were issued, but before a single mail had been sent out or received a revolution occurred, in which the new postoffice was looted and destroyed. The supply of stamps in the office was taken, and some natives used them as wall paper. Formerly foreigners could buy these, but the supply seems now to be exhausted. The large government supply was bought up in bulk by a German firm and must now be on the market. No Korean stamps are to be had here now. None were ever genuinely canceled. Japanese and Chinese stamps are used entirely for foreign mails."

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—In our last number we stated that the 2½d and 7d stamps were to be surcharged 1d and 2d. Later advices state that it has been decided to replace the two values in use and not to surcharge them.

MALTA.—Four new stamps have been issued. 4½d sepia brown. The design representing a boat with two lanteen sails set wing and wing, the sea slightly agitated and the background a stormy sky.

5d. brick red. Representing a two masted sailing galley of the time of the Knights, with two lanteen sails set, propelled by oars on a calm sea.

2s 6d olive gray. Representing Malta as a female figure standing between two flags, each with a cross,—the eight pointed Maltese cross on the left.

10s dark blue. Representing the shipwreck of St. Paul in the bay of S. Paolo, on the northwest coast of the island.

MEXICO.—New 1c and 2c postal cards have just made their appearance.

1c green on white card with the inscription in blue (Servicio Urbano)

2c red on white card with the inscription in red brown (Servicio Interior.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Perforated adhesive stamps, watermarked Crown and N. S. W. as follows are the latest from here :

9d on 10d red brown with a black surcharge measuring 13mm. instead of 14½mm. as before.

½d dark blue green as chronicled last month.

2½d Prussian blue, same design as before.

6d orange, same as the one which appeared in green a short time ago.

The stamp on the ½d wrapper is now printed in green.

PAHANG.—The 5c provisional of the 1891 type has been cut in two and the upper half surcharged "3c" and the lower " 2c," with the original figure " 5 " crossed out. The surcharge is in M. S., in red, and accompanied by initials. This was probably done to avoid complicating accounts by altering the value of the complete stamp, owing to a shortage of both the 2c and 3c values.

2c in red on half of 5c blue.
3c in red on half of 5c blue.

PERAK.—The 50c of the 1896 issue in green and black is the latest.

QUEENSLAND.—The 2½d adhesive, watermarked Q and Crown, perforated stamp, same design as

the recently issued carmine stamp, now comes printed in violet on blue paper.

The experimental perforation (perce en scie) of the 1d stamp of the current type has been abandoned, after a very short trial, as unsatisfactory.

The ½d of the new type chronicled last month has been impressed upon the wrappers.

RHODESIA.—Copies of the new issues have appeared here, consisting of a 1d red, 6d lilac and 1sh ochre. The stamps are small and modest in appearance compared with the flaring labels formerly in use and the design represents the arms of the chartered company. The re engraved issue of last year being in use only a short time they will undoubtedly be considerably more valuable than those of the 1896 issue. The types of the 1896 and 1868 issues bear so close a resemblance as to be frequently confused, the difference between the two being marked most distinctly by the 1896 type having the top of the crown elevated above the surrounding ornaments, while in the 1898 type it is almost on an exact level with the ornaments.

SAMOA.—The 1p green adhesive stamp, perforated 11½, now comes surcharged 2½p in black.

SAN MARINO.—A 2c chocolate and a 5c orange brown adhesive stamp, watermarked Crown, perforation 14, have been issued for internal use.

SERVIA.—The 20 parales brown, one of the latest from here, is printed on a plain white paper.

TOBAGO. — The use of these stamps was discontinued January 1st and Trinidad stamps are now being supplied in their places.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The 6d blue, perforated 13, has been surcharged O. S.

SWITZERLAND.—The 5c adhesive stamp, perforated 11½, now comes in a blue green.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—A new issue has appeared, the central design of of which is a picture of the Virgin bearing a bunch of lillies. In the upper label the name "Virgin Islands" appears in gothic letters; the values in words in a straight label at the bottom and just above this at the right and left, the words "Postage" and "Revenue." The value being

½d yellow green.
1d carmine.
2½d ultramarine.
4d brown.
6d lilac.
7d slate.
1sh bistre.
5sh deep blue.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—The 2d adhesive stamp now comes in orange instead of gray, confirming our announcement of last month. Perforated 14, watermarked Crown and C. A.

Envelopes.

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ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

A good deal of speculation has been indulged in lately as to what would be done with the Tiffany collection. By the will of the late Mr. Tiffany we believe it was decreed that two years should elapse after his death before any disposition should be made of it. As that time is up now a great many people are trying to find out something more definite. All that we can say is that it has been rumored that Mr. Tiffany inserted such a clause in his will, but we are not able to obtain any correct information as Mrs. Tiffany does not seem to be in any hurry about offering the collection for sale. We have heard it said that experts were put to work to price the various stamps entires etc. but whether any great headway is being made or not we are unable to say. Meanwhile the collection is reposing in the vaults of a local Safe Deposit Co., and very few people have been so fortunate as to get even a glimpse at it.

The worlds fair to be held at St. Louis and also the philatelic exhibition to be held are matters of great moment to all philatelists but while nothing has as yet been done either by the Committee on location nor by the philatelists of our city and adjoining states, the matter is being keenly discussed and plans are already being laid to be executed as soon as a site is decided upon.

The Century Stamp Club held its last regular meeting on March 6th and will hold the next one on March 20th. The members take a great interest in philatelic matters and especially in what is to be done towards making a good showing at the worlds fair in 1903. Whether another commemorative set is to be issued seems to be a divided question but no doubt all will soon be heartily in favor of such an issue as soon as the World's Fair Committee on location decides the great question of just *where* the fair is to be located. All philatelic eyes are watching the movement of that committee, and the attendance at the meetings as well as the lively manner in which everything pertaining to the fair is being discussed at the meetings of the Century Stamp Club shows that when the pride of our boys is aroused they can march to a lively quickstep and each one will be found ready to do his share towards making the show a success.

All dealers here express their surprise that the stamp season now coming to a close is as yet so lively. There seems to be no let up in the volume of business and the "boy collector" about whom so much was written about two years ago is now so much in evidence that the dealers have to keep open till late in the evening, while the youngsters are on hand again early next morning with more money to spend and a knowledge of just what they want and a persistence heretofore unknown. The stamp dealer serves "wee tots," as well as "honey boys" and "papa's boy" is always in evidence because he has more money to spend than the ordinary school-boy, and the girls? Yes, they are getting the stamp fever too and if anything are more particular in regard to their wishes than one would ordinarly suppose.

A local collector who had some exchange relations with a party in

Europe, sent the said party some 1 and 2c Omahas but received only ordinary stamps in exchange and the information that the European market was well supplied with that class of Omahas and that they could be purchased at about 20 cents per hundred over there.

A dealer here recently showed some Omaha Stamps on the cover which showed the cancellation in the picture of a kicking mule. Whether the postmaster who thus cancelled them desired to give vent to his feelings at having to cancel "posters" as some old fogy postmasters call the Omahas, is not known, but the idea seems to be suggestive of something of that kind.

CANADIAN NOTES.

BY CHARLES BAILEY.

Regarding new issues during the past month, I have nothing new to announce more than what has already appeared in the March number of the ALLEGHENY, which will undoubtedly be a surprise to the readers, for during the last six months we have been overwhelmed with new issue galore, and we Canuck collectors will now have time to stop and ask ourselves—verily—verily—Bro. Mulock thou hast indeed issued "a vaster number of varieties than has been"

Canadian dealers who *salted* large quantities of the Numeral 2c, and the 2c Imperials have been going around the last few weeks with an empty pocket book, and countenance that betokens one of wrath. The reason is no secret. Both these stamps are still on sale, and will likely continue to be for weeks to come, as a result the market value of their holdings are decreasing, the stamps are becoming commoner. The long looked for new issues have not materialized, and the *slum* will likely prove to be a serious lesson for many, who are in it solely for speculative purposes.

In the "Special Brooklyn Institute Number of *Mekeel's Weekly*" Mr. F. W. Wurtele, writing under the Two Cent Canadian Envelope purple, says: It (The Envelope) was placed on sale in the usual manner at the post offices, and its sale while it lasted was absolutely unrestricted. Quite true, this is in my opinion where fault can be found with the workings of the Department. Why should a p. m. be permitted to disperse of his entire consignment to a speculative friend, when many others had applied to secure one or two, and was promptly turned down, this was the order of things in an Ontario City.

Again, Mr. Wurtele, says: (It is unjust to accuse officials of the Government Department who are courteous and obliging gentlemen of using their official knowledge of the Interior workings of the Department to speculate for their personal gain). Yes Verily.—But how does it come that these gentlemen were peddling sheets of ½ and 6c Jubilees when the populace could not get them for love or money—(i. e. from the post offices).

Among the various freaks in the surcharge 2 on 3c envelope I have seen as follows: surcharge figure 2c diagonally, horizontally, vertically, light and heavy impressions and double impressions. These and many other cannot be wondered at when the P. O. Department was so poor that they had to secure a 25c

Rubber *Necking* outfit to do the work with.

Perhaps it is not generally known many values of the Canada 1st, 2nd and 3rd issue Bill stamps are to be found on laid, wove, pelure and watermarked paper. I have seen the 1, 2, 3, 6c values 3rd issue watermarked, and the 10, 20, 30c 2nd issue laid paper. A new issue of revenues is promised in the course of a month and will undoubtedly tend to bring into more prominence the most beautiful revenue stamps of the world.

Philatelic philanthropic. The value of a carefully selected lot of duplicates. A helping hand. Some timely advised on a willingness to assist. The beginner will in my opinion do more to demonstrate to the non philatelic public just whom we are and why we want them to share in the many philatelic pleasures than a car load of arguments or alleged article on saving stamps of Gumville or how he began to collect etc., etc.

Toronto collectors will be busily engaged during the next two months making preparations for the famous D. P. A. convention. Although I am not in a position as yet to say what attendance of members is expected, yet it goes without saying that the meet will be a success. A lengthy program covering 3 days of solid enjoyment is promised and we expect the largest attendance of collectors ever brought together in the Dominion.

Regarding the account of my find in last number of the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST there has been no new delopments to report, and I shall therefore have to delay a full report until such time as the case is brought up for adjustment in the courts.

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COMMENTS.

Indo China is to have four different types for Annam and Tonkin, Cambodia, Cochin-China, and Indo-China proper.

Stamp Talk is to gobble up Beardsley's *International* sheet, with its "One thousand paid up subscribers," this month.

Rumor states that Malta is soon to join the penny postage scheme.

A stamp washing machine is advertised in a German journal.

New and Bogus stamps, the design representing a negro chief with turbaned head, and sold on entire envelopes postmarked "Doka, 3 Julliet, 1896," have been offered for sale from the Bateka district of the Congo.

The plates used for printing United States stamps are capable of making from 50,000 to 70,000 impressions before wearing out.

The collection of stamps of the late Harold Frederic, valued by himself at $5000, was recently auctioned off in London and brought a little over $450.

The 1899 Seebeck issue of stamps for Nicarauga includes a regular, official, and postage due set, numbering twenty-seven varieties.

Uganda, Somaliland, British East Africa, Nyassaland and the Central African provinces which are not under the British South Africa company, will, according to the Pittsburg *Leader*, be placed under one strong administration in connection with the foreign office in London.

An engraver employed by the Brazilian mint recently succeeded in purloining a plate of the 280 ries stamp and struck off a considerable number of these stamps, in a carmine shade. He was found out and received four years imprisonment. The originals are in a vermilion shade.

Some of the sheets of stamps perforated by Queensland's novel rouletting experiment are a decided curiosity, they having been perforated over the rouletting after same was abandoned.

Impressed Revenue Tokens.

We clip the following from the Pittsburg *Leader* of April 2, 1899, hoping it will prove interesting information to our various readers:

"An eastern enthusiast in philately and kindred pursuits, who was in Pittsburg last week, exhibited among his treasures some interesting specimens of the first revenue stamps used in the United States under the stamp act of 1797. These are not stamps in the modern acceptation of the term, but mere colorless imprints, the impression being made directly on the paper to be taxed, without inking the die. Two specimens were brought to the *Leader* office for the inspection, and these are herewith described:

"The first is a compound stamp consisting of two impressions.

"The design of the upper impression represents a flying eagle with an American shield in its bill. Below is the inscription, 'Seventy-five Cents.'

"The lower impression is in the shield of a tablet, oval at the top. It shows a wreath, within which are thirteen stars so arranged to form a six-pointed star. Above the wreath is the inscription, 'Com. Rev. C. S.' (Commercial Revenue Confederate State.) Below is inscribed, 'LXXV. Cents.'

"The other stamp is similar in design to the first one above described, save that the inscription, 'Seventy-five Cents,' appears at the top and 'New Jersey' at the bottom. This was evidently intended

to denote a special tax for that state. Both stamps are printed on old English hand-laid paper of a kind that is no longer in use. The value of these tokens and their comparative rarity cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy since they are not recognized in the stamp market or listed in any catalogue."

Hill Found Guilty of Forgery.

Clarence Hill, of Hudson, upon his plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with using the mails in pursuance of a scheme to defraud was sentenced to the Massachusetts reformatory for 18 months. He is only 17 years old, and sent orders to different stamp agents for rare stamps, and in payment for them returned bogus checks.

Robie in Trouble.

The famous Lewis Robie figures in an odd complication which has eventuated in his being sued by the United States Government. He has a friend in Galesburg, Ill., a Mr. McCaffrey. McCaffrey, according to Post Office Inspectors Entermann and Mercer, left $5 with the Galesburg postmaster to pay for a set of newspaper stamps. A package of 100 sets was received by the postmaster and by mistake he gave McCaffrey the whole package. McCaffrey, it is claimed, kept one set, gave his sweetheart another and Robie the remaining sets to dispose of. When Robie reached Kansas City he began to sell the stamps to philatelists. A replevin suit was brought against Robie and he has promised the officers to return the stamps he received from Galesburg.

Announcements.

The 2d stamp of the 1892 type is soon to appear from Barbados.

A stamp of the 8c denomination and dues surcharged in the same manner as the adhesives are to be gotten out for Porto Rico.

European papers announce the probable appearance of a new design for the 1 centime stamp of Belgium, which may be adopted for all the lower values if satisfactory. The size of the postal cards will also be increased.

SINCE the two cent letter rate has been adopted by Canada, the postmaster General issued a pamphlet stating that every one holding three cent stamped envelopes might have them surcharged two cents and also have the difference one cent made up in stamps by sending them to the Post Office department. Although stamped envelopes are not popular with the every day collector, yet the Canadian envelopes are exceptions to the rule. The 1877 surcharged envelope is very rare and I understand there are only about 1500 in circulation up-to-date. The standard price asked for them is about 50 cents. The 1898 issue is not so rare, there having been a larger number issued. The standard price is about 15 cents; these envelopes are surcharged 2c in black ink with a rubber stamp.

The two cent purple envelope is the rarest of the three varieties, as they have only been sent in small quantities to the large cities, such as, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, etc. So it now follows that collectors in small towns will have to pay about 75 cents for them or do without.

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U. S. 90c Carmine.

The clerk of the stationery division of the treasury department recent discovered over 500 of the 90c carmine in his stock and, upon requests to the postoffice officials was allowed to exchange them for current 5c stamps. As soon as the stamps had been turned over to the wholesale clerk in the Washington postoffice, two dealers clubbed together and bought the whole lot. The cost to the dealers was 90c each for these stamps, which are catalogued at $12.50. They are offering them at $4.75 a piece; blocks of four $25.00.

London Sunday Mail Deliveries.

Commencing February 12 a Sunday delivery of mail has been introduced in London. Letters and packets forwarded by night mail from the provinces and marked "Express Delivery on Sunday", are delivered by special messenger from the general postoffice, St. Martins Le Grand, in any part of the London postal district on Sunday mornings. For this service a fee of 3d (6 cents) a mile is charged, making the delivery very expensive in a city which has residence districts over ten miles from the postoffice.

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THE VALUE OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

Philatelic exhibitions are usually of three kinds, local, sectional and general. The term "local" indicates such exhibitions as are held by philatelic clubs or associations in a certain town or city in which the club members who make the exhibition usually reside. The term "sectional" is usually applied to philatelic exhibitions which are usually made at State Fairs, Scientific Institutes, and at philatelic conventions, etc., while the term "general" is applied to large philatelic exhibitions, Worlds Fairs and the like. To the novice such exhibitions seem to be of little or no use. He often wonders why people can waste any time at all gathering up canceled stamps which seem utterly valueless, and when mounted in frames, perhaps without any special design, he cannot see any sense at all in the show. Now it is safe to say that all people who have not been stamp collectors early in life, have at some time—prior to beginning their collections—had the self same ideas. But after once getting started in this very interesting and instructive pursuit they will often wonder that they could have been so blind as to not see the very attractive and pleasant side thereof sooner than they did. We need only mention one case in point which will be analogous to thousands of others. A certain stamp collector, who is at present quite an enthusiast, was up to twelve years ago ignorant of the fact that canceled stamps were collected at all. He was at that time employed as book-keeper in the office of a large corporation. The office boy one day came to him with the request to save for him all the stamps which passed through his hands, and upon being asked the reason replied that he was making a collection of such stamps. From that day on the book-keeper often pitied the poor office boy, who as he thought was losing his mental balance. Today that office boy is a bright business man, and the book-keeper is still a book keeper and has often bemoaned the fact that he did not see the beauties of stamp collecting sooner than he did. Although he is an enthusiastic collector now he is constantly lamenting that if he could have been converted to stamp collecting years ago he could have saved a goodly sum of money by investing his spending money in stamps instead of frittering it away in other ways. Now such cases are happening almost every day. There are in this broad land millions of young people of both sexes who if they could but realize the beauties and the pleasure of collecting stamps, would take it up at once. But how can we interest them and get them started, especially after they are out of their "teens." Right here is where the value of a philatelic exhibition comes in. Let the local stamp club get up an exhibition at its rooms or at some hall rented say for one or more evenings, and show the people the beauties of a nice stamp collection, or a nicely arranged design made of stamps, or something of a similar nature. Seeing is believing, and if outsiders are invited and urged to attend the good seed sown will soon bear fruit. But

if such an exhibition cannot be brought about then by all means try to get your brother philatelists to make some kind of an exhibition at the next State Fair or County Fair. There will be a great many people viewing the stamps thus displayed, and with a few little explanatory cards either under the glass or along the wall next to the frame telling from what countries the stamps are, or some other peculiarity as for instance "Stamps from St. Helena where Napoleon was imprisoned," or "Stamps from San Marino, the smallest Republic in the world," etc., etc., the curiosity of the people will be aroused and curiosity is often the stepping stone to later enthusiasm.

The price of an article often cuts a great figure and hence if a neat design is gotten up of even the commonest stamps and mounted in a suitable frame and a small sign attached, "Stamps such as these can be purchased at 1c each," or matter of similar import, will often arouse interest where there would probably be very little without said card. We have often wondered why so very little explanation in the shape of signs is displayed at sectional exhibitions. Although these shows are usually visited by stamp collectors and people with a more or less developed learning towards philately, still we can safely say that a great deal is overlooked by not having its true merit made apparent. Especially is this the case with great rarities, such as "Errors," or stamps of peculiar paper, perforation, or watermark, etc. It is our humble opinion that too much publicity cannot be given to such matters especially when on public exhibition, or if the exhibit is very large.

In a "general" exhibition, such as at World's Fairs, etc., descriptive signs are probably less in evidence than at smaller shows. Why this should be so we cannot imagine for the aggregate of philatelic material, collections, etc., displayed would certainly seem to call for rather more than less explanatory matter. The idea has been expressed that too much explanation spoils the exhibit, but we cannot see the sense of such logic. It is our humble opinion that the more the public is enlightened on matters pertaining to our pet hobby the better it is for all concerned.

The time is not far distant when people who ordinarily do not pay much attention to matters philatelic will begin to get interested and it is the duty of every stamp collector to hasten that day. While visiting various museums the writer noticed that very little matter of a philatelic nature was to be found in any of them. Now here is a chance for those philatelists who are of a philanthropic turn of mind. Suppose you get up a frame of stamps and present them to some museum in your neighborhood. Thus you can at but slight expense sow the seed which may bring lots of non-collectors into the philatelic fold. At any rate the idea is worth trying, it is not very expensive and may be productive of much good.

Now, gentle reader, ask yourself the question—"What am I doing to advance the cause of philately in general?"—and if you must confess to yourself that some one else has done more to push stamp collecting forward than you have then it is your duty to put on their hustling clothes at once and go to work. There will be a World's Fair held at Paris, France, in 1900. Can you contribute anything towards the philatelic part of that great exhibition. If so then do not hesitate but begin at once. Do not let the fact

that the greatest philatelic collection in the world, i. e., the property of M. Ferrary, is located in Paris deter you from making an effort to display what you have. There will be exhibitors from all over the world represented there next year. Think the matter carefully over and then do what you can to make America do herself proud. But if you are not fortunate enough to be represented at the Paris World's Fair you need not despair. The people of the region beyond the Mississippi River in our own country will have a World's Fair in St. Louis in 1903 to fittingly celebrate the hundreth anniversary of the great "Louisiana Purchase," and you can certainly be ready in time for that great event. Suppose you start right now to evolve a plan of action and then develop the plan at your leisure. Do not for one moment imagine that other exhibitors will come along with rarities and curiosities galore to bring ridicule upon upon your humble efforts. Nay, on the contrary they will welcome you and stretch forth the hand of good fellowship to assure you of their sincere good wishes. In bygone days the individual collector has stood too much in the background and waited either for the government or the larger dealers or philatelic societies to represent philately at such expositions. But as we are progressing steadily onward we see that individuals are coming to the front in ever increasing numbers, and vieing with each other in showing the world at large the beauties as well as the benefits of stamp collecting, and among progressive stamp collectors the verdict is unanimous that philatelic exhibitions are by far the best way to bring our pet hobby before the public at large.

FORGED STAMPS AND FRAUDS.

P. T. COBURN.

From 1886 on it was found that certain of the French stamps of the fifteen cent denomination, did not adhere well to the letters, and even became detached on being postmarked, and surprised at this, a certain postal clerk in Paris studied one of these stamps and found it to be counfeit. The result of an investigation skillfully carried on was that an illicit factory was discovered at Chalon—sur—Saone, and on information from the counterfeiter there, others were arrested in Paris. These forged stamps, of which there are three kinds, are paler than the genuine ones, and are not so clear or so well designed. They were made by the lithographic process, the stone cut, being made from a photograph. The perforation does not terminate at four corners by the regular quarter hole, and if examined by a magnifying glass the inscriptions, "A Sage, Inv. E. Mouchon, Sculps," are scarcely legible on the forgeries. Instead of being perforated fourteen they have the irregular perforation of thirteen and fifteen. The second are still more imperfect, the design irregular and broken, and will not at all compare favorably with the genuine specimens. They are perforated twelve and sixteen mm. instead of fourteen. The third one is worse than the other two, the design is very bad; the laurel branch forms on each side a dark mass with no definite outline; the heads of the two figures are bad, and the word "Poste" is larger, and the words "Republique Francaise" are smaller than on the genuine stamp. The paper of this is too blue and the perforation not regular enough.

They found circulation in and around Paris.

In one of the Bucharest papers there was an account of a gang of forgers who were captured in June last by the Roumanian police. The stamps forged were the four used in 1858 for Moldavia in Eastern Roumania. The stamps were of the denomination of 27, 54, 108 and 81 paras. A genuine specimen of 27 paras is worth three hundred and fifty dollars; the 54 paras one hundred and ten dollars; the 108 paras two hundred and fifty dollars, and the 81 paras is too scarce to be catalogued. The prices given above are specimens which have passed through the post. They were not printed in ordinary way, but the impression was made by a hand stamp on laid paper. A short time ago several of these stamps were offered to a Mr. Birnback by a certain Zernoveame, a bank official of a place called R. Sarat, and he finding them to be forgeries notified the police. Zernoveame was arrested and admitted that the names of his accomplices who were also under arrest and in their possession two hundred more Maldovian stamps were found. They had been carrying on these operations for several years and are said to have done considerable business, the stamps being splendidly imitated.

Anan issued a set of what are called "diamond jubilee comemoration stamps" which are "made in Belgium," and offered in Soudan in honor of the Jubilee celebration of Queen Victoria. The designs of the stamps were pretty but were very cheaply lithographed. The half penny maroon and penny orange have the jubilee portrait of the Queen as it appeared on the Canadian set with "Commemorative Stamp" above, and "Diamond Jubilee, 1897," below. They are the size of the ordinary English, but the fourpence and sixpence are the size of Canadian Jubilee stamps and have two portraits on each. The Prince and Princess of Wales appear on the four pence which is printed in blue, and on the sixpence is Duke and Duchess of York, which is gray. As these are not an official issue collectors should not have anything to do with them as they rank merely as curiosities and no place will be provided for them in future albums.

$25,008 Stamp Tax.

The United Railways and Electric Co., Baltimore, on March 7, paid $25,008 for tax stamps to be affixed to deeds and mortgages placed on record as a culmination of a deal for the consolidation of all the street railways in Baltimore. The mortgage is for 38,000,000 and it required $19,000 tax stamps.

Internal Revenue Collector Parlett did not have the necessary stamps on hand. He furnished a certificate that the $19,000 had been paid to the Government and that the stamps would be affixed to the document as soon as he received them.

The remaining $16,008 tax stamps were affixed to thirteen deeds conveying the various railway property to the United Railway and Electric Co.

An Error.

In our March number we stated "The great work on English adhesive stamps is rapidly emerging from the press. The book will be sold at 24s (about 48c) [it should have read about $5.75] to the public and at 15s (about 30c) [which should have read about $3.65] to the members of the Philatelic Society of London.

NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—The current 2c stamps have been seen in a violet red and the 4c one in a violet brown. It is probable that the recent 4c and 5c envelopes will be changed as speedily as possible, the current stamps being unsatisfactory.

Mr. Emil N. Kiefer, former editor as well as publisher of this magazine, recently exhibited a variety of the current 2c red envelope printed from an imperfect die, there being a distinct deep indentation in the border at the top of the design.

A new Confederate provisional has been discovered—that of Franklin, N. C. The letter on which it was found is dated January 21, (probably 1862). The stamp has every appearance of being genuine and is printed in blue.

CUBA.—The following designs have been selected for the stamps of the 1c, 3c, 5c and 10c denominations: 1c green, statue of Columbus with one hand resting on a globe. At the top CUBA in curve; CENTAVO at bottom, with figure "1" at each side.

3c allegorical statue of Cuba, La Cubana. CUBA at top; CENTAVOS at bottom; figure "3" at each side and in upper corners.

5c dark blue. Merchant vessel in full steam and flying two flags, probably an American and a Cuban. CUBA at top in curve; left side beautiful border with tall palms, at base of which is undergrowth with cordate shaped leaves; 5 CENTAVOS at bottom in straight line.

10c. Man ploughing field with yoke of oxen; tall straggling palms and farm houses in back ground; CUBA at top; 10 CENTAVOS at bottom in straight line.

There are to be two varieties of the Cuban envelopes, a 2c red and a 5c blue; design, head of Columbus as used on fifty cent piece of 1892-1893. The word "Cuba" appears at the top of the design and "Dos Centavos" or "Cinco Centavos," accordingly, at the bottom. Figure of value on each side, surrounded by foliage. Circle of pearls surrounding head of Columbus.

70,000 2c envelopes were surcharged "Cuba" above and "2c de peso" below the stamp in black. Watermarked U. S. P. O. D. 94, size 160x89mms. The 1c envelope and the 1c and 2c wrappers are also said to have been similarly treated.

10,000 special delivery stamps were surcharged "Cuba 10c de Pesos." The regular stamps will probably be the same size as ours, and show a messenger on bicycle.

An error of the Puerto Principe surcharge, the word "cents" spelled "eents," has been discovered. The 3c on 1mil green appears with the same error.

GUAM.—The following stamps are to be surcharged for use here, 10,000—1c; 30,000—2c; 5,000—5c.

HAWAII.—The current 2c has been seen in carmine, salmon-pink, and salmon.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Somebody is still grinding out surcharges in the name of the Spanish government. The same fraud has been perpetrated in the Porto Rican field.

AUSTRIA.—A contemporary reports a new outfit for the Pneumatic Post, the difference appearing only in the:

15kr, lilac on rose, entire envelope.
10kr, blue on blue, postal card.
15kr, lilac on rose, letter card.

The inscriptions now being in Bohemian and German instead of in German alone as formerly.

BELGIUM.—Postal cancellations on the telegraph stamps are worthless, because at many places the postoffice and telegraph station are combined and the postal and telegraph canceling stamps have been used indiscriminately.

BRAZIL.—We chronicled two 700r on 500r newspaper stamp surcharges last month but omitted the color of surcharge, and herewith make the correction :

700r on 500r orange, green surcharge.
700r on 500r green, black surcharge.

We also add a new one to the already long list, viz :

100r on 50r orange, violet surcharge, and differing somewhat from the former surcharge on the 50r orange.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The following varieties of the recent 2c on 10c and 2c on 15c surcharge, are reported :

2c on 10c—inverted surcharge 60 issued.
Small "E" in "CENTS" 500 "
No period, and narrower "C" in "CENTS." 1600 "
"GENTS" instead of "CENTS," no period after "CENTS." 500 "
2c on 15c—comma between "T" and "S" in "CENTS" 2000 issued
Dash between "2" and "CENTS" 2000 "
Comma between "N" and "T" of "CENTS." 1800 "
Double surcharge, 50 "
No period after "CENTS." 2100 "

Also 1000 of the 2c Jubilee issue with the 2c printed in light blue instead of dark blue.

CANADA.—According to the *American Journal of Philately*, the various adhesive stamps cut into halves and thirds and surcharged with reduced values as chronicled in our March number were unauthorized and are unworthy of recognition.

The 1898 3c carmine on blue letter card has been surcharged 2c, in black.

Mr. Emil N. Kiefer recently received a new type of the postal card bearing the four leaf maple stamp printed in red.

The surcharged 2c on 3c envelope exists with a capital and a lower case "C" after the "2."

10,000 of the 2c purple envelope were issued.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The 20c brown has been seen on white paper.

The 50c adhesive of 1889, violet on violet, perforation 12, has been redrawn and differs from the old type only in a few small details.

CRETE.—The 10 paras perforated adhesive in light brown and 20 paras in carmine rose, same type as previous issue, are reported.

CYPRUS.—The *Monthly Journal* says that the Fiscal stamps with the overprint "Postal Surcharge" were used in the Postoffice itself in accounting for postage collected on letters and at first the stamps to be thus used were initialled by the Postmaster so as to distinguish them from the other Fiscal stamps in stock; afterwards the overprint mentioned above was employed as more convenient. They were usually obliterated with a date stamp in red. They were never affixed to letters as "Postage Due" stamps but appeared solely in the official accounts.

DHAR.—Several settings of the plates of the ½ pice red have been noticed. The second and seventh stamps on one plate have the upper frame reversed, on others the ten stamps of the sheet, excepting the sixth, appear with the inscription somewhat distant from the frame at the left instead of touching it.

FERNANDO PO.—According to the "Madrid Filatelico" the following quantities of the 19 values chronicled by us last night are to be issued :

10,000 1m	5,000 6c
10,000 2m	5,000 8c
10,000 3m	10,000 10c
10,000 4m	15,000 15c
10,000 5m	1,000 40c
10,000 1c	1,000 60c
10,000 2c	1,000 80c
10,000 3c	500 1 peso
10,000 4c	200 2 pesos
10,000 5c	1,000 of each kind of postal cards.

10,000 of the 20c stamp have been ordered and will appear shortly.

The current 20c stamp has been surcharged 5c in the regular type, in red.

GERMAN COLONIES.—"The Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal" states that a number of the colonial stamps supposed to have been issued in 1897 have as yet not been placed on sale and that the sets thus far on the market have come from Berne or a few of the trial sheets printed two years ago. Following are the values not yet issued :

Ger. S. W. Africa, first issue	25 and 50pf
Ger. S. W. Africa, sec. issue	3, 5 and 25pf
German New Guinea,	25pf
Marshall Islands,	3 and 25pf

It also states that it is doubtful whether the 5 and 50pf Marshall Islands have as yet been issued.

GUATEMALA.—"The Revue Philatelique Francaise" gives us the following errors in the provisional stamps issued last year :

1c on 5c olive green, surcharge inverted.
6c on 10c red, surcharge inverted.
6c on 20c yellow surcharge inverted.
2c on 1c rose, oblong rev., sur. inverted.
2c on 1c blue, large rev., sur. inverted.
2c on 1c rose, oblong rev., "Correos" above "Centavos."
2c on 1c rose, oblong rev., "Nacionales" at top without "Correos."
2c on 5c violet, double surcharge.
2c on 10c green, oblong revenue, "Centavos" at top and bottom.
1c on 2c blue, large revenue, "Centavos" at top.

HAYTI.—A contemporary denounces the series of stamps containing the arms of Hayti or the head of one of its presidents, in a circle, all the stamps being surcharged with various values, as rank frauds and unworthy of the slightest attention.

HONDURAS —Postal cards of the values of 2c and 2cx2c, with stamps of the locomotive type have been issued. Design in orange on a yellow card.

INDIA.—The 3 pies stamp chronicled last month has been received by the "London Philatelist" with the service surcharge "On H. M. S."

JAPAN.—We add three more values to those chronicled in February :

5 rin gray.
1 sen light red brown.
3 sen violet brown.

MAURITIUS.—The 36c Jubilee stamp is to be perforated through the center, each half to be sold as an 18c stamp.

MEXICO.—The cards announced last month were of local printing. We add four more, an envelope and a letter-card.

POSTAL CARDS—LONDON PRINT.

1c green. ultramarine inscriptions.
2c carmine, carmine inscriptions.
1x1c green, blue inscriptions, T4.

LOCAL PRINT.

2x2c carmine, rose inscription, T4.
Letter Card—2c carmine, dark blue inscriptions. Note sheet enclosed.
Envelope—2c rose, white paper, 152x90mm.

MONTENEGRO.—We are informed that the 2 nor. has appeared in emerald green.

MOROCCO.—A 50c purple and a 1p bistre and blue surcharge in

black on the 10c carmine have appeared.

The "Timbre Post" has discovered a new printing of the surcharge on the stamps. The "*M*" of "*MOROCCO*" is straighter and narrower, the "*O*" more oval, and the "*R*" somewhat larger. In "*AGENCIES*" the "A" and "C" are more open and the "I" has a thicker bar.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.—The 8c lilac and blue has been surcharged 4 cents. Black surcharge.

NEPAL.—A half-anna stamp, printed in black on brownish native wove paper has been issued. The device is very indistinct, but appears to represent a bow and arrow at the top and a couple of kukris, (or Goorka knives) curved at the bottom ½a, black or brownish native paper.

NEW ZEALAND.—An official wrapper, bearing a type printed impression in black, consisting of the monogram "V. R." on a lined ground in a circle, "P. & S. D." in the angles, "Postage" above and "Free" below, has been issued. Black on manila.

NICARAGUA.—A sheet of the 1893 without the surcharge has been discovered.

Four new cards, a view of the port of Corinto at top and stamp in right upper corner, have appeared:

2c blue on blue.
2x2c blue on blue, T4.
3c red brown on green.
3x3c red brown on green, T4.

Owing to the recent revolution interrupting communication between Bluefields and the capitol, it was impossible to obtain new postal supply when those on hand became exhausted, and to provide for the deficiency the postmaster issued a number of surcharged envelopes, using the arms of Nicaragua in a triangle, with the values, 5, 10 or 20c underneath and in addition, stamped the envelopes with the seal of the Treasury Department, to prevent counterfeiting.

The arms and value appeared in black and the seal in violet. White envelopes, size 138x76mm. surcharged:

5c black, violet seal.
10c black, violet seal.
20c black, violet seal.

NORTH BORNEO.—The 24c stamp claret and blue, surcharged "Postage Due" perforated and black surcharge, completes the set.

PAHANG.—The 8c stamp of Perak was overprinted for use here as a 4c stamp. Black surcharge 4c on 8c, lilac and blue.

PERAK.—A 15c green and orange stamp, current type, watermarked Crown and CA, perforated 14, has been issued.

The 8c lilac and blue has been surcharged 4c in black.

PERSIA.—A curiosity from here has been found in an ordinary parcel of stamps. It is the 10sh, surcharged "Officiel" and a fresh value in 1886. The figure "12" both in ordinary and Arabic, seems to have been impressed on it in error and the correct value "18" added.

The following have received crude ornamental surcharges to guard against theft by the postoffice employees. Five varieties of surcharges have been used. The 1, 2 and 3s are surcharged alike, the 4 and 5s have the same surcharges; the 8, 10, 12 and 16s form the third group; the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 krans have the same surcharge and the 10 and 50 krans a special surcharge of their own. Violet surcharge.

1s gray, 16s green,
2s pale brown, 1k ultramarine,

3s violet,	2k pale rose,
4s bright vermilion,	3k yellow,
5s yellow,	4k gray,
8s orange,	5k emerald green
10s light blue,	10k orange,
12s rose,	50k violet.

PERU.—Each value of the new pictorial cards exists with the date "1899" in two sizes of figures.

Two new adhesives, perforated 12:

5 soles, orange red.
10 soles, blue green.

And two Unpaid Letter Stamps, perforated 12:

5 soles, yellow green.
10 soles, brown violet.

have appeared.

QUEENSLAND.—The 3p has appeared with the figures in all corners and head on white ground.

We clip the following from the "Australian Philatelist":

"The zigzag perforation was a fiasco, principally on account of it being necessary to perforate *before* gumming. The gum then fastened up the holes made by the steel rule. It was impossible to perforate after gumming, and about 3,000 out of the 5,000 sheets printed and issued to the General Postoffice were returned to the General Printing Office, to be perforated in the ordinary way by the comb machine. There were thus four varieties of this latest perforation, viz:

1 serrated,	3 serrated and perf. 12½
2 serrated in blk.	4 ser. in black perf. 12½

The explanation given for the serrated in black variety is that the machinists (this work being done in an ordinary printing machine), in order to get the perforation to register properly, ran several sample sheets through the press and so arranged it that the frame did not perforate and by the judicious application of a little printer's ink, simply left a black impression. Where this impression encroached on the coloured design of the stamp, the register was altered until at last all the lines of the perforating frame fell between the rows of stamps, then the "sampling" was discontinued and the perforating proceeded merrily."

SALVADOR.—Five new cards, all of the same design, have appeared. Size 142x90mm.

We list the new issue for 1899.

Adhesive stamps, perforated 12:

1c bistre brown,	13c lake,
2c gray green,	24c light blue,
3c blue,	26c carmine rose,
5c brown orange,	50c orange red,
10c chocolate,	100c violet.
12c dark gray green.	

Official stamps, surcharged "Franqueo Official," perforation 12. Same denominations and colors as the adhesives.

Unpaid Letter Stamps, perforated 12. of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 25, 50c denominations; color, brownish yellow.

SIAM.—The "London Philatelist" lists a new provisional, 1a on 12a, surcharged in English and native characters, perforated 14, watermarked a Flower.

SIERRA LEONE.—A 1p carmine on white laid paper is the latest envelope, same type as 2½p. Size 140x78mm.

SIRMOOR.—It seems that there is a Kujah and he has not only issued the four values of the elephant type but also corresponding with his own portrait in a frame, resembling that of the previous type, but better drawn, and engraved in a taille—douche.

3a yellow green,	8a deep blue,
4a dark green,	1r vermilion.

SPAIN.—"Madrid Filatelico" tells us that the stamps of 4 cuartos denomination of 1857, recently put upon the market are not reprints but a part of the reprinting of 1859

which was not required for use before the issue of 1860 made its appearance. Therefore the stamps are original remainders and not reprints.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Various papers claim that the old 5c stamp has been reissued in carmine with black overprint "Four Cents" in one line in black.

The 3c, perforated 14, watermarked Crown and CA has appeared in brown.

TASMANIA.—The following cards are obsolete and the remainders will be sent to the crown agents, London, for disposal. Single cards at 1½p and 2p; double cards at 1½x1½p on 2x2p.

URUGUAY.—An adhesive similar to the 5m one chronicled in March, has appeared; color purple.

The 10, 20 and 50c, perforated, of the last issue have appeared with the official surcharge in black.

10c rose,
20c rose-violet and black,
50c green and brown.

VENEZUELA.—Three new adhesives, perforation 12, have appeared.

5c blue green, 10c red, 15c blue, also a 25c yellow-brown Registration stamp.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Two errors have been discovered on the ½d stamp of the new issue, both on the left hand pane of the stamp, the first being an "F" without crossbar in "HALF" the letter looking somewhat like an inverted "L". A distinct "F" instead of "E" in "PENNY" constitutes the other.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The 1d and 2d have appeared with a new watermark, consisting of a Crown with the letters W and A at the sides.

THE MILLENIUM.

BY W. STERLING PURVIS.

The stamp collectors millenium will commence, (in my humble opinion) when the unnecessary issue disappears. But perhaps some of the readers of the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST believe that, philatelically speaking, we are in that period of bliss now. So I would like to give them my views on the subject, and try to prove that the unnecessary issue is a nuisance, and if we do not have less of it before long, it will work sad havoc with our hobby.

Suppose a certain country considers it about time that they were making a little money by these "stamp fiends," and so issue a grand commemorative set. The denominations number about a dozen, and by the time the loyal citizen-collector buys all these in an unused condition, together with the extra shades, errors, and other minor varieties, he has spent quite a sum of money. Well he soon finds out that several other countries, nearby, have followed the example of his own, and that their postal emmissions form an equally good investment; so they are added to his album.

This terrible waste of money continues till all at once my collector friend sees the error of his ways. He knows that while he is a collector, and new issues appear, he will gamble in them. He sees that they all appear a good investment; so to get out of his difficulty and worry, he (alas!) sells his collection.

Now there is a friend of this ex-philatelist who never did collect, but the used stamps of this commemorative issue he considers might just as well be saved as they are pretty, and likely to go up in price. So save them he does, and when another is-

sue appears he naturally saves them too; and in course of time becomes a full-fledged philatelist.

So we see that while the unnecessary issue is disgusting many of the old collectors, they at the same time add many a one to our ranks. But the question is does the new adherant take the place of the one lost? No, I say, he does not, for the man that started collecting because of an unnecessary issue, will collect that class of stamps, and likely that class only. So we see that instead of us being collectors of old, used and necessary issues, we will soon collect only worthless labels, and degenerate into nothing more than the dupes of unscrupulous governments. Then, is not the unnecessary issue a nuisance; and will not issues of this kind, if they continue to appear, work havoc with philately? There is not a doubt of it, but I contend that before they ruin our hobby the tables will be turned, and a speculative issue will be a thing of the past.

You will all admit that unnecessary stamps will cease to be the order of the day when collectors cease buying them. How often collectors have been warned against spending money on them, and how much these warnings have been heeded we all know. But collectors WILL cease buying them when they find that it does not pay to do so. But will that time ever come? Now when a commemorative set is issued, non-collectors saved the used stamps, collectors save the used and buy the unused, and dealers put in a stock of unused; and they are all waiting for a rise. Yes, they wait, and they wait, but, alas! the rise in price never comes.

Then the collector, and the dealer says to himself, "I am done with unnecessary issues, I will buy no more." And our governments with a speculative turn of mind will offer their goods in vain—for the philatelist has received his lesson. Then we have a new issue with the century; and we speculate in shilling Nova Scotia's, and the stamp collector's millenium HAS come.

HARTFORD LETTER.

BY H. A. CHAPMAN.

THE CARRIERS' CENSUS.—When a city reaches 75,000 population, it generally means an increase of the letter-carriers' salary from $850 to $1,000. Although Hartford's population in 1890 was 53,000, since the advent of the trolley, the city has increased very fast, and it has been asserted that ten fares were collected on the cars where one was taken on the slow-poking horse vehicles in use before owing to the many new lines developed, which brought in rural population, and the "city" having absorbed the "town" limits added to which was the fact of the cars superseding other modes of carriage for the purpose of pleasure-riding. The carriers were very certain that they deserved the increase, and as their burdens also became heavier, they were willing to be at the expense of paying for a special census, costing, I believe, $28 per man. The result showed the population to be 77,000, but the desired increase in salary has not yet come, and there seems to be a hitch somewhere.

TROLLEY LETTER BOXES.—On the 1st of April commenced the system of having letter boxes placed on the end of trolley cars, so that mail could be shifted from all the principal lines every half hour to the post office. During the month

of April, 22,000 letters found their way into these boxes, thus being a convenience to the letter-writing public, and no doubt lightening the labors of the carriers to a considerable degree. The people would raise a howl now if the system should be done away with. It is said, however, that one postmaster in a country town protests. The trolley goes near his door, and he claims that he misses the cancelling of many stamps which governs his salary, the letters going by means of the trolley boxes to the city office instead of coming to him.

HARTFORD'S STAMP WINDOW.—Some time ago, stamps could be bought at all hours of the night at the Hartford post office, but this convenience was after a short time done away with. There have, however, been agencies for the sale of stamps all over the city, there being thirty of these, but the majority of them are closed during the latter part of the night. The compensation of the proprietors of the places where stamps are sold has been the same—$24 a year, the small places open only during the daytime receiving as much as those open the entire twenty-four hours, which shows the inconsistency of some things. However the first of July will see a change. These agencies are to be abolished, and the amount paid for sustaining them will probably be used for paying an extra stamp clerk during the night at the general office. If not, the other night clerk's burdens will be heavier.

ANOTHER THING NEEDFUL.—It seems to many people that one more thing or two is needed in large cities which, I believe is in vouge in a very few places. Probably it would not pay to keep a clerk all night especially for it, but it would be a great convenience if money orders and registration could be obtained at all times. In days gone by, when people were supposed to be abed, it didn't matter so much, but in the order of progress (?) so many are going to and fro, at all hours of the night, that everything is desired to "make things hum," as it were. As a well known writer says, "We live by steam!"

AGAIN THE REIODICALS.—This subject is still made use of as a "space filler." In another journal the writer truthfully characterized the assertion as "gauzy" that two speculators gobbled up the one hundred and fifty sets left at the Hartford office, and the disseminator of the yarn has also since declared that the information came from the Hartford stamp clerk or clerks. Now, these clerks tell me that they never made any such statement, because it was false, and that at least fifty persons left money for the periodicals. And because I simply stated the facts in the case, one scribe, who was hoodwinked, but is a pretty good fellow nevertheless, has used it as a handle to call me "Farmer" Chapman. I don't object to being called a "farmer;" in fact, I rather enjoy it. I do live in my own home and have five acres of land, but somebody else does the "digging," and I earn my living in a larger city than does the philatelist who tries to be funny at my expense. Take a tumble, William!

IF YOU receive this number as a "sample copy" and you like it, remember that we'll pay you ten visits for a dime.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

The surcharged Cuba and Porto Rico stamps are in great demand by the general run of collectors hereabouts, and it is seldom a collector is found who lacks these new provisionals in his album.

There has been such a great call for albums which sell for $1.50 and over, that our dealers ask each other whether the clamor for this class of goods will continue next season or not. Probably it was owing to the fact that the aforesaid class of goods were entirely exhausted in January, and the publishers were somewhat slow in supplying the increased demand by a new edition, that made the dealers imagine that the demand would continue right along. And while it may seem strange the demand is still keeping up after all back orders are filled, hence the dealers are puzzled and don't know whether to lay in additional supplies now or let the new stock be exhausted before ordering more.

With catalogues it was nearly the same way—everyone had been sold and still the demand continued, so another edition of the 58th was run off and sent to dealers throughout the country. But before the new supply arrived the orders had come in so numerously that one of our local dealers bought all the used copies he could get, and even these were snapped up by the eager collectors. The dealer is now puzzled as to whether it is wise to lay in another stock of the 58th catalogue or advise his customers to wait a few months until the 59th edition will appear which it is said would be about the middle or end of September at the latest.

One of our local philatelic publications is going to reach out over the water for trade again—the publisher will soon take a trip abroad and sing the praises of his paper far and wide, and hopes to able to rejoice and be exceeding glad when he returns in the fall, for he expects to get advertising contracts galore and plenty of new subscribers besides.

The Century Stamp Club of St. Louis held its regular meeting on May 4. The attendance was good and the large amount of exchanging done was very gratifying to the members. One member brought a lot of various current issue revenues with him and traded off the major portion thereof, and in exchange therefor received stamps which he frankly admitted he thought he would be unable to obtain except by outright purchase. And now that member is ready to admit that a well managed stamp club posesses more good points than many collectors would suppose.

Since my last notes appeared I have not been able to learn anything new regarding the probable sale of the Tiffany collection. I have however learned from a reliable source that a great number of people have called to see Mrs. Tiffany. At first the lady received all callers, but when she found that the majority were merely curious she adopted other measures, and now all callers are directed to the office of Mr. Tiffany's brother. Needless to say that the curious people are promptly sent about their business. Work of listing the collection is now in progress, but as it will take some time to complete that, it is safe to say that the collection will not be sold before next fall if then.

Mr. Arthur R. Hodder one of the most pleasant stamp collectors of our city will be married on May 14, and on the first of June will sail for England to visit his old home. Everybody who knows Arthur wishes him prosperity and happiness and a long life to enjoy the same.

Although the weather is now getting quite warm the stamp season just drawing to a close is quite lively yet. At all the stamp shops the youngsters are in evidence daily and they are shrewd enough to see that every nickel they invest in stamps is well spent for they go in for both quality and condition and know just what they want.

One of the hardest things that a stamp dealer encounters in his business is to convince an intending seller that certain stamps which he says his collection contains are really not therein at all. The seller is always suspicious, and when he says his collection contains the 10c 1847 catalogued $12.00 used, and is then told he is mistaken as the stamp which he so proudly points to is on bluish paper and catalogued only $4.00 he at once jumps to the conclusion that the dealer is trying to gouge him. The next stamp he usually gets tripped on is the 1c 1851. Nine out of ten collectors imagine that they have type I of this issue, but when told that they have the common variety instead, they feel like thrashing the dealer for shattering their fond hopes. The other day I saw a man trying to sell his collection. He thought it contained a 3c 1867 grilled all over, cataloging $17.50, used. When told that that the grill was the common kind, 9x13, and the stamp catalogued 2c used, his disappointment was of the keenest kind. In such a case the would be seller usually goes off in a huff, vowing he would rather burn up the collection than be cheated, while if he would but reflect a moment he could readily see that if he would have studied both his stamps and their value, all the unpleasant disappointment could have been avoided.

A St. Louis dealer recently came into the possession of the rare Baton Rouge error in which the name McCormick is printed McCcrmick. It is not catalogued and but few are known to exist.

Envelopes.

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3000	"	"	3.85
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WE WISH to especially call the attention of advertisers to the ALLEGHENY'S ad rates and assure them that they will receive more returns for money invested than in any other publication. A trial will convince.

COMMENTS.

The Grand Leader the leading general store of St. Louis, heads a page ad of its in the St. Louis Daily *Globe Democrat* of Sunday, April 30, as follows:

"Thanks to the liberality and energy of the citizens of St. Louis and vicinity, the great fair is an assured fact." In another corner of the page we find the following: "Free! A St. Louis 1903 World's Fair Souvenir (the first of its kind) will be presented FREE to-morrow to each and every grown visitor."

The mail carrier between Antrim, N. S. and North Branch, four miles, has had 119 days of continued sleighing, from November 26 to March 24.

The State of Nepal has its first new issue for eighteen years.

The Stamp Exchange, by Ralph W. Tucker, Boston, Mass., is the best beginner we have as yet discovered. Keep it up Tucker.

If you are a writer of philatelic literature, don't fail to look up our offer on another page. It closes June 1, 1899.

Bach's weekly, "Montreal Philatelist," never materialized. What's wrong Rudolph? Better stick to your monthly for a while yet.

European dealers still ask their old prices, averaging about $75.00 for the newspaper and periodical stamps of 1894-5.

Postal cards spoiled by addressing or with printing on either side bring 31c per hundred from several New Yorkers.

E. J. Nankivell, English specialist in Transvaal, has issued the first number of a magazine devoted exclusively to the stamps of Transvaal.

A California court sentenced a stamp swindler named Crockett to 18 month's imprisonment, recently.

The removal of cancelling marks from war tax stamps has developed into an industry in New York, the stamps being cleaned for the purpose of selling them again. Recently two men who had been peddling cleaned stamps were arrested and held in $3,000. $918 worth of stamps were found on the prisoners, most of them showing traces of the cleaning process. It is believed that $20,000 worth of these stamps have been put on the market.

A 3 per cent. solution of collodion applied with a soft brush, preserves valuable stamps from the noxious influence of the air and from moisture, without the slightest danger to the stamp thus covered.

The 1899 set of U. S. envelopes embraces 59 varieties.

Counterfeit cigar stamps are having a high time at present.

The envelope contractors made an annual profit of $385,000 in a four year's contract, beginng in 1890 but at its expiration competition caused a drop in the price and today Uncle Sam is paying 73 cents a thousand for his envelopes instead of $1.70. They cost the manufacturers 65 cents a thousand. Uncle Sam sells them at $20 a thousand. The estimate is taken on the No. 5 envelope, more of this envelope being sold than all others combined.

About 650,000,000 envelopes will be manufactured this year.

Rumor tells us of a set of surcharged stamps for use in the Philippines.

TRY an ad. It will pay you.

NOTES FROM CANADA.

P. T. COBURN.

Neither the 4c nor 7c have appeared yet. It is said that the 7c will be issued soon, but the 4c will not be issued for some time.

The 5c numeral has not been put on sale yet. Although it is rumored that it has been issued, I have not seen it yet. The reason for the delay is that the postmasters are trying to work off their old 3c stamps and instead of a 5c stamp they use a 3c and 2c.

Richmond, Que., is going to try and have the D. P. A. meet there in 1900. It is only fair that it should meet there because all the former meets have been in Ontario. It is true that there are more members in Ontario than in Quebec, but the Society is a Dominion one and there is no reason why the other Provinces should not have a slice of the pie.

A supply of 3c surcharged 2c envelopes were received at the Richmond Post Office one evening at 8 p. m. and at 8 a. m. the next day there were none left.

Mr. F. W. Wurtele says that according to the usual mode of computing the value of a stamp in proportion to the quantity in existence, the 2c purple envelope should be worth at least $5 or $6, and that collectors who purchase them at the low price of $1 to $1.50 will have no reason to regret their investment in the future.

NEXT number will contain an interesting paper on the Postoffice in Manila, telling how they do things there. Ten cents will bring you this issue and the nine consecutive ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Philatelic Advocate announces a new issue for Canada to appear in a short time and the informormation is given on "good authority."

Rumors afloat tell us that a new series of postal stationery is in preparation for use in Ceylon.

The German Empire is to add the following new values to the current set; 30pf., 80pf., m. 1, and m. 5, also a new m. 2, which will be in keeping with the balance of the set.

A French paper claims the Guadeloupe has asked for stamps of special designs.

Indo China has also asked for stamps of special designs.

It is rumored that on the centenary of Van Dyck, to be celebrated at Antwerp in August of this year, Belgium is to issue a million postage stamps bearing the portrait of the great painter.

We hear that Ceylon is soon to have stamps of the values of 75c, 1r 50c and 2r 25c.

Hard Pay.

We would advise our various contemporaries and readers against one, Chas. C. Guy, Sandy Hill, N. Y. He recently contracted for an inch space for twelve months in this magazine. Terms payable quarterly on receipt of first copy containing his ad. We agreed to this and have run his adv. the first quarter, although we never received any reply to our various letters requesting a remittance as per contract. As we are now almost convinced that he does not intend to settle, we have arrived at the conclusion that if it is free advertising he wants we can give him all he desires, but we prefer our own mode of doing so.

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STAMP COLLECTING AS A RECREATION.

BY PHIL A TELIST.

It is a well known fact that the American public live such active lives that before reaching the allotted three score and ten years they are worn out, nervous, and quite often physical wrecks. The reason is not hard to find. They can, it is true, do more work, and do it better, in a given time than any other people under the sun but the continued strain and nerve tension required to accomplish so great an amount of work in the shortest possible amout of time will tell on the individual to such an extent that at the age of 50 most men of our day must quit active work entirely. They are at that age considered "old," and if they have been successful in business, well and good, and if they have not achieved success then they are apt to be found among those who are continually croaking about a "hard fate," "bad luck," etc., etc., but they are seldom ready to admit that they are themselves to blame for not having made the best use of opportunities that presented themselves to them. A certain Irishman was once told that fortune knocked once on every man's door and he readily replied, "Be jabers, I must have been out when she knocked at mine." But while we may laugh at the Irishman's reply, the stubborn fact remains that in this world most of the people who fail to make proper use of favorable opportunities will at some future time—alas—often too late, awaken to see their mistake. When we look into the Bible we find that God tells us to work, and also to be diligent at our calling, but that does not mean that we shall think only of work, *work*, WORK, and nothing else. Nay, we find that it is not alone essential but absolutely necessary to have some diversification with which both body and mind can be rested and benefitted simultaneously. But to find a diversification that should combine all the good points, and have few or no bad points has been an all absorbing question for many a wise man. Music although soothing in its effects often unduly excites the mind and hence the best effect is thereby lost. Athletic sports tire the body often more than they are supposed to, hence in such cases the effect is more detrimental than beneficial. There are other amusements, diversifications, etc., in great variety, but the general run of mankind after trying this, that, and the other, soon tire thereof and drop them. But there is one diversification which has stood the test of time and is to-day in greater favor among mankind than ever before—namely—stamp collecting. Years ago, people who possessed the faculty of looking ahead saw that stamp collecting had a great future before it, but although they saw that as a pleasant diversification or recreation, or pastime, it was ahead of anything else, still they pursued their pet hobby in silence being afraid of being considered weak minded by the general public. Indeed the word "crank" when applied a dozen years ago to a person had a very humiliating effect on the individual and this fear of being classed as cranks is one of the reasons why stamp collecting is not more in favor with the masses of

mankind. But thanks to those few noble philatelists who have dared to stand up and tell the world that there is more in stamp collecting than the general public has any idea of, the odium which was a part of every stamp collectors lot, has vanished and those people who today desire to be up to date are giving more thought to philately than ever before, and why should they not? It can be made to be beneficial to each and everyone who takes it up. Everyone knows that the youth of our land should have some pastime which should be harmless and yet redound to the good of the rising generation. Stamp collecting does that and more too. A child once started collecting stamps will find more pleasure therin in its leisure moments than in getting into mischief, and it will not get into bad company and by keeping its mind pure only the best of results will follow in later life. Young people in their "teens" can find no more entertaining diversification than that offered by collecting stamps. We all know the baneful effects which follow in the wake of the young man whose only pleasure is the saloon. His money is squandered there, his health will fail from excessive drinking, while wherever a position is open for a sober and agressive young man he must refrain from applying therefor because his weakness for liquor and saloon company invariably prevent his advancement. "But," I hear someone say, "stamp collecting may be well and good for the young, but for middle aged people and for older people it is unsuitable." There my friend is where you make the mistake; There are millions of stamp collectors in the world, yes in every country under the sun you will find them, and fully one third of the entire number are past forty years of age. I am acquainted with many collectors who have families, and having questioned some as to why they collect stamps so late in life I have received various replies, and will here give a few of them for the benefit of my readers. One man, the father of a large family, said: "Why bless your soul I would not quit collecting stamps as long as I am able to be up and about. It is the finest recreation I can get. Years ago I used to go to the theatres, to the circus, even to prize fights, in fact anywhere to pass away my leisure hours but since I am collecting stamps I have quit it all, for there is nothing than can beat stamp collecting in disposing of ones leisure time to the best advantage." Another friend of mine who is a department manager in a large house replied to the question of why he collected stamps: "Well you see when I get through with my days work I want some sort of recreation to drive dull care away. I want to 'take the harness off my brain' so to speak, and I know of nothing which can accomplish that much desired result better than to get engrossed in a stamp collection. After spending an evening with my stamps I feel bright and cheerful and am ready for business next day. Time was before I had a collection that a game of cards at the club used to be my pastime, but now nothing could induce me to quit collecting stamps." Another friend of mine, a lawyer, who collects stamps has this to say: "What do I think about stamp collecting?" "Well it all depends upon what your motive is in collecting. The reason I collect stamps is that it gives my tired brain a rest. When I look over a lot of approval sheets or loose stamps, I forget all about

knotty legal problems. Supreme Court decisions, and the daily trend of my business. It is a positive recreation for me, and if it had not been for the pleasure that I derive from my stamp collection, I suppose I should have probably taken to drink long ago, as I was getting to be somewhat of a steady drinker before I took to philately and I bless the day when I bought my first album and stamps."

Although the foregoing expressions all come from people who after having once started collecting stamps have been at it continually, this article would probably not be complete if no exception could be found to the general rule, but my medical friend Dr. B. expressed himself as follows when I asked him whether stamp collecting was a recreation viewed from a physician's standpoint: "A recreation?" "Well, yes, and it is a good deal more than that. I collected stamps about ten years ago and it always gave me pleasure. But my friend Dr. J. is a great chess player and so he induced me to quit collecting and then I sold my entire stamp outfit, collection, duplicate stamps and all. After that I became a chess player, and I am not stretching it when I say that I tried my level best to become an expert chess player. In fact the nerve force required therefor so told upon my nervous system that I would have broken down if I had not quit it. After giving up chess I had nothing to do but to work, eat, and sleep, and so I started collecting stamps again and I find it is very beneficial. It gives the brain a rest, and while engaged in looking over stamps or mounting them in the album all professional cares are forgotten. I have advised many of my patients to start collecting stamps, and I cannot remember of every hearing anyone say that they regretted following my advice."

From the foregoing expressions of men whose judgement is well worth considering, we think that we have proven our claim that no matter from what side we may view stamp collecting, the objections raised can be easily overcome by anyone who is willing to render an unbiased opinion from potent facts.

SOME RANDOM TALK.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

A LITTLE MISREPRESENTATION.—The writer has expressed his ideas concerning the periodical stamps. He has never felt able to purchase a bona fide set. When it was announced that the government was to put sets on sale, he was pleased, even if certain ones were reprints, as it gave him a chance to have them in the album, and thus know what they looked like, and to be able to let others see them. In the *Weekly Philatelic Era* of June 3, Mr. J. H. Lyons, of the Colonial Stamp Company of Boston, I believe, who uses the initials "S. E. L.," sees fit to say that "H. A. Chapman of Hartford thinks it should make no difference if the stamps were reprinted," or words similar. I would say in return that as far as "Mr. S. E. L.'s" opinions are concerned on philatelic subjects, I have never cared a rap, but I do object to being charged with an opinion I never expressed. Does this individual think he is the infallible great mogul of philately? Such an idea seems to stick out very prominently in all his writings, but the doubters are legion, chief among whom is yours truly, who is

not cast down even if he is placed "on record" as a "picture label collector." My album is my own, and no one can question my privilege to put in reprints or special deliveries, if I see fit.

HINGED TO DEATH.—A Boston concern, which is one of the squarest I know of in dealing, in speaking of its approval sheets, says, "We do not send them out with bits of paper and three or four generations of hinges on the back, but they are clean on both sides and ready for the album." A good deal of truth in that, and it leads me to remark that a buyer had rather pay a little more for genuine picked specimens than for those that are furnished just as cut off. Recently I thought I "had a good one." Soon after placing it in water, it was floating around in six or eight pieces. It had been patched to begin with, and then bolstered up with layers of hinges. And "there are others" who know how it is.

HARDLY JUST.—In a Canadian journal called *Energy*, the presiding genius of which I believe to be generally a fair-minded individual, sees fit in a department devoted to stamp lore, to belittle Mr. W. C. Stone of *The Weekly Philatelic Era* simply because he differed with him. Mr. S. has the reputation in this country of being one of the best reviewers, and is well up in stamp matters and it is doubtful if any such slurs as the *Energy* writer throws at him will hurt him a particle.

STAMPIC AMERICA.—This is the name adopted by an aspirant for philatelic honors. He uses rubber type and an ink-pad, and turns out a journal which is spicy and more newsy than some of the miserable affairs which make use of the foundry type and printing press, but of course his "subscription" list is small. No doubt he will at some period, not far distant, make use of the correct methods and we can predict a "humming" circulation. It is hoped "I. B. Unknown" will not always be unknown, and that at some future time yours truly, who is sworn to secrecy as to the jolly publisher's identity, will be able to review a journal of his editing which will be conducted under his baptismal name.

A NEW "COVER."—The writer has for some time owned the latest emissions of New Zealand, unused, and they are beautiful stamps. On the 7th of June his heart was made glad by the receipt of a letter from Whangarei, New Zealand, on the envelope of which was a 2½d blue stamp, containing a view of "Lake Wakatipu." It was five weeks and two days on the way, which is pretty good time. Inside were used specimens of other denominations of the same issue, as well as unused. The whole came as an answer to one of my ads in an American journal.

PRIZE STORY.

We are sorry to announce that our "Prize Story Contest" has met with failure, only one story having been entered. This will be published in next number, together with the successfull candidate and "The Manila Post Office," the article announced to appear this month. Watch for these, they'll be all we claim for them. PUBLISHERS.

NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—Both of the new wrappers as well as the No. 6 envelope have appeared with the 1899 watermark.

There is a rumor that interested parties would like the Post Office Department to issue a special set of stamps in connection with the Pan American exposition, and that while a special set will not be issued, some special envelope may be authorized.

On May 5, a new supply of the $10.00 revenue stamps was printed.

There is a die variety of the 2c envelope, new issue. The ribbon on the queue is missing. This variety has been found in size 13, white, and oriental buff.

The new 4-cent envelope may be a surprise when issued. It is claimed that the bust of Lincoln will be much larger and more true to life and show better results of the engraver's art than the present one. When issued it will be in the color of the present four cent adhesive.

The die A varieties of 2c are not apt to become very rare as small lots keep turning up.

The 1c green wrapper has been found on paper without the watermark.

The following private proprietary stamps have been issued:

⅛c Johnson and Johnson. This stamp is of the general design of the regular 1898 revenue stamps, but the battleship is replaced by a red cross. "Johnson & Johnson" in a curved line above and "New Brunswick, N. J." in a straight line below. Size 36½x20mm.; color: carmine.

A set of seven values, all of the same design, have been issued by Chas. Marchand. They are of the same size as the current proprietary stamps, but upright instead of oblong.

A portrait occupies the center of the stamp and is surrounded by an oval band inscribed "Charles Marchand—New York, U. S. A." above in a curved line is "United States Internal Reuenue," below "Proprietary—Series of 1898;" figures of value appear at each side below oval and value in words in straight label at the bottom. All enclosed in handsomely engraved framework. The values are as follows: ⅛c, 1⅛c, 1⅝c, 2½c, 3⅛c, 4⅜c, 7½c, and all are printed in black.

Warner's Safe Cure Co., has issued a stamp of large size (2⅛x⅞in.) The design consists of a safe bearing a picture of a happy Hottentot in circle in center, large numerals "3⅛" at each side; inscription "Warner's Safe Cure Co., —Rochester, N. Y.—Safe Remedies —United States Internal Revenue —Three and one eighth cents" tastefully interwoven in the design. Color, light brown.—*Metropolitan Philatelist.*

CUBA.—The 3c on 1mil. green, and 3c on 2mil. green exist with the error "eents" instead of cents. These are the Puerto Principe surcharges

The list of 2c Cuban plate numbers seems to be about completed. Thus far the following have been seen, all bottoms and lefts only:—2c. carmine: 475, 503, 556, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 568, 569, 570, 571, 593, 594, 596, 746, 747, 748, 753, 754, ,756, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 774, 775, 776, 777. 2c vermilion: 503, 556, 559,

560, 561, 562, 568, 569, 570, 571, 593, 594, 595, 596, 745, 746, 747, 648, 753, 754, 755, 756, 758.

The 2c stamp of the new issue will show simply a group of palms.

The 5c will be the first finished. All the designs for the new set with the exception of that for the special delivery have been approved.

It is expected that the curtent 2c red, size 5, on white, will be surcharged for use in Cuba, as Major Rathbone has notified the department that he wants stamped envelopes at once.

It is reported that as soon as the new stamps reach Havana, the entire lot of provisionals will be destroyed.

The 2½c are now all sold out in all the larger cities.

GUAM.—The island of Guam is the latest colony to be supplied with stamps. Guam is the largest of the Ladrone Islands and is about 30 miles long and 10 miles wide.

Regular postage stamps of the values of 1c, 2c, and 5c were surcharged. The following quantities received the surcharge :

10,000,——1c.
30,000,——2c.
5,000,——5c.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The Madrid Filatelico presents in its most recent number a reproduction of an entire sheet of surcharges of the 1897 issue which is indeed wonderfully and fearfully made. The sheet is composed of the 25c brown stamps of the 1890 issue, which were surcharged with various values in 1897. This particular sheet shows all three values on one sheet and in addition shows a number of inverted surcharges, the varieties being mixed on every line. The sheet is composed of the following :

58 stamps with surcharge 20 centavos.
12 " " 20 " invtd
10 " " 15 "
10 " " 5 "
10 " telegraph surcharge.

We conclude that this sheet was only in the nature of a trial, but still it is extremely interesting.—A. J. of P.

The P. O. Department expects to ship to Manila the following quantities of stamps surcharged with the word " Philippines " :

1 cent—2,000,000.
2 cents—4,000,000.
3 " —-500,000.
5 " —-500,000.
10 " —-500,000.

PUERTO RICO.—Counterfeits of the rare Puerto Principe surcharges are on the market. The difference between the genuine and the counterfeit is more in the character of the impression than in the surcharge itself and accurate knowledge of the genuine varieties is required in order to distinguish the real from the false. The counterfeits are in some cases supplied with genuine cancelations and in others with false ones.—A. J. of P.

Porto Rico now wants stamped envelopes and it is expected that a special die similar to that adopted for Cuba (a bust of Columbus) will be adopted.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—The 4d blue Registration envelope of the Cape of Good Hope has been surcharged across the envelope in two lines " Bechuanaland—Protectorate."

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA CO.—The Mon. Jour. has seen a copy of the 4d Cape of Good Hope, surcharged in 1897 for use in this territory, which shows no trace of the third line of the surcharge. The stamp is from the bottom row of the sheet and it is possible that the last line of the setting was not inked

when this sheet was put into the press.

BRAZIL.—The remainders of the 50r orange newspaper stamps have been surcharged "100–1898–100" in violet.

CANADA.—The last chapter in regard to the 2c purple envelope has been written, or rather spoken. On April 27, in the Canadian House of Commons, Mr. Mulock, the P. M. G., replying to Mr. Huges, respecting the 2-cent stamped envelopes, purple, said "that 2000 purple envelopes were issued to the Toronto P. O. on January 4, but the Department had no knowledge of who the purchasers were; that no secret information anent the issue had been given, either by the department or by the branch issuing them; that there are now none of these stamps in stock and the Government does not intend to issue any more; that the Government had no information of any person cornering that issue, which was not made by mistake." If these stamped envelopes were not issued by mistake why were they recalled? If there are none in stock, what became of those recalled?— Canadian Correspondent in W. S. N.

The split provisionals turn out to be fakes. The Government has announced that they were unauthorized and letters having them on should have been charged double rates when delivered.

CHILI.—Among a mixed lot of stamps from this country we have found a 10 pesos blue revenue used for postage.—A. J. of P.

A new issue of a radically different design is one of the possibilities of the near future.

Counterfeits of the present issue have been doing great damage to the postal service and a new issue of the values of 1, 2 and 5 centavos has been decided on.

CEYLON.—The following taken from the Stamp Collectors Fortnightly is from an Indian paper. "In connection with the introduction of the penny postage service in Ceylon in December last, a new issue of stamps has been ordered from England, and the first consignment of these new stamps is expected in April. The lot will include 6 cent stamps for letter postage and 75 cent, R 1.50 and R 2.25 stamps for parcel post, also under the new service.

ECUADOR.—A new 2c stamp has been received from this country. It is printed in two colors. In the center is the portrait of a gentleman in military uniform. This is surrounded by an ornamental frame with the inscriptions "Republica-del-Ecuador–Correos" above, "2 Dos Centavos 2" below. A five cent value is also reported. The design is handsome, and this may prove the forerunner of an entire new set.

1 centavo, blue and black.
2 centavos, lilac and black.
5 centavos, red and black.

The 50c lilac, revenue stamp has been surcharged "Correos-20 cents-Official" in red.

GERMAN NEW GUINEA PROTECTORATE.—On the first of April the Imperial German Government took over the administration of this colony. Presumably this will not affect the present series of stamps, which consist simply of the stamps of Germany surcharged with the name of the colony.

GUATEMALA.—The A. J. of P. lists a variety of the surcharge 1c on 12c of 1898. The surcharge consists of the words "Un-Centavo" and 1898 in three lines with a large numeral 1 each side.

1c on 12c crimson, violet surcharge.

A type set provisional, supposed to have been issued in Champerico in January, is described in some of the European papers. Two values are given, 10 and 20 centavos both in violet. The provisionals are very crude and will bear investigation.

The 1c rose lilac long revenue has received the surcharge "1898-Correos-Nacionales" in black.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—From various sources we glean the following information in regard to the recently issued stamp.

The mail to the island is irregular and infrequent. In November 1897 a pigeon post was established, the pigeons being taken out in vessels as opportunity offered, and liberated when messages were required to be sent. Last November, in consequence of the increase in the number of messages, it was decided to issue stamps and 1800 were printed. The messages are written on slips of tissue paper, the address being at the top, and the stamp is placed on the message, as, of course, no envelope can be used in such a service. The stamp is obliterated by a circular handstamp, and the slip is then rolled up and tied under the pigeon's wing.

When the birds are liberated at Great Barrier, they fly to Auckland, N. Z., where the messages are removed, placed in envelopes, addressed and posted, the fee of one shilling covering delivery to any part of the colony. There is only one value, and as the design was poorly done, a new stamp has been engraved.

GIBRALTAR.—The series of cards, wrappers and registered envelopes has appeared in the new type of surcharge as noted last month.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Three sizes of the registered envelopes have appeared with the new tariff printed on the back, 2 pence blue, sizes F, G, and H.

HAWAII.—The Metro. Philatelist states that apparently Hawaii will keep its own stamps and gives the following list of colors in which they will be printed :

1c green,	10c brown,
2c rose,	50c violet,
5c blue,	$1.00 blue.

The 2 and 3c have already been issued in the new colors.

HONG KONG.—A correspondent assures us that in 1893 or 1894, when he visited this colony, the postage stamps surcharged, "S. O." and "S. D." and thus converted into fiscal stamps, were nevertheless allowed to be used for postage. He adds that he obtained two copies of the 2c on which the "O" had been converted into a "D" by the addition of a vertical bar covering the left hand side of the letter.—Mon. Jour. The letters "S. O." stood for "Stamp Office" and "S. D." for "Stamp Duty."

CASHMERE, (INDIA).—The Mon. Jour. has the following : "We are now shown a sheet of 1a of the 1878 type, printed in light green on the thin, white wove paper which characterized some of the latest Cashmere editions. We have no belief in this as a stamp that was ever in use, but look upon it as a fancy impression, produced perhaps in view of the approaching abolition of the State Post Office. Together with a sheet of this curiosity, we are shown ordinary impressions of the 1a, in one of its numerous shades of deep green, with a nice clean-cut perforation. This would not deceive any one who had ever seen the original attempts at this addition to the Cashmere stamps, but we think it well to warn our readers against it.

We are also shown the ½a of 1886 Type 19 in the Catalogue, badly printed in *red* and in *black* upon the very white thin wove paper. These may not be reprints, but we should be glad of some information as to whether the ½a was ever really in use at all."

DHAR.—L. T. P. draws attention to some varieties that may be found in the settings of the 1 pice of the first issue. There are two slighily different settings of each value, varying in the arrangements of the tpyes composing the frame, etc.

NABHA.—The current 1 rupee stamp has been surcharged for official use.

NEPAUL.—The 1, 2, and 4 annas stamps have been printed on native paper, and pin perforated. The stamps generally issued imperforate as the native paper will not tear easily, even along the line of perforation.

The sheet of 2a consists of seven horizontal rows of eight stamps, and the 1 and 4 annas of eight rows of eight stamps. Eleven inverted stamps exist on the sheet of 1a but only one on that of the 4a.

1a—deep blue.
2a—purple.
4a—green.

NANDGAM.—The 1a red has been seen without the "M. B. S." surcharge on this wove paper, instead of laid. The reprints are all said to have been surcharged, so this is looked on as an earlier issue than the laid paper which has just turned up.

1 anna—rose on thin wove.
—Metropolitan Philatelist.

NOWANUGGUR.—The W. S. N. has seen the 2 and 3 dveras of the 1893 issue on thick paper, such as noted in the catalogue in connection with the 1 dvera of that issue.

INDO CHINA.—This colony has not only requested stamps of special designs in lieu of the current colonial type, but would like a set for each of the dependencies—Cambodia, Annam and Tonkin, and Cochin-China.

JAMAICA.—It is expected that this colony will adopt the penny postage rate at an early date.

JAPAN. — The following values have been issued in the new type since our last chronicle.

2 sen—yellow green.
4 sen—rose.
10 sen—deep blue.

The single letter rate has been changed from 2 sen for ½ ounce to 3 sen for ½ ounce or fraction thereof. A single post card is now 1½ sen instead of 1 sen and a reply card, double this rate. New cards and envelopes will be issued to meet the new rates. These new rates may lead to the dropping of the 4 sen value.

MALTA.—The 10sh listed in our April number as dark blue should be slate.

MOZAMBIQUE CO.—The 75 reis stamp surcharged "Provisorio" across center and 25 at top, the original 75 below being ruled out, all surcharging in black ink, is a good stamp to let alone judging from reports. 10,000 were printed, less than 3000 were sold to the public, and the balance were bought up by those who had been privately informed of the issue coming out.

NIGRE COAST PROTECTORATE.—On the first of April the administration of the Protectorate was transferred from the British foreign office to the Colonial office. What effect this will have on the present issue of stamps remains to be seen.

RUSSIA.—The Mon. Jour. quotes

a correspondent who claims that a set of surcharged stamps will be issued for use in Russian China.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. — PERAK.—Der Philatelist states that a 15c stamp of the current type has been issued. Colors, green and orange. A four cent stamp being found necessary, the 8c lilac blue has been overprinted with that value in black.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.—From Der Philatelist we learn that at the end of January 2400 newspaper stamps of the 1893 type were surcharged diagonally "Provisorio" in violet and the stamps remained in use until February 5th.

2½r brown—surcharge "Provisorio" in violet.

SWITZERLAND.—The color of the 25c has been changed to the Postal Union color—blue.

SALVADOR POSTAL CARDS.—140 by 90 mm.

1c olive green—salmon.
2c brown—green.
2x2c brown—green.
3c dark blue—blue.
3x3c dark blue—blue.

TIMOR.—The A. J. of P. chronicles a 300 reis orange of the 1887 issue surcharged 30r, and again surcharged 5r.

5r on 30r on 300r orange—black surcharge.

TURKEY.—The Mon. Jour. has received the current 20 paras printed in claret.

TASMANIA. — This colony will have scenery stamps in the near future. A new set similar to those issued for New Zealand has been ordered. The following is an approximate list of values, colors and designs.

This list is probably incomplete as none of the higher values are represented.

½d green, Lake Marion, Du Cane Range.
1d red, Mountain Lake, Huron Road.
2d lilac, Cataract Gorge, Launceston.
2½d dark blue, St. Columba Falls.
3d claret, Lake St. Clair.
4d orange, Russell Falls.
5d light blue, Mount Gould.
6d violet lake, Dilston Falls.

A number of illustrated post and letter cards are also to appear, the latter with the 2c stamp in lilac. The cards are to be tinted, 3½x5½ inches in size, and will bear the following views: Hobart, Launceston, Great Lake, River Derwent (New Norfolk), St. Mary's Pass, and Mt. Ida (Lake St. Clair). It is expected that the stamps will reach the colony and be ready for issue in a few months time.

URUGUAY.—A new edition of the 5m stamp has been printed this time in light blue instead of red as before. The 5c has been issued in steel blue. —Metropolitan Philatelist.

The following stamps have received the official surcharge.

10c red, black surcharge.
20c rose-violet and black, black surcharge.
50c green and brown, black surch.

VENEZUELA. — A registration stamp with the word "Certificado" appearing twice on the stamp has been issued.

Registration Stamp—25c yellow brown.

UNITED STATES.—The Metropolitan Philatelist states that revenue stamps of $100, $500 and $1000 are to be issued, the expectation being that the $1000 stamp will be the first one issued.

CUBA.—10,000 one cent envelopes were recently surcharged for use in the island and it is claimed were used by one firm for mailing circulars.

PORTO RICO. — The following stamps have been surcharged for use on this island:

25,000 8 cent.
25,000 1 cent dues.
25,000 2 " "
5,000 10 " "
5,000 1 " green, wrapper.
100,000 2 " red, No. 5 on white envelopes.
10,000 5 cent blue, No. 5 on white envelopes.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A 5c letter sheet with stamp of the stamp type as the envelopes recently issued has been received.

5c red, white paper, 260x238mm.

BARBADOS.—The 2d stamp has been received in the current type of the 1892 issue.

2p slate and orange.

BRAZIL.—The following values have been received with a perforation of very large holes. Perforated 5½ to 6.

10r rose and black.
200r orange and black.
300r green and black.

LOURENCO MARQUES.—The officer in charge of the vaults containing the stock of stamps forgot his key recently and instead of sending home for the key simply cut some revenue stamps in half and surcharged them "Correio de Lourenco Marques 5 (25-50) reis." The stamps were used only one day and of course the officials got the largest share.

5r on 10r green.
25r on 10r "
50r on 30r "
50r on 800r "

MEXICO.—The 12c stamp has been found printed in yellow brown, pin perforated with Eagle and R. M. watermark.

PERU.—The 5c stamp has been issued in blue green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The A. J. of P. chronicles with due reserve the 1c green surcharge in black 3 cents, on the authority of one of its European contemporaries.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.—The Mon. Jour. states that the 5c blue stamp of the old type was also surcharged for use as a 4c stamp.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—New wrappers have just appeared as follows :

1p green, size 298x123mm.
1p carmine and green, size 298x125mm.
2p chocolate and blue, size 298x158mm.
3p purple and green, size 298x158mm.

TASMANIA.—The Australian Philatelist has seen a 10d stamp in two colors with values in figures.

10p purple brown and green.

WEI-HEI-WEI. — There was a second issue of stamps for this post, somewhat more pretentious than the first but still quite primitive.

2 cents red.
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These stamps have now been superseded by the regular China stamps.

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Advertising Space.

In regard to exchanging space in this publication for stamps or for anything else. Our rates are now as low as we can possibly make them to one and all and if the prospective advertiser cannot afford to send us the cold cash to cover the cost of insertion, we heartily request him to enclose return postage in his letter and thus save us the expense of returning his copy. Our terms are *cash* with copy, not *exchange* with copy: We can't pay our printer, expenses, clothes, etc., with stamps received in exchange, neither do we intend to do so.

We don't advertise stamps for sale or in any other way run a stamp business, and what we need for our collections, we buy and pay for with the current money in this country and if we don't demand the same we'll never have any of it.

UNITED STATES LEADS.

The United States has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country in the world. It is a a peculiar fact that Spain comes second with nearly as many varieties. The United States has issued 287 varieties, while Spain has put out 278 different ones. One of the most interesting of these is the Filipino stamp. It is of about the ordinary size, and bears the inscription. "Correos, 2 cents, Filipinas."—The Stamp Tribune.

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If you receive this number as "Sample Copy" and you like it, remember that we'll pay you ten visits for a dime.

Next number will contain an interesting paper on the Post Office in Manilla, telling how they do things there. Ten cents will bring this issue and the nine consecutive ones.

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ATTENTION, PUZZLERS.

We have secured the services of a well known puzzler to take charge of our puzzle department and shall try to make this department interesting and instructive to all. If you want us to visit you monthly with the latest up-to-date, send us a dime for ten more visits, this ones free. If you don't appreciate our efforts drop us a line and tell us so, we'll try to accomodate you.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

Unsolici ed and published for the benefit of our readers:

PETERBOROUGH, ONT., June 8, '99.
KIEFER PUBLISHING CO.,

GENTLEMEN:—I note your expose of Chas. C. Guy of Sandy Hill, N. Y., in the A. P.

I, too, had an unpleasant experience with this fellow and unhesitatingly write him down, Substitutor.

He kept sheets of mine nearly a year, and when he did return them, seemingly intact, I found on examination that a number had been removed and cheaper ones substituted. I have written him repeatedly but unavailing.

Faithfully yours,
W. K. HALL.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

In past years about the time the warm weather set in dealers were accustomed to consider the "philatelic season" as over until the following October. But this year has so far proved an exception. Business has been going along at a satisfactory gait up to the present time, in fact some people believe that it will continue all through the summer without the usual summer dullness. One dealer remarked that he would consider himself fortunate if he could get time to assort his stock during the next three months so as to have it in shape for fall trade.

While on the subject we may be pardoned for calling the attention of dealers to the fact that a well arranged stock is a great desideratum. In fact we have often heard complaints from collectors who say the delay in not being furnished with what is wanted, owing to the dealers stock not being in proper shape, is worse than not being able to get the stamp at all, owing to the uncertainty and vexatious delays, and in unfulfilled promises of the dealer that he is sure he has the stamp and will find it in a few days—yet weeks may pass without the stamps being found.

One of our dealers, Mr. C. E. Stegman, suffered a stroke of paralysis in the latter part of May, but he is at this writing much improved, and may soon be able to attend to his business again.

The elegant stamp collection owned jointly by the brothers, Doctors Louis and Eugene F. Hauck, of this city, was sold the latter part of May to the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., the consideration as I understand being nearly a thousand dollars.

A new paper, the *Winner*, has appeared in this city. It is a monthly devoted to furthering the mail order trade, and contains a page devoted to philately, edited by a well known dealer. Typographically it is a beauty.

The Century Stamp Club will meet on June 15th at No. 30 South 4th St., second floor during the summer months. Meetings during June, July, August and September will be held once a month, every third Thursday evening.

Mr. H. Edgar French, the genial president of the Century Stamp Club, is now out of town a good portion of each month, he having been given the position of traveling auditor and attends the various accounts of agents and branch houses of the Jesse French Piano & Organ Co.

Mr. Wm. A. Sisson recently sold his entire collection of envelopes, mostly entires and in fine condition. He says it is too much work to try to keep up with collecting adhesives and entires so he intends to devote his entire attention to adhesives hereafter.

A local dealer recently had the pleasure of buying a 6c orange Proprietary for a very small sum of money. He expects to sell it at an early day and realize a handsome profit as this is a rare stamp. Probably most people will best remember it as the stamp which is most mentioned in Robies book "Stamp Hunting."

Mr. C. H. Mekeel says he intends to start on a European trip about June 10th to combine business with pleasure.

The public schools here will close about June 12th and the scholars will have a chance to enjoy their vacation. And some of our dealers are hoping the juveniles will give stamps a rest till September. One dealer remarked "I believe that after September next the stamp season is going to be a lively one, more so than ever before, and I intend to hustle and get such a complete stock that I can meet all comers.

Mr. C. E. Hussman has shown me the rare Autaugaville stamped envelope, light shade brown on green, supposed to be unique. The *American Journal of Philately* in its May number has a chronicle of this variety. It has never been catalogued.

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BOYS ROLLING IN WEALTH.

Revenue Agent Frank G. Thompson and Inspectors Edward Long and George O'Neall arrested Charles Turney, alias Patrick Monahan, a broker's messenger, last night at 121 Livingston street, Brooklyn, and seized $5700, face value, in documentary revenue stamps in his possession. The prisoner and a friend have recently been rooming in the Livingston street address for a week. About $500, face value, of the seized stamps had been washed, or restored. Agent Thompson declared, after a microscopic examination. In a trunk were found ink eradicating acids and a quantity of genuine Government mucilage such as is used upon postage and revenue stamps. The prisoner was locked up in the Adams Street Police Station. His right address is said to be 227 Sackett street, and his parents reside at Sixty-first street and Cowenhovan lane, Bay Ridge. He is 22 years old. The revenue officers expect to arrest his roommate.

The denominations of the seized stamps range from 5 cents to $50. About 100 memorandum slips of sales of stocks with the required revenue stamps attached were found in Turney's trunks. The memoranda bore the business headings of thirty or forty Wall street houses, including McIntyre & Wardwell, I. & S. Wormser, A. A. Housman & Co., Henry Clews & Co., Post & Flagg, Boody, McLellan & Co., J. S. Bache & Co., Bell & Co., Rolston & Bass, and Moore & Schley. The revenue officers believe that Turney got possession of the memorandum slips through dishonest office boys, or messenger boys, and that he intended to remove the cancellation marks with acid, re-gum the stamps and sell them to the same office or messenger boys at rates below those charged for new stamps.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the Government is losing revenue amounting to one-third of the total receipts in this district," said Revenue Agent Thompson. "The messenger and office boys in the Wall street district are rolling in wealth. A few days ago we had occasion to investigate a 16-year-old whom we had no evidence against,

but upon whom we found ten $50 bills. This man Turney was making $200 a day. A broker may send his office boy out to buy stamps of denominations as high as $50 to put on memorandum of sales and the boy buys of some dealer in washed stamps at 20 per cent off. After the stock transaction is completed the memoranda are filed away. Then the boy takes another chance and either soaks off the stamps or takes away the entire memorandum slip and sells them to the dealer for 50 per cent face value. The dealer or some one in the gang does the washing or eradicating. Sometimes an employee who is directed to affix and cancel a $50 stamp simply does not cancel it and sells it for its full face value. These youngsters in the Wall street district are about as sharp as they make 'em and just now are lining their pockets with coin. It is simply amazing, the money they are making. They make more money than the dealers in the washed stamps. The dealers are working in big gangs and have plenty of money to defend themselves when caught at it. I am afraid that Turney's arrest is but a drop in the bucket.

"The seizure to-night revealed that some of the firms have not used the full value of stamps the sales indicated require."

Agent Thompson said that the dealers in illicit stamps have strong financial backing and when caught at illegal practices have expensive counsel and pay heavy fines without a murmur. Jacob Miller and Emanuel Alexander, who were sentenced yesterday, after being convicted of practices similar to those charged against Turney, had six lawyers to defend them. Upon announcement of the sentence one of the minor counsel hurried up to the Circuit Court Clerk's desk with a big roll of bills to pay the fines, which amounted to $1,500.—New York Sun.

DANGEROUS STAMPS TO BUY.

So-called Reprints of Argentina.

The labels, purporting to be "reprints" of the 1862 issue of Argentina, are, to all intents and purposes, forgeries. Two or three values—the 10 and 15 centavos—are the product of faked or doctored dies. This is the whole history of the matter: In 1871 a London dealer, in the days when reprints were tolerated, obtained possession of one of the original blocks from which the 5 centavos stamps had been printed. In order to prepare complete sets of three, he had to manufacture blocks for the 10 and 15 centavos values by altering the die he had obtained. The inevitable result was that a most incongruous appearance was given to the inscriptions at the foot of the two higher values. Collectors can easily detect these fraudulent reprints by closely scrutinizing the figures of value and the initial letter "c" of "centavos." If in the 10c blue or the 15c green stamp, the numerals are precisely in line with the letters that follow, and if the "C" is of an ordinary width, instead of being cramped and narrow, then the stamps are perfectly genuine; but if the numerals are above their proper level and the "C" is out of proportion as mentioned, then they are printed from the faked plates. Experts can detect these bogus stamps at a glance by the colour alone, which is considerably paler than the originals.—*Stamps.*

THE PUZZLER'S COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

All are invited to solve and contribute to this department. If you receive this number as a sample copy, it is a cordial invitation to you to subscribe and join us. Send solutions and new puzzles—not subscriptions—to "Kappa Kappa," Lock Box 150, Hawley, Minn.

NEW PUZZLES.

NO. 1—RIDDLE.

Before the zephyr's gentle breath I fly;
While in the puzzler's active brain I lie:
In the middle of a maze,
Always in a stupid daze,
And in every body's craze, there am I.

Atlanta, Ga. POLLY ANTHUS.

NO. 2—PRINTER'S PI.

Fi a chapitelli ranck,
Neth oyu vahe royu rasts ot kanth
Hatt eth Gayellehn Stilelatiph slive:
Orf ti sevig eth stalet swen,
Dan fi bloudert whit het suble,
Dogo cadevi nad linkyd sword fo reech ti viges.

Moorhead, Minn. A PUZZLER.

NO. 3—ANAGRAM.

Tom, he collects part.

Rochester, Minn. EDITH GRAY.

NO. 4—AMPUTATION.

Entire, I am desired by all
From noble king to school-boy small.
Beheaded. "to drive in or down
By frequent gentle strokes." Don't frown,
But once again take off my head,
And curtail too: a verb instead.
Curtail once more, I'm first of all,
Tho' but a simple letter small.

Peoria, Ill. JACK SNIPE.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.—This is our first number, and must be pardoned for all short-comings. I shall rely on my puzzle friends to help me make this a fine department. Send me forms on PHILATELIST and POSTAGE, and philatelic anagrams, etc. Next month we're going to have a fine lot of puzzles. Better subscribe right now, so as to be sure and get every number. Now be sure to write to

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CANADIAN NOTES.

BY CHARLES BAILEY.

Owing to a severe sickness, Mr. Bailey informs us that he will be unable to furnish notes for this magazine, we let our readers have it in his own words :

"I beg to inform you that owing to a severe sickness and other reasons I shall be unable to continue furnishing notes as heretofore.

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"I shall be in a position to furnish a complete report of the coming D. P. A. Convention in June 30—July 1. * * * * ." C. BAILEY.

We have decided to discontinue this department and to take up the space it usually occupied with matter that we hope will prove more interesting and instructive. How many of our readers agree with us? Would you rather have the notes that soon get old and stale or an article that can be read at any time and is just as interesting a year after date of publication as it was then? Let us have your ballot on same.

Kissinger's Old Tactics Again.

Henry A. Chapman, who furnished "Perforations" and "Our Philatelic Neighbors" for *The Perforator* has ceased contributing to that journal since Mr. Kissinger has assumed control. Mr. Chapman has been identified with the journal as owner and contributor since it was started. On retiring he penned a farewell to his friends, which was considered a courteous letter, but Mr. Kissinger would not allow its being printed and Mr. Chapman naturally feels sore over it as he had in the past stuck up for Mr. Kissinger against the latter's enemies.

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FIFTY PER CENT DISCOUNT.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

The days of 50 per cent discount are nearly at an end, and it is far better that it is so. There are lots of cheap stamps which can be sold at a profit at 50 per cent discount, but the general run of collectors expect such a discount on every stamp they buy, and it is apparent to every thinking collector that it is impossible for the dealer to make a living profit, pay mailing and all other expenses connected with his business when the margin of profit realized on sales is so low as at present. The large number of dealers who have quit doing business of late clearly proves, that they have not made as much money as they had calculated to make, otherwise they would have still been in the business. Yet in spite of this there are at all times new dealers starting, and the novice can usually be told by the character of his "ads" which generally show to the experienced philatelist that the new dealers have yet much to learn about the stamp business in general, and about giving discounts in particular. Thus we have before us a late issue of a leading philatelic weekly in which the ad of one firm appears offering stamps cataloguing $5.00 each for $2.00. The writer is aware of the fact that these stamps cost the advertiser $1.75 each, taking the buying prices and express charges into consideration while he is supposed to pay the philatelic paper in which the goods are advertised 20 cents per line. If he gets orders for this particular stamp the mailing expense will be 2c ignoring registration, that leaves him 3c profit out of which to pay rent, clerk hire, etc. In the instance here quoted the writer knows exactly what the stamps cost the advertiser, and he got them cheap at $1.75 apiece.

But when we look into Wholesale dealers' price lists we find that only certain stamps that catalogue $1.00 each and over, can be bought at 50 per cent discount while the majority of this class of stamps cannot be bought at wholesale for less than half catalogue rates, and some not even for that sum.

Therefore it is no wonder that dealers who are not practical enough to see these things, or who blindly ignore positive facts by selling goods below cost, or at least at a starvation profit, must in the natural course of events fail in business, for it is impossible to meet the ordinary current expenses incident to every business unless the profits are enough to cover these items. For the truth of this one has only to glance through the philatelic papers and see that the publisher is advertising as delinquents, Mr. A., Mr. B., Mr. C., etc., for not paying for the advertising they got, and when we look at the amounts of the bills it can be readily seen that the delinquents used advertising space unsparingly, in letting the world know they were selling goods away below competitor's prices. Now my gentle reader may ask "What has that got to do with me?" "Shall I not buy my stamps of whomsoever offers them to me at the lowest price?" To this we can say that the pur-

chaser certainly cannot be blamed for taking advantage of any bargains which may meet his eye in the philatelic press, but at the same time he must not forget that *every* dealer cannot do business on a losing basis, and when you see prices which denote large discounts from the regular catalogue rates it is safe to assume that such prices are put on goods merely to get your first order, and after that—well—the purchaser can then be the best judge as to whether he desires more goods or not of the same dealer. But by far the safest way is to select some reliable dealer who has been in business for some time and place your order with him, even if you do not always receive such large discounts, you will thereby not alone advance your own interests, because you can always depend on the goods you receive from him, but you will by not patronizing a "scheming dealer" force such dealers to quit business in short order, and make room for those who do business on business principles. The golden rule of 'doing unto others as you would have others do unto you,' is one of the very best that a dealer as well as a collector can employ in doing business. We see every day that those people who act on the golden rule principle advance, while those who do not, usually go down hill, and when a person is once on the downward grade it requires an awful force of character to get back over lost ground, and the large number of those who have gone from bad to worse clearly demonstrates the truth of this assertion.

Now comes the question of what stamps should be sold at 50 per cent discount and what stamps should be sold at a smaller discount. To answer this question fully would require more space than we can devote thereto, to do justice to the same, but a few hints may help our readers along.

In the first place the question of supply and demand comes up for solution and there are very few collectors who are posted on the number of stamps issued of those kinds that are considered rare. Another point is that a dealer who handles stamps continually is in a better position to know what stamps are rare, and what kinds are more plentiful, he having the advantage of handling more stamps than the ordinary collector. Still another point is that certain stamps even though the prices thereof are high are not in favor with collectors, and hence with a dealer are slow sellers, as for instance certain Spanish stamps, also some Mexican, Peruvian, Greece, German and a large number of others, and in order to make these undesirable stamps sell, the dealer offers them at a larger discount to get them off his hands, hence some collectors find stamps on 50 per cent sheets which other dealers price at 33⅓ per cent.

The writer has spoken to quite a number of collectors on this subject and the majority of these said they were guided by the price as enumerated by the catalogue and considered stamps priced at 25 cents each and over, to be worth more than half catalogue, while those under this limit were properly priced at 50 per cent discount. The progressive dealer is averse to a flat discount of 50 per cent on all grades of stamps, for the reason previously given that some stamps could not even be bought at wholesale at such prices, but all dealers are willing to sell stamps on the basis here outlined, and say that would be the proper course as long as the catalogue makers ignore the intrinsic value of stamps and water the prices to unable large variation in discounts.

Every dealer spoken to on the subject admits that fictitious prices are a delusion and a snare for both collector and dealer and should be abolished as belonging to the philatelic "dark ages." One dealer remarked: "there is not a week in our business that does not bring to light some case to show how foolish it is to stick to antiquated business methods. If a customer wants to buy stamps, this 50 per cent. discount on the better grade of stamps is usually the stumbling block which prevents a satisfactory sale, while when buying a collection it works to our detriment again in the opposite direction. If *net* prices were given in the catalogue the sale of stamps could be increased fourfold." We have often wondered why it is that the catalogue makers who claim to cater to the wants of philatelists will persist year after year to serve the same old stale dish—fictitious prices—to their philatelic brethren. How foolish would it seem for the Grocer to ask 40 cents for a pound of Butter and give 50 per cent discount, or for a Real Estate Agent to say, the rent of this house is one hundred dollars per month and forty per cent. discount, or for a baker to say a loaf of bread would cost 9 cents and 66⅔ per cent discount, etc., etc. We would consider it the height of folly to hear such prices, and yet our catalogue makers put down prices on stamps, which look if anything more ridiculous on account of the prices being smaller.

It is high time for all collectors whether great or small, to fall in line and protest against this unwarranted imposition, and the press of the country should lend a willing hand to correct the evil.

One word in conclusion and that is that during the next three months stamps will be cheaper yet, and all collectors who desire to fill the vacant spaces in their Albums cannot find a better time than now, for as soon as the cool weather sets in the prices will become firmer which is evidenced by the large sales during the past six months. Many dealers stocks are exhausted of the better grade of stamps and as they will soon have to replenish their stocks the prices are sure to advance hence we predict that 50 per cent discount will soon be a back number.

SOME RANDOM TALK.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

INCONSISTENCIES. — A few months since the writer, struck by the vagaries of philatelists, penned an article headed, "Enigmatical Philatelists," and is more than ever convinced that they *are* enigmatical, and—very inconsistent at times. I find that dealers who almost moved heaven and earth to stop the periodical sale by the government are actually offering the "facsimiles" for sale. I also find that one gentleman who deprecated the coming of the Omahas, and hoped he never should see them has been taking a high value Omaha in payment for philatelic MSS. To be sure he may be able to turn it into cash, and probably will, as of course he wouldn't put it in his album, especially as he doesn't believe in anything but used specimens. Verily the enigmatical philatelists are very much in evidence yet.

COMING BOOKS.—It is said, on good (?) authority, that Demethius Washington Osgood has in press a book entitled "Eminent Men Who Have Never Met Us," made up of

clippings from his own unique paper. People who have read his price-list, called the *Stampman*, have often been puzzled to know why he changes the color of the paper so often. It is said he calculates the color to fit his subjects. If the "eminent" individual is "yellow," the paper is yellow, if he is of the blood thirsty kind, the paper comes out beet-colored, etc. The writer came under the head of "green," being very green in many ways, and appreciated the application, and—anyone who could take offense at D. W. O. is decidedly foolish. The literature collectors do the most "kicking," and still find fault at his monthly changes. notwithstanding he as often tells them he does not publish a philatelic journal. Mr. Osgood also has several other books in the works—"Splitting Cents at Midnight," "Colonel Buffalo of Robieville," "The Sage of Muscatine," "Philatelic Tandems," "The Animals of Mt. Hood," and "Potato Bugs and Paris Green."

THE LATE MR. SEEBECK.—A very much abused gentleman has recently "passed over." Mr. Seebeck, who probably thought he had as good a right to make money as anybody else, made contracts to furnish stamps to certain countries, with provisions, etc. Certainly the countries themselves used these stamps to do postal duty. If few of the used ones came this way, it was no argument against them, for the same is true of many "bona fide" issues. The Seebeck stamps were, on the whole, attractive ones, and it cannot be denied that they were the cause of leading many into the world of philately, who, once in, did not confine themselves to Seebecks alone. He was still a young man, only 42, and those who knew him tell me he was a very genial gentleman. His death—for a time at least—will make no difference in the issuing of "Seebecks."

THOSE SCRAPPY BRITISHERS.—We cannot say how the war going on between the journals of Messrs, Hilckes and Heygate is appreciated on the other side of the water. It has certainly long since become tiresome to many in this country, if the expressions of disgust count for anything. Mr. Hilckes, who has been quite a hand to talk of the scrapping of American journals, probably realizes by this time how ridiculous it is, and quite recently relieved himself thus: "The articles in Mr. Heygate's paper are apparently to be regarded as a serial matter. * * * * And all we have now to say is this, that our Mr. Harry Hilckes has been occupied for some time past in negotiating a business operation involving £400,000 worth of properties, that he will be busied upon for six weeks to come, and that after that period, supposing Mr. Heygate's journal to be still in existence, Messrs. Hilckes & Co., will give Mr. Heygate rather more 'answer' than he may desire. Furthermore we have to repeat that we shall not in any way reply to these attacks in the columns of the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*." After this, a little "letting up" by Brother Heygate would have been welcome—but no, he came out in his next issue (June 24) "sassier" than ever. He pooh-poohs Mr. Hilckes magnitudinal enterprise, dilates on the excess of reading matter of *Stamps* over that of the *Fortnightly* (counting the two and a half monopolized in chewing up Mr. Hilckes), and intimates that the *Fortnightly* being

published by an insolvent concern, is less likely to be in existence in the sweet by-and-by. As to what follows perhaps the public in particular will be less interested than the creditors of Mr. Hilckes in general. "We have taken the matter up in the public interest, and with a view to stopping collectors from sending money to a firm that is not to be trusted. We are not afraid of any bluster on the part of Mr. Harry Hilckes, whose queer ideas as to how a business should be conducted," etc. If Mr. Heygate is entirely secure in his position, he may be in a certain way safe, but there is such a thing as carrying the fearless and independent theory a little too far. One cannot but think of the two bull-dogs who hang on to each others throats regardless of the feelings of their owners, until venturing too near the unfriendly cows, they get a toss in the air, and slink back to their kennels, where they repent and repair.

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MANILA MAIL.

It is only about three hours from the time the boat arrives at Manila bringing a ten days' mail from this country, till it is all distributed to the different military companies. Considering there are about 25,000 soldiers scattered all around the city it can readily be seen that the efficiency of the Manilla Postoffice is equal to any in America.

Mr. F. W. Vaille, a mail clerk on the "Panhandle," between Pittsburgh and St. Louis, in the '70's and for a number of years a Postoffice inspector, was appointed superintendent of mails for the entire island, with three assistants. This department was established at Cavite as soon as troops were sent to the Philippines last summer and was made a station of the San Francisco office.

After Mr. Vaille's arrival he found his force too small and secured the assistance of seven postal clerks who had joined the army and whose regiments were at manilla.

The clerks worked under great disadvantage at Camp Dewey, but as soon as they entered Manila the old Spanish postoffice was used. The Spanish administration employed one hundred and fifty clerks, one half of whom worked one day and the other half the next. The office was closed on all "fiestas," and about one hundred and fifty of these spanish holidays occurring each year, the clerks surely had an easy time of it. Of the Spanish clerks ten of the best were retained, seven of whom are natives, two are Spaniards and one a Chinaman. These with the ten American clerks handle the mail better than ever before.

A mail from this country, via Hongkong arrives about every ten days and when a transport leaves

San Francisco the mail is also sent on it. As soon as the boat is sighted the mail wagons go to the wharf and carry it to the office as quickly as possible.

The mail wagons are not the kind one sees in our large cities. It is impossible to get large wagons in Manila so small ones of every description are used. The letter pouches are loaded in little carts drawn by horses, while the paper is piled on flat carts and drawn by "caribous," or water buffalo.

After the mail reaches the Manila office it is not more than an hour till it is all distributed. The San Francisco office "ties out" by regiments all letters and puts the paper mail into "tie" sacks and labels them to the regiments. But still the Manilla office has plenty of work left to be done.

There are usually 20 or 30 sacks and several pouches that the San Francisco office cannot distribute. The mail for the Hospital Corps, the Quartermaster's Department and the different headquarters, always remain for the clerks in the Manila office to work, as well as thousands of letters that are not addressed to any regiment.

All the mail for the troops at Iloilo and Cebu must be reworked at the Manila office, in order to hold out the mail for those men of the regiments who may have been left sick in the hospital at Manila. In that way the sick ones do not have to wait till the mail is sent several huudred miles further south, and then returned to them. A large quantity of mail is always received with the wrappers torn and destroyed and with no way of telling to whom it belongs, all of which, consisting of papers and magazines, is given to the hospitals, to give pleasure to some sick soldier.

As soon as the mail is distributed the doors are opened and the regimental orderlies are admitted. They take the mail to the different regimental headquarters and these separate it by companies. It is then taken by the company clerks or sergeants to the company quarters. No need in the army to have a bugler blow a "mail call." The men are all gathered around the first sergeant's room anxiously awaiting his arrival and that night they do nothing but answer letters. At each company's barrcks is a mail box. On the out-posts this is generally an old cracker or soap box with a slot cut into the side of it and it nailed to a tree or any convenient post. If the company has a good carpenter and artist among its members this box is made into the shape of a regular street box and gaily decorated.

From the box the mail is collected by the regimental orderly, taken to the regimental headquarters and there stamped "Soldier's Letter" and signed by a field or staff officer.

These orderlies do the work that is usually done by carriers in our cities. The mail is brought to the postoffice once every day by them, but on the day the mail closes they make a number of trips, for the mail is very heavy that day.

In the Manila office the mail is made up for the States just as it would be in the San Francisco office. The letters are "tied out" in bundles for all States and large cities, and in addition to this the state that have regiments in Manila have their mails reworked.

The first few days after the initial fight there was considerable difficulty in securing writing material, the firing line being several miles from the city. Some one hit upon the idea of taking part of a cartridge box and putting the address on one side and a few lines saying they

were safe on the other and the custom quickly spread all along the lines.

By having letters endorsed no stamps were necessary, and the 2 cents postage was collected at the other end. These letters were anything but beautiful, but doubtless received with joy, and treasured as battlefield relics.

On the last mail many letters arrived at the Manila office that were written prior to the war, and addressed to those who had fallen. These were returned to the senders with the heartless words, "killed in action," written in red ink across the face.

Probably a great many people here have been surprised to receive letters from friends with the army in Manila with "due 6 cents" or "due 16c" stamped on the envelope. At the beginning of the war with Spain a law was passed giving the soldiers the benefits of the domestic rate of postage no matter where they were stationed. In case no postage was prepaid, the letter was forwarded just the same and only one rate charged, provided the letter was endorsed "soldier's letter" by a field or staff offices. But this law has been altered and now soldier's mail *must* be endorsed as above to entitle it to the domestic rate of postage. The domestic rate is two cents per ounce and the foreign five cents per half ounce, and this doubled if the postage is not prepaid.

Were a soldier to mail a letter weighing one ounce and only place a 2 cent stamp on it, failing to have it endorsed "Soldier's Letter" by the proper officer, foreign postage would be charged and the deficiency doubled. By this ruling the civilians and business men of Manila must always pay the foreign rate. The soldiers do not seem to understand how important it is that their letters be indorsed and the Manila postal clerks are kept busy continually rating up letters.

Persons at home here appear surprised when they receive a box of cigars or some other present from a friend in Manila, and have several dollars of custom duty to pay. Any package mailed in Manila that appears as if it might be subject to duty is put in a sack addressed to the San Francisco office and is carefully examined on its arrival.

The remainder of the second class mail is made up by states and is not examined at San Francisco.

Offices are now established at Cavite, Iloilo, Cebu and Bacalod, and a clerk is soon to be placed on the railroad which runs between Manila and Dagupan.

The "soldier clerks" who work in the Manila office are on "special duty" and each receives 75 cents per day to pay his expenses, beside the salary of $15.60 a month from the army. The civilian clerks receive $1400 a year—quite a difference.

Beside the American mail a large foreign mail arrives there on every steamer. The business men of Manila have no "lock" or "call boxes," but go to the general delivery. The remainder of the mail is given to native carriers, who dump it on the floor in the rear of the office, squat around it in a circle, and jabber and jabber. Some one will pick up a piece of mail and it is then passed around the circle till it reaches someone who knows the party to whom it is addressed. This party attends to its delivery. These carriers receive no salary but collect "dos centavos" from the person receiving the letter.

H. L. KIEFER.

NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—All old stock of the Columbian stamps has been ordered returned to the department for destruction. The stock consists of the following quantities :

48,400—6c, 3,357—$4.00,
2,937—$3.00 4,506—$5.00.

The minor variety of the current 2c envelope noted last month will henceforth be called " Die C."

A 2c current envelope on white has been found which fails to show the laid lines or watermark.

Four cent envelopes from the new die have appeared and prove to be but a slight improvement over the old die.

The high value documentary revenues have been placed on sale. The $100 bears the portrait of Chief Justice Marshall, the $500 of Alexander Hamilton, and the $1000 of James Madison. The portraits are all in black.

$100 yellow-brown and black.
$500 red and black.
$1000 green and black.

These high values are made up in booklets, each containing sheets of four stamps in a vertical row attached to a stub. A record of each specimen will be kept on the stub, of the purchaser, etc. Of the $1,000 stamps there will be 20 sheets to a book, of the $500 40 sheets, and of the $100 80 sheets. In addition to the two colors in which the stamps are printed, a third color will be used for the numbering. The $100 and $1,000 will be numbered in red, and the $500 in blue.

CUBA.—The new stamps have been shipped to the island and are probably now in use.

1 centavo, green. 5 centavos dk purple.
2 centavos, red. 10 " slate.
3 " purple.
Special Delivery Stamp. 10 centavos, orange.

Copies of the 2c on 2c U. S. have been found with name only, the figures of value being omitted.

Among the 70,000 2c envelopes recently surcharged, six boxes containing a total of 3,000 were recently found on amber and a thorough search failed to reveal more.

The 1c green on blue and oriental buff and the 2c red on blue have also been surcharged for use on the island.

Envelopes, black surcharge.
2c green on amber.
1c green on oriental.
1c green on blue.
2c red on blue.

The following quantities for the new adhesives were ordered :

3,000,000—1 cent, 2,000,000—5 cents,
6,000,000—2 cents, 600,000-10 cents,
2,000,000—3 cents, 100,000-10c S. D.

Also the following envelopes and wrappers :

150,000—1 cent, 150,000—1c wrappers,
100,000—2 cents, 100,000—2c "
100,000—5 cents.

The envelopes are to be size 5, half to be on white and half on amber, while the wrappers will be on manila paper.

PUERTO RICO.—U. S. envelopes and wrappers have been surcharged for use here in the same color as the stamp. The envelopes are size 5.

Envelopes :
2c red on white paper, red surcharge.
5c blue on white paper, blue surcharge.
Wrappers :
1c green on manilla paper, green sur.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The following line of stationery has been, or will be issued with the circular stamp with the liberty head :

Envelopes :
5c orange,
12c dark blue.

Wrappers :
½c carmine,
1c dark blue,
2c gray blue,
4c dark green.

Postal Cards :
4c dark green,
6c dark blue,
6x6c dark blue.

Letter Card :
4c carmine.

BAVARIA.—The current 10pf. Unpaid Letter stamp has been seen with the error "Zahlhar" for "Zahlbar".

BELGIUM.—*Der Philatelist* states that a special stamp was issued on July 1st, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps into Belgium.

BOLIVIA.—The Metropolitan Philatelist notes two 1c yellow of 1893 with the surcharge "E. F.—1899" used on cover in connection with two 10c stamps of the 1897 issue. The explanation of the surcharge, given, is that the government is trying to utilize some of the stamps issued before the late revolution, the "E. F." standing for "Estados Federales" (Federal States).

BRAZIL.—The 20r and 100r have been seen perforated, similar to the values listed last month.

The working off of the old stock is proceeding as merrily as ever. From an official notice dated May 25th we learn that various stamps of the issue of 1890 were to be put in circulation surcharged with the new values and the date 1899 in "violeta-avermelhada." Perhaps it would be safe to call this purple.

The following is the list thus far :

50r on 20r green,
100r on 50r green,
300r on 200r violet,
500r on 300r purple blue,
500r on 300r gray,
700r on 500r gray,
1000r on 700r deep brown,
1000r on 700r pale brown,
2000r on 1000r yellow.

A new 200r letter card has been issued ; colors, orange and black on lilac, rose groundwork.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—Der Philatelist chronicles a ½d stamp surcharged as follows : "B" in each of the upper corners, 1d in the center and each lower corner. There was also a triangular surcharge, or cancellation with the letters "L. V." This is thought to be only a cancellation.

1d on ½d vermilion, black surcharge.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 2c surcharge on the 5c envelope on blue paper exists both in red and black.

A correspondent of the Metropolitan Philatelist states that the remainders of the 5c of the jubilee issue are to be surcharged "Two Cents."

BARBADOS.—The 10p and 2s 6p stamps are to be withdrawn from use.

CEYLON.—The new stamps mentioned last month have been issued. The 6c and 75c stamps are of the current type and the higher values are surcharged in figures on the old 2 rupees 50 cents.

Adhesive Stamps. Watermarked Crown and C. A.

6c pink and black,
75c slate and brown.

Watermarked Crown and C. C.

1r, 50c on 2r, 50c slate, black surcharge.
2r 25c on 2r 50c orange yellow, black sur.

CHILI.—The A. J. of P. states that a 30c stamp of the current type was issued on the 19th of May.

COLOMBIA—ANTIOQUIA.—A provisional card has been issued by this state.

Postal Card, Provisional Issue.
2c black on white, violet surcharge.

COOK ISLANDS.—The one penny blue stamp with the Queen's head has been surcharged one half penny in three lines in black.

COSTA RICA.—A copy of the 2c carmine Official stamp of 1883 with the error "Ofical" has been seen.

DENMARK. The entire series of adhesives is now perforated 13x12½ the 25ore having been received with that perforation. The official stamps are now being changed in gauge, the 4ore having appeared with the new perforation.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—A novelty from this country has been shown, consisting of a 5c envelope of the current type on white paper, cut square and used on cover as an adhesive in conjunction with the current 10c adhesive.

ECUADOR.—Three more provisionals have been seen. The 5c revenue stamp and the 2c of the 1897 issue have been surcharged "Un-Centavo" and the 10c of 1897 has been surcharged diagonally "Cinco Centavos."

The 10c stamp of the new issue has appeared.

Provisional Issue:
1c on 2c vermilion, black surcharge.
1c on 5c light blue, revenue stamp, black surcharge.
5c on 10c dark brown, black surcharge.

Regular Issue:
10c lilac and black.

The 20c revenue stamp has been surcharged "Correos Ofical Cuatro Centavos" in red.

EGYPT—SOUDAN.—The postal cards of 5m single and reply have been surcharged 4m and 4x4m respectively in the same type as the Egyptian cards chronicled some time ago.

Postal Cards, Provisional Issue:
4m on 5m, red.
4x4m on 5x5m, red.—A. J. of P.

FRANCE.—The current 10c is now printed in carmine to conform with the Postal Union regulations.

FRENCH OFFICES IN MOROCCO.—A specimen of the 25c stamp of France surcharged 10 centimos in error has been seen.

Adhesive Stamp:
10c on 25c black on rose, red surcharge.

FERNANDO PO.—The latest surcharges from this island are simply immense (50x43mm.) The large 25 revenue has been surcharged. Fernando Poo 1899—Correos—10c de peso and Fernando Poo 1899—Habilitado—Para—Correos—15c de peso.

Provisional Issue, Revenue stamps surcharged:
10c de peso on 25c blue green, black and red surcharge.
15c de peso on 25c blue green, black sur.

GIBRALTAR.—BRITISH OFFICES IN MOROCCO.—The remainder of the set has been seen in the new type of surcharge.
5c green, 20c olive, 50c lilac.

GUATEMALA.—The following revenues have been surcharged for use as postage stamps.
1c dark blue, surcharged Franco in red.
5c violet, surcharged Franco in blue gr.
10c green, " " "

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—As noted last month a new stamp has been issued. The design is an

elaboration of the first type set one.

1 shilling, greenish blue.

HONDURAS.—3c cards with stamp of the locomotive type have been issued.

3 centavos, olive on green.
3x3 " " "

HUNGARY.—On the 15th of May the one florin stamp was withdrawn from circulation. There are rumors of a gigantic steal by government employees.

INDIA.—A new postal card has been issued with the arms in upper left corner, stamp in upper right corner, and the heading India Post Card between the two.

Postal Card : ½a brown.

BUSSAHIR.—The ½a stamp has been redrawn, postage being inserted below the cat instead of stamp and all the inscriptions being in color on white.

½a gray, type redrawn.

DUTTIA.—A new set with the name spelled "Duttia" and the inscription in sans-serif capitals instead of Roman has been issued. Printed in strips of eight.

½a black on blue green,
1a black on white,
2a black on yellow,
4a black on red.

POONCH.—The Mon. Journal gives the following list of uncatalogued varieties recently found :

½a red on white ribbed paper,
1a red on green laid paper,
1 pice red on green (laid?) This paper is not quite the same as that of the 1a and it is difficult to say whether it is laid or wove.
1 pice red on lavender, laid paper,
4a on yellow, laid.

BUNDI.—The 1 rupee of the current setting has been seen on blue wove paper instead of laid.

LAS BELA.—The Mon. Journal has a sheet of the ½a pale blue which contains 25 stamps, five rows of five instead of five rows of four. This is no doubt a new edition, but whether it is so new (we believe the stamps of this state are obsolete) as to be termed a reprint we cannot say.

POUNTCH.—The Mon. Jour. has discovered a ½ anna stamp with the date 1933 (1876), resembling very closely the ½ anna of 1884.

Adhesive stamp; Thin white paper, ½ anna red.

JAPAN.—A new postal card of the value 1½ sen appeared on May 25. The frame is entirely different from that of the 1s card which was chronicled some months ago but the stamp is of the same type.

Postal Card :

1½ sen ultramarine, white.

LIBERIA.—There are two shades of the 20c stamp of 1897. The earlier one is a dull brick red tint; specimens received later are in a much warmer color, almost approaching orange red.

LUXEMBURG.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles the following official stamps made by perforating the word "Official" through the current series of adhesive stamps.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Perf. 11.	Perf. 12½.
30s olive.	1c pale violet.
Perf. 11½x11.	2c brown.
12½c slate blue.	4c olive yellow.
20c orange.	5c green.
25c ult'marine.	10c carmine.
37½c green.	1fr lilac.
50c brown.	2½fr slate.
	5fr claret.

MEXICO.—A new envelope with stamp of the current type has appeared, also a letter card with stamp in red and inscriptions in blue.

Envelope.
2 centavos rose, 152x90 mm.
Letter Card.
2 centavos, red and blue.

NEWFOUNLAND.—The new 5 cent blue stamp, with portrait of the Duke of York, has been received.

NORWAY.—The 2 ore yellow brown has been received with the word "Norge" in Roman instead of Egyptian capitals.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The *P. J. of G. B.* states that there has been a large find of the 1860-63 issue and that they have been bought up by a syndicate at the rate of 1s 3d per set of six values.

NICARAGUA.—Specimens of provisional envelopes, similar to those chronicled in our May number have been received. The black surcharge has the letters "ctvos" instead of "C" in the indication of value and the violet seal is entirely different in its inscription from that previously mentioned by us.

Provisional Envelopes.
5c black, violet seal.
10c black, violet seal.

NEW ZEALAND.—The Australian Philatelist reports the finding of an entire sheet of 120 of the current 2d imperforate vertically; also that two sheets of the 3d exist printed on both sides.

All the plates of last years issue except the ½p, 1p and 2p have been sent to the colony and it was expected to begin the local printing on March 25th. A special paper will be used with the old watermark "Star and N. Z."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The 9p on 10p red brown, with the surcharge measuring 14½ mm. has been seen with the official surcharge.

Three new values are reported in preparation, 1 pence, 2 shillings, and 2 shillings 6 pence.

PORTUGAL.—The remainder of the cardboard prepared for the postal cards of the Vasco de Gama issue has been used up in the manufacture of 10r postal cards.

Postal Card.
10r green, light gray green.

PERSIA.—The Mon. Jour. gives the following list of errors of the 1886 surcharges.

"8" horizontally on 5s.
"12" " on 5s.
"18" " on 5s.
"12" vertically on 5s.
"8" diagonally on 5s.
"8" horizontally on 10s.
"12" " on 10s.
"8" " on 5s, inverted.

Also a horizontal pair of 5c, 1895, perf. 11 all around and imperf. between.

QUEENSLAND.—Der Philatelist chronicles a 1d red, wrapper on yellowish paper. Stamp of the new type.

ROUMANIA.—It is announced that on the first of June the colors of the values listed below were to be changed.

5b green.	15b violet.
10b rose.	25b blue.

A set of Unpaid Letter stamps somewhat similar to the Unpaid Letter stamps of Italy was also announced for early in July. The values to be 2, 5, 10, 30, 50, 60 and 90 bani.

RUSSIAN CHINA.—The new stamps for the Russian possessions in China have already been prepared and will be sent to Port Arthur without delay. The current issue of Russia has been used, a surcharge having been added.

Adhesive stamps.
1kop orange, black surcharge.
2kop green, red surcharge.
3kop carmine, blue surcharge.
5kop violet. "
7kop blue, red surcharge.
10kop blue, red "

SALVADOR. — The following values of the current issue have

been seen with the surcharge "Transito Territorial." Just what the meaning of this surcharged is we have not been able to discover yet.

1c orange vermilion.
5c blue green.
10c ultramarine.
12c purple.
13c brown red.

SAMOA.—The 1s rose has been overprinted "Surcharged 2½d" in red.

STRAITS SETTLEMEMTS. — Rumors of various fresh varieties are reported in Le T. P. A 3 on the 1c green, a 3c brown of the same type and the 8c blue, doubly surcharged "4 cents."

NEGRI. SEMDILAN.—The A. J. of P. gives the following list of stamps used to produced the 4c provisionals.

4c on 1c green, 1892 type.
4c on 3c lilac and carm., 1895 type.
4c on 5c black and " "
4c on 8c lilac and blue "
4c on 8c blue, red and black sur.

The 5c blue of 1892 has been received surcharged "four cents" in black.

A few copies of the 8c were surcharged experimentally in red and then received the second impression in black.

PAHANG.—The 8c stamp of Perak has been surcharged "Pahang, Four Cents" in two lines, in black, with bars across the top and bottom of the stamp, to cancel the original name and value.

The 50c lilac and black of Perak has also been surcharged for use in this state.

SELANGOR.—A ten dollar stamp of the type of the other high values has been issued.

$10 green and purple, wmk Crown and CC.

PERAK.—In our May number we chronicled the 8c stamp of this state with the surcharge 4c. A correspondent of the A. J. of P. in Singapore states that the postal authorities of Perak have informed him that no such stamps were ever issued there.

SEYCHELLES.—The 18c on 45c has been seen with double surcharge.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—A new issue may be expected from here at an early day. The values from ½p to 1sh will be used for postage and revenue and will be the same size as at present, bearing an impersonation of the President. The higher values will be the same size as the current fiscals and will be adorned with the Arms of the Republic. All are to be printed in Pretoria, and surcharging will, we hope, thus be unnecessary.

While waiting for the new issue we have four new wrappers to obtain.

½d green, 115x300mm.
1d carmine and green, 115x300mm.
2d brown and green, 160x300mm.
3d purple and green, 160x300mm.

SARAWAK.—A correspondent of the Mon. Jour. states that there is likely to be a change in stamps there before long as the Treasury wants to keep the postal and other revenue accounts distinct. He also informs them that there are stamps of the values of two, five, and ten dollars similar to the current one dollar, with the values in blue, violet and carmine respectively. These have not been issued as postage stamps, but have been employed as fiscals since the end of 1898, overprinted with a large "R" and the words "Revenue only."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The Evening Journal of this colony states that the following changes will soon be made.

The ½d will be printed in green, the 1d stamp in red, and the 2½d in dark blue. A new half-penny stamp will shortly be issued and be the same size as the penny stamp.

URUGUAY.—The 1c claret and 5c pale blue are the latest stamps with the official surcharge.

TIMOR.—The 30x30r cards have had the stamps surcharged with the new value "5 avos."

5x5 avos on 30x30r orange, red inscriptions, black surcharge.

VENEZUELA. — The following values have been added to the new set.

50 centamos gray,
1 bolivar green.
2 bolivars yellow.

VICTORIA.—The following changes may be expected in a few weeks. The ½d stamp will be printed in green, the 1d in red and the 2½d in dark blue to conform to the Postal Union colors.

WE request all who answer ads from this monthly, to kindly state where the ad appeared.

A NEW REGULATION.

Following is a copy of the new regulation concerning printed matter with receptacles for coin, recently issued and sent to the various postmasters.

"Postmasters are informed that it will hereafter be held—

"First, That the rate of postage on matter of the third class is not affected by the fact that incidentally it is arranged to be used as a receptacle for coin.

"Second, That subscription blanks otherwise conforming to the statutory requirements may be mailed with second class publications at the pound rate of postage, although printed on card board and arranged with a receptacle for coin.

"Edwin C. Madden,
"Third Assistant P. M. Gen."

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A euphonius name pronounced easily is the best for advertising purposes.

When you place your ads be careful that you *buy circulation, not wind.*

This fall promises to be the banner season for the mail order advertiser.

Advertising is common sense applied to greasing the wheels of every successful merchants business.

Attracting attention first brings business afterwards.

The eye, like the palate, delights in variety. Serve it in your advertising.

Advertising in papers in which you cannot find out what their actual circulation is, is like seeking business in the dark. It is dangerous and costly.

A ten line testimonial is worth a hundred lines of claims.

When examining the advertising pages of a paper in order to obtain a correct idea whether it would pay, drop it, if you find fraudulent advertisements in same. If you have a legitimate offer to advertise, and intend to do an honest business, avoid to be brought into competition with unscrupulous advertisers. Advertisements of a fraudulent and misleading character will always knock yours out.

Circulation in itself is not of so much importance as the quality of that circulation—says a wise advertiser.

TEN numbers for ten cents is a rather encouraging offer. Don't you think?

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR PRESENT SUBSCSIBERS.

We have tried very hard to please our patrons, sparing neither labor nor expense to give them the best and most interesting paper that could possibly be given, and hope that we have succeeded so well that no one of our present subscribers will be willing to do without the paper and will send in a prompt renewal at the expiration of their present subscription. It costs so little—only 10 cents for ten numbers, 1 cent a month, a sum which you would never miss—that all can afford to take it, and we do not think that any one who has read it for the last ten months, or evenan occassional "specimen copy", can dispute the fact that it is a most interesting and attractive publication.

We should be pleased to have you compare the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST with any monthly philatelic paper published anywhere at from 25 to 75 cents a year. Not only do we claim that it is one of the best philatelic papers published at the low price of ten cents for ten numbers, but we claim that it is the equal of any philatelic paper published by any other house at seventy-five cents a year or less. No matter how many papers you take you can certainly spare a dime for your subscription to the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST. There is no paper published by any other house which will give you so much for so little money.

The ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST is now better and more interesting than ever before in its history. During the past ten months we have expended large sums of money in order to procure for its columns the best manuscript obtainable, and the result is that we are now publishing stories by the most famous philatelic writers in America. Our policy is to get the best, no matter what the cost, and in consequence our readers secure at the most trifling expense the best writings of some of the most noted and famous scribes of the day. Good as this paper has been during the past ten months the volume beginning with this number will be even better and more interesting. It will be the most interesting and valuable low-priced philatelic paper published in the United States. The ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST of the future will be as good as money, labor and brains can make it. Bear in mind that we always stop the paper at the expiration of the time paid for, unless a renewal is received. Ten cents is certainly a small sum to pay for the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST for the next ten months, and we believe our subscribers and readers fully appreciate the fact.

SOME VALUABLE STAMPS.

Five postage stamps were recently sold at auction on the St. Louis, Mo., court house steps.

They were what are known as the St. Louis postoffice stamps of the issue of November 5, 1845. They were printed in accordance with a suggestion printed in the Missouri Republican, July 17, '45.

This is one of the scarcest and most valuable of all of the United States issues, and only found in the albums of the most noted collectors.

The lot comprised three 5-cent and two 10-cent stamps.

TRY an ad. If it pays we want you to come back. If it don't, tell your friends.

STAMP SQUIBS.

How many tyro collectors are spending time collecting current U. S. Revenues? Better devote time to more profitable issues. Most of the current revenues will never be worth over a "penny a bunch" and a prize coupon thrown in. About one or two specimens of each issue will be all that any collector will ever need. The supply will far exceed the demand for these stamps, even when half of the civilized world has turned to stamp collecting. What we have said concerning current revenues, can be said anent many issues of postage stamps for the last ten years. Their value will continue trifling to the end of Philately.

Do you collect postal cards? If not, why not? The number of varieties issued is far less than that of stamps. The first postal card was printed less than 35 years ago, and since that time about 2150 varieties have been issued.

A gentleman known to the writer was permitted recently to look through a whole trunkful of old letters and did not find a single rare stamp. But this did not discourage our collecting friend. He goes right on searching for other trunks and boxes. His persistency has been rewarded over and over in times past. It is almost impossssble to induce him to sell a stamp which he has unearthed by personal research.

Do you talk stamps among your uninitiated friends and acquaintances? You would be surprised how easily you could get many of them interested in stamp collecting. Even if they did not care to collect for their own personal gratification, they would gladly assist in increasing the number of your own collection.

Do you notice the constant improvement in philatelic papers? Better stock, better ink, better typography, better press-work. Some recent issues of stamp papers are very commendable specimens of the printer's art. And then there is "nothing small" about the size of many of them. Sometimes we wonder where the publishers find the "wherewithal" necessary to pay for the printing of such large and attractive magazines. A few years ago 4-page sheets were numerous. Now such papers are exceedingly rare. We are no longer willing to tolerate anything less than "eight pages and cover," and even this size is obsolescent. Yet the writer is not in favor of boycotting the "lesser lights." The smaller magazines have their uses. Much good for Philatelia can be accomplished by the smaller magazines. Why not encourage even the feeblest effort on the part of these aspiring publishers. If we cannot give financial support, let us at least refrain from calling them hard names. Let the good work be encouraged everywhere.

S. ESTLE MILLER.

PERIODICAL STAMPS.

Complete sets of the Newspaper and Periodical Stamps can still be secured at the postoffice in this city and any of our readers desirous of obtaining a set of same can do so by either sending the $5 required to purchase a set off the government and sufficient to pay return postage and registration, either to us or to the postmaster in this city, Mr. J. C. Grier, P. M., Allegheny, Pa.

SUMMER VACATIONS

cause a slump in stamp matters in general. The publisher feels it the worst, a great many never survive the summer months. We intend to stay in the field for good though and to induce advertisers to give our magazine a trial and become convinced that we can render them as good service for their money in the summer as in the winter we have decided to offer

One Insertion of an Inch Ad or Two Insertions of a Half Inch Ad.....	$ 30
Four Exchange Notices of 30 Words	30
Two Trade Notices of Thirty Words..	20
10 months subscription.....	10
	90

All for 50 cents.

This is a bargain not often grasped but is a bona-fide offer and no one need be afraid of throwing away his half dollar. We only want you to try the pulling qualities of our publication or we could not afford to make this offer.

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you must keep at it continually, keep your ads before the public during the summer months the same as you did during the winter months, don't let the people think for a moment that you have gone out of the business. Then when you again put your name before the public next winter again, after having withdrawn your ads all summer, people wont know who you are and will probably doubt your ability to do as you say. Why not show people that you're just as anxious for their trade this summer as you may be next winter? Give them a chance to see that you appreciate good patronage. They'll do the rest. Let us convince you that our magazine pays as well in summer, better in winter, than three-fourths of all the rest put together. As a trial, we offer you a

6 line ad of 6 words to the line, two thirty word notices in our Exchange Mart, and a thirty word notice in our Trade Column, *all for Twenty Five Cents.*

BARGAIN ADS.

Such ads are all the rage at the present time. Some are genuine bargains, some are simply called such and some are rank frauds. We are about to illustrate one which we know to be a genuine bargain in Advertising space. If you are a dealer read it and judge for yourself.

In this magazine a

One inch ad one time costs	$0.30
Thirty word ad in Exch. Mart	.10
Thirty word ad in Trade Column	.10
10 month's subscription	.10
We offer you the entire	.60

60 cents worth for **35c.**

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THE PUZZLER'S COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

All are invited to solve and contribute to this department. If you receive this number as a sample copy, it is a cordial invitation to you to subscribe and join us. Send solutions and new puzzles—not subscriptions—to "Kappa Kappa," Lock Box 150, Hawley, Minn.

NEW PUZZLES.

NO. 5.—ANAGRAM.

'LL CHOICE PUZZLES TO RENT.

Here come young and old
To join the puzzle rout:
The dictionary, I am told,
Will help to find them out.

Rochester, Minn. EDITH GRAY.

NO. 6.—SQUARE.

1. Something used on every letter. 2. A small drum. 3. A large S. A. serpent. 4. A motmot. 5. To babble.

Mobile, Ala. UNCLE REMUS.

NO. 7.—CHARADE.

I should ONE if I were TWO,
That this TOTAL con wont do.

New York. ALTA.

NO. 8.—MUTATION.

"He IS AT THE PILL," they say,
When his thoughts are far away.
When his stamp book he brings out,
All his friends are put to rout.
Who is this that loves stamps so?
He's a TOTAD, don't you know!

Moorhead, Minn. A. PUZZLER.

NO. 9.—DOUBLE LETTER ENIGMA.

In "cries,"
In "tries,"
In "Anna,"
In "manna,"
In "pink,"
I think.
We all use PRIME
About mail time.
And any one's a TWO,
Who don't do as I do.
And now to sum up, bless your soul,
A philatelist is my WHOLE.

Denver, Col. CARLA.

NO. 10.—DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1.—Norwegian legends. 2.—Silent. 3.—The Manila hemp plant. 4.—A gentle woman. 5.—Fleshy.

The primals and finals are the same, and name something in which philatelists are interested.

Wadena, Minn. BLUE JAY.

Answers and list of solvers in two months.

PRIZES.—1. For best list of solutions, The Great American Puzzle Book. 2. Third best list, package of five puzzle papers. 3. For best square using STAMP as last word, 10 months subscription to the PHILATELIST. 4. For best philatelic charade, a Handy Dictionary. 5. To *every solver* whose list contains two correct answers, six months subscription to *Home Folks*, containing a good puzzle department.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—The above list of prizes ought to bring lists from everybody. Don't be afraid to try your luck. "Mutation" is the same as an "Anagram," excepting that there is no sense in a mutation, whereas an anagram almost tells its own solution.—I wish to thank my friends for so freely responding to my call for philatelic puzzles. More will be welcome, and solutions, too, are now in order.—Send in your dimes to the publishers, and mention that the puzzles please you—if they do; if they don't, mention it to

KAPPA KAPPA.

WHEN advertising begins to pay the results do not rush in pellmell or in overwhelming numbers. The increase of trade by good advertising is slow, but it is sure and healthy.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY ECOL HECTOR.

It is the stamp collector's duty at all times to try and interest non-collectors in our hobby, and if he will but keep his eyes and ears open, and talk stamps to such people who know practically nothing of our hobby he will soon see that it will bear fruit. A St. Louis business man recently had occasion to visit Mexico, and while there he accidentelly met a stamp dealer He could not then see the wisdom of collecting stamps, but the Mexican gentleman soon explained matters to him, with the result that he is now very enthusiastic about collecting stamps and is talking about starting his son in the business, because he says he thinks stamp collecting is a good thing and ought to be pushed along.

The writer recently met a traveling salesman who represents a St. Louis clothing house thoughout the South. He recently made a trip to Cuba and South America, but knew practically nothing about stamps. But while in Cuba he happened to see a sheet containing about a hundred stamps, and which was offered for 60 cents. Not being a collector he did not purchase it, but when he came home he happened to mention this fact, along with other matters to a business man here, who said to him: "Why did you not buy them for me I would have paid you well for them." That opened the drummers eyes, and now he is reading philatelic papers, and gets quite enthusiastic whenever stamps are mentioned. He is now collecting stamps and has resolved to dabble in stamps hereafter, as he says—both for pleasure and profit—and all through a chance remark while talking to a stamp collector.

I recently met another man who is connected with a very large house here who told me that he had the other day seen a one dollar black stamp U. S. and asked if such stamps were not very rare. I told him they were quite extensively used by Banks, Insurance Companies as well as by other concerns doing an extensive mail order business, and this seemed to surprise him, as he said he had never before seen one. With a little explanation and some good and well seasoned advice that I gave him then and there I believe that he will take up stamp collecting himself soon as he seemed to be greatly interested.

Mr. F. E. Ellis the genial manager of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co. is at present taking a trip north combining business with pleasure.

The Tiffany collection is still in the Safe Deposit vaults here and and there is no likelihood of any sale for some months to come.

One of our local dealers recently came into possession of a rare Boston local, which he found mixed with a lot of cheap stuff that he bought, and its being in the lot was unknown to the dealer till he assorted the lot needless to say the seller did not know its value. Moral; Look over your stamps before you sell them, and above all keep posted on stamps.

The Century Stamp Club held its regular meeting on June 15. Probably it was due to the warm weather, or perhaps to the fact that the Club assembled at a new meeting place that the attendance was small. but quite a good deal of business was transacted nevertheless, and those who attend are always happy,

because they do not miss any important event, and it is a well known fact that things turn up at such meetings which are interesting and which the absentees usually regret having missed.

The many friends of Mr. H. Edgar French will no doubt be pleased to learn that he has again been promoted by the Jesse French Piano and Organ Co., he having been placed in charge of the Company's Nashville, Tenn., branch house, as mentioned in my previous notes the firm some time ago put him on the road as examining auditor of their branch houses and agents, and the thorough manner in which he did the work soon convinced them of his superior business abilities, hence his promotion. Good luck to you H. E. and may your shadow never grow less is the wish of your friends hereabouts.

Fortune favors the brave they say, and we don't want to dispute that fact, but she also favors the stamp collector who keeps posted and knows how to tell a valuable stamp from a common one. Recently an old lady of St. Louis asked a boy living in her neighborhood to run a few errands for her, which the boy readily consented to. When he returned from the errands, she thanked him and told him she would make it all right with him some day. He inquired if she had any old stamps as he was collecting such and she said she might have a few, and then after looking over her old letters, brought out two, each having a rare 18 Kreuzer Blue Wurtemberg affixed which is catalogued at $10.00 each used. The boy sold one of these on original cover for $12.00 to an enthusiastic collector and kept the other one for himself, and he says, " I was well paid indirectly for those errands.

We cannot too often impress upon collectors that it pays to keep posted on the values of stamps. Recently a rare stamp changed hands, the seller believing that the amount he realized some $50.00 was a good price. But the purchaser knew a little more about stamp values. He sold the same stamp on the very day he bought it at a handsome profit, more than doubling his money. And so now the innocent postage stamp has made two men happy, and one man is sorry he did not know a little more about rarities.

WATCH FOR THIS.

Next month's issue will contain our great *Five Dollar Prize Story*, entitled " A Lesson From the Postage Stamp," by Mr. A. L. Wissman. It will also contain a brief write up of this well known writer, with a cut of his likeness. This issue contains the much sought for article on " The Manila Postoffice " as well as several other articles by writers writing for this magazine exclusively. How would you like to have the next ten issues of THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST mailed you for a dime?

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A GRAND CONSOLIDATION

With this number we assume full control of "The Tri-Monthly," of New Oxford, Pa. Mr. J. F. Dodge, its former publisher, finds it almost impossible to publish "The Tri-Monthly" and do justice to his subscribers and advertisers. He has therefore decided to dispose of it to other hands, which he considers capaple of properly fulfilling any promises he may have made and at the same time do justice to his subscribers, advertisers and the philatelic public in general. We have consolidated "The Tri-Monthly" with THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, and shall extend the time of expiration of all subscriptions to "The Tri-Monthly" i. e., instead of booking same on our lists for so many months, according to Mr. Dodge's lists, we shall book same for so many numbers, thus giving each of his subscribers a three months subscription to our magazine for each unexpired month's subscription on "The Tri-Monthly's" lists. This does not mean that we shall give away subscriptions, it simply means that instead of receiving the next three, six, nine, twelve or thirty issues of "The Tri-Monthly," you shall receive the next three, six, nine, twelve or thirty issues of THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST instead —remember our subscription rates are the same as those formerly charged by Mr. Dodge, one cent a copy to United States or Canada.

KIEFER PUBLISHING CO.,

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Many of the names on the Tri-Monthly's lists expire with this issue, or are already in arrears, no calls for renewals having been sent out. You will, if this is marked, confer a favor by promptly renewing direct to us.

Bear in mind, when renewing, that we only charge you the same subscription rate as you formerly paid The Tri-Monthly—ten months for ten cents—or if you desire to renew for a longer period, thirty numbers for twenty-five cents.

ADVERTISERS' HARVEST.

By acquiring the TRI-MONTHLY and consolidating it with the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, it gives us what we claim to be a subscription list second to none. It also more than doubles our present monthly circulation, and gives us as good a paying list of names as those possessed by any other similar publication. Our advertising rates will remain unchanged for the present, by doing so we are enabled to back up our claims that by using our columns you are getting the most publicity for a dollar that a dollar can be strectched to purchase. (Our rates are only thirty cents an inch though.)

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The circulation of THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST is never less than Three Thousand copies each issue.

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The Allegheny Philatelist.

With which is Consolidated the "Tri-Monthly Collector," of New Oxford, Pa.

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A LESSON FROM THE POSTAGE STAMP.

Be Polite to Everybody.

BY A. L. WISSMANN.

The millionaire Rothschild has among his business maxims, one, to which he attributed a large share of his great business success, namely—be polite to everybody. This maxim along with others of like tenor had been taught at a commercial school which George Melville attended. As a student George had resolved to adhere to all good maxims, and when some ten years later he was co-partner in a retail book and stationery store he had abundant opportunities to be polite to everybody. His partner Mr. Hartley although usually attentive to all customers would at all times show a marked preference for well dressed people, while people whose apparel indicated poverty were treated with scant courtesy by him. It so happened one day that an old lady poorly dressed called at the store and purchased a two cent postage stamp, and after paying therefor departed without purchasing anything else. In about ten minutes thereafter she called again, and did the same thing over again. Mr. Hartley had waited on her both times and as she was passing out of the store he said to his partner in a tone loud enough for the old lady to hear: "I say, Melville, Uncle Sam is in the postage stamp business for profit and people who want stamps a dozen times a day ought to go to the post office." But George Melville only replied: "Don't let a little item bother you Frank, I will wait on all customers that want any stamps." And he did not have to wait long either for in less than fifteen minntes the old lady was back again and purchased another two cent stamp. This time George waited on her; with a smile as though he was selling half the store he handed the stamp to the old lady, thanked her when she paid for it, and walked with her to the door, made a few remarks about the weather, and asked the old lady if he could have the pleasure of showing her some of the new goods they had just received, to which the old lady replied negatively, and thanking him departed. "She's a dandy," said Hartley, "and if you treat her so nice George, she'll soon call again and buy another stamp."

"All right," replied George, "let her come."

The surprise of both partners can be imagined when in less than five minutes the old lady reappeared, and bought another two cent stamp. George Melville again waited on her in the same pleasant yet dignified manner, and the old lady remarked to him that their stock of stamps would soon be exhausted if she remained in the neighborhood, but Mr. Melville smilingly assured her that he would be pleased to sell her all she desired.

"It's a fine business we are doing to-day George," said Hartley, "we'll be millionaires soon if this thing keeps up."

"Never mind, Frank" replied Melville.

Both partners were expecting the old lady to call again, but she had evidently purchased all the stamps she desired, and she did not return.

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Seven months later Mr. Melville received a letter from a leading lawyer of the city asking him to call at the latter's office. Upon doing so Mr. Melville was informed that an old lady Mrs. Mary Jane Coleman had died leaving an ample fortune, half of which was to go to Mr. George Melville, and the balance to charitable institutions. The old lady had also left a sealed envelope addressed to "Mr. George Melville" to be handed to him after her demise. When opened it contained a note which read: I am the old lady who bought four two cent postage stamps from your firm in one day. I overheard the remarks of your partner Mr. Frank Hartley about "no profit, etc." Such discourteous men deserve no profits. You however treated me so politely that I returned purposely that day to see if you could be polite even though I purchased nothing else, and I must say that no gentleman ever was more kind and attentive to me than you were that day, hence as a reward I leave to you half of all my estate, which the executor will pay to you, and last but not least, the two stamps which I purchased of you, which I trust you will always keep, to remember, old Mrs. Mary Jane Coleman.

To say that George Melville was thunderstruck is putting it mild. He inquired of the lawyer what the amount of the entire fortune would be and was told that as all of the old lady's business transactions had been attended to by a firm of bankers and all the property which Mrs. Coleman had left behind was in gilt edge securities, a conservative guess would be about a half million of dollars in the aggregate. This was a still greater surprise to George and at first he was at a loss to know how he who had never had a great deal of money could take care of such a large fortune; but an arrangement was soon entered into with the same banking firm which had handled the business for Mrs. Coleman, to place matters in proper shape and take care of them afterward.

But the most delicate part of the whole thing came about when George Melville had to break the news to his partner Hartley. We cannot here tell all the details, but Mr. Melville made Hartly a present of his share in the business and retired. It took a great amount of tact to so break the news to Hartley that he should feel as little as possible the pain which a reflection of his conduct brought to him. By a codicil to the will of Mrs. Coleman George Melville was to come into possession of his share of her wealth only on condition that no part of it should ever be given to Frank Hartley and to this George assented, and signed the papers to that effect, but he reasoned that whatever property he possessed prior to coming into possession of the Coleman inheritance he could dispose of to his liking, hence he made Hartley a present of his share in the business formerly conducted jointly by them.

But the lesson has been one of great benefit to Frank Hartley, he is still doing business at the same old stand but he has changed won-

derfully. He realizes how through two little postage stamps he has lost a fortune and he is now the most polite of men to deal with, never under any circumstances losing his temper.

This has in a great measure been of benefit to him in a business way for although he is not by any means a rich man, yet his business is flourishing so that he may yet get to be one.

There are very few people who know the exact circumstances of how George Melville came to inherit so large a fortune and it is needless to say that Frank Hartley never mentions it.

NEW OXFORD, PA., Aug. 18, '99.
TO READERS OF THE ALLEGHEY PHILATELIST :—

Finding that my long continued ill health does not allow my continuance of the "Tri-Monthly Collector," I have transfereed my entire subscrition list to the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST and feel sure that its mouthly visits will be as welcome as the more frequent visits of the "Tri-Monthly." I do not know of any paper that has so increased in value to the active collector of stamps as the one you are now reading and it has been one of the most interesting of my exchanges. With the addition of nearly one thousand names, the large majority of whom I know from experience are buyers of stamps, will add largely to the lists of bargains in the advertising pages. I here wish to thank them all for their patronage, many of whom have been on my books ever since I have been in the publishing business and with best wishes to all, I am,

Yours sincerely,
J. F. DODGE.



A. L. WISSMANN.

We herewith present to our readers the picture of Mr. A. L. Wissmann, of St. Louis, Mo. It has been no easy matter to get his consent to having a brief sketch of himself published, and the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST is the first paper which has had the honor of placing before the philatelic public a few items of this busy man. Born just before the Civil War commenced, he is now in the prime of life, married to an estimable lady of his city, and is the father of a very bright and lively girl baby, in whom he takes a great interest.

Having received a good common school education, he next fitted himself for business by attending the Carpenter, Bryant and Stratton College from which he graduated with honor in 1881. He next took a business course at Prof. Hender-

son's Academy and graduated therefrom, receiving the award of merit. He stepped from the Academy direct into the office of one of the largest business houses in St. Louis remaining about five years, until the firm dissolved. After that he held positions of trust and responsibility in the offices of various large concerns, until he established himself in business as a practical accountant, and has followed that business ever since. While examining a set of books for a certain firm he became interested in stamps. The proprietor spoke to him in regard to stamps, and this lead to his taking an interest in philatelic matters, and now he frequently says he regrets that he did not get the idea of collecting stamps sooner. While he has a large general collection, he says he could have had one that would to-day be worth ten times more, had he but known the value of many stamps which he threw away years ago, considering them of no value. U. S. stamps and British Colonials are his specialties, and he never gets tired of talking stamps.

Mr. Wissmann besides being a deep thinker is a fine philatelic writer and the product of his brain and pen is sought by publishers everywhere. He has written for many papers, some still in existence, others long since discontinued. He has written for the A. P. since 1896 and we hope to have him with us for many years to come.

That he is popular and beloved by all philatelists is evidenced by the fact that all philatelic "reviewers" have a good word to say about whatever subject he may spread before the public through the philatelic press.

But despite the fact that he is so very busy, he always manages to find time to attend the regular meetings of the Century Stamp Club of St. Louis of which he is Secretary.

As he has been twice elected to that responsible office of the only successful stamp club that St. Louis ever had, our readers can imagine that the members thereof appreciate his services highly. He is also a member of the Sons of Philatelia, and the Dominion Philatelic Association of Canada.

His looks would indicate an austere sort of person, yet this is not so, as his many friends are unanimous in declaring that there is no truer friend, nor more genial gentleman in the philatelic ranks to-day than he. H. L. KIEFER.

A. P. A. BRANCH.

The Pittsburg branch of the American Philatelic Association held its quarterly meeting immediately after the adjournment of the Twin City Philatelic Society's meeting, in the society's rooms, 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburg, Thursday evening, August 10th.

The following officers were elected: president, Dr. T. L. Hazzard; secretary, A. G. Burgoyne; exchange manager, Anton Platz. A. G. Burgoyne was elected delegate to the national convention of the A. P. A., with C. P. Krauth and Anton Platz as alternates. The delegate was instructed to support C. P. Krauth for international secretary and to advocate (1) the holding of the national convention not later than August, and (2) the abolution of the control stamps used on circuits.

Mr. Platz will also attend the convention of the Sons of Philatelia. He is a candidate for the position of exchange superintendent.

NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—From the A. J. of P. we learn that a specimen of the 30c of 1857 imperforate, with fine margins, has been shown by J. C. Morgenthau & Co. The stamp was used on a letter sent October 2, 1860, from New York to Lyon, France, and the cancellation covers a good portion of the margins. This specimen absolutely establishes the existence of the 30c stamp in imperforate condition, notwithstanding the doubts which have been thrown upon it for a number of years. The date of the letter referred to would also tend to confirm the theory we have held for some time that the 30c and 90c imperforate of the 1857 issue form part of a sheet which escaped perforation, and hence should be considered as a variety of the perforated issue.

A ⅝c proprietary stamp has been ordered for Lewis Robert's Corn Plasters. The design will be similar to the Johnson and Johnson stamp except that a portrait is to be inserted in place of the cross.

The Western Union Telegraph frank for 1899 is printed in olive.

CUBA.—Last month we announced that the new stamps had been shipped to the island but, owing to delays, it is not likely that they will be shipped until some time this month. Paper of the same kind as is used for the printing of U. S. stamps will be used but with the watermark U. S.—C. Each letter to occupy the space of one stamp, also allowing one for the dash.

PORTO RICO.—The following stamps were shipped during July.

1c due	50,000.	8c	50,000
2c "	50,000.	1c wrapper	10,000
10c "	5,000.		

PHILLIPPINE ISLAND.—We understand that the following stamps have been surcharged for the Phillipines.

150,000, 15c 50,000, 50c

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—The A. J. of P. announces that the 1d on ½d surcharge chronicled last month is a fraud.

BOLIVIA.—The following values have been seen with the surcharge "E F—1899" in addition to the 1c chronicled last month.

2 centavos carmine red.

BOSNIA.—Mr. W. Brown has discovered that there are two types of the numerals on the ½ and 2nov., as well as on the 15nov. In the second type of the "½" the figures "1" are further away from the upper outlines of the ovals than in the earlier variety, and the fraction-lines differ also in slope. The second type of 2nov. has numerals with straight foot instead of curved.—Mon. Jour.

5c blue green. 20c slate blue.
10c lilac brown.

BRITISH GUIANA.—As announced last month, the 5c jubilee stamp has been surcharged "Two Cents" in black, in the same type as that used on the 10c and 15c. On one stamp in each sheet of sixty the period is said to be missing.

BELGIUM.—The Philatelic Journal of G. B. states that the Van Dyck stamps which were to be issued in August will be nothing more than the small perforated posters which are used so extensively to advertise expositions and events.

BOYACA.—The W. S. N. chronicles a stamp described as follows: The central feature is a portrait with "Columbia-Boyaca" below, separated by the figure "5." At the top is the word "Correos," and at

the bottom (in white letters on a colored ground) are the words Cinco-Centavos also separated by the figure of value.

It is a very cheap looking lithograph and the design is crude.

CEYLON.—The 75c stamp listed last month has been surcharged "On Service" for official use.

It is reported that a 12c stamp for double postage will be issued, that the 8c, 28c, 1r 2c, and 2r 50c, are to be withdrawn when the existing stock is exhausted, and that a new design may be expected for the 1r 50c and 2r 25c.

CRETE.—A correspondent sends us two curious labels, with a double headed eagle in the center, and inscriptions in Greek, which are stated to have been issued by the Russian authorities in this island. They appear to be hand-stamped upon white wove paper ruled in pencil for their reception, one, with figures "1" in the corners, in green, and the other with figures "2" in black. La Revue Ph. F. states that these labels formed the first of three issues, which have already taken place within the last few weeks. They were authenticated by means of a circular hand-stamp, bearing the Arms of Russia and inscriptions in Russian, impressed in blue so as to partially cover a block of four stamps. The second issue is said to have consisted of a 1 piastre stamp, in blue, of similar design to the above. The third emission is described as being more carefully produced. The design shows a Trident surrounded by a scroll bearing inscriptions in Greek, and with numerals in circles at the corners; this again was disfigured with a circular hand-stamp, in blue, but of smaller size than that applied to the two previous issues.

Adhesives:—
1 (pias) green and blue, first type.
2 (pias) black and blue, first type.
1 (pias) blue and blue, first type.
1 (pias) rose and blue, second type.
2 (pias) blue and blue, second type.
—Mon. Jour.

CHILE.—From the A. J. of P. we learn that new revenue stamps have been ordered from Waterlow and Sons, London; also newspaper wrappers of the values of 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 20 centavos; also postage stamps of the same designs as the current issue, but in changed colors.

CANADA.—The 5c blue, numeral, has at last appeared.

From an official circular we learn that all unissued three cent stamps in red are to be surcharged two-cents. After the surcharged stamps are exhausted, the two cents will be issued in red. The circular also gives directions for the redemption of 3c postage stamps, stamped envelopes, and letter cards.

The surcharge will be applied to both the 3c maple leaf and 3c numeral.

ECUADOR.—The 50c of the new issue has appeared.

50c black and pink.

GERMANY.—Some time next year stamps of the values of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 marks may be expected. They are to be oblong, like the Columbian issue, and the subjects will be symbolical of the history of the Hohenzollern family.

GUATEMALA.—In several of our recent numbers we have chronicled new provisional stamps of Guatemala, and now we read with the greatest of pleasure in the Illus. Brief. Jour. that all surcharges said to have appeared this year are fraudulent.—A. J. of P.

HAWAII.—The 1c printed in green has been received.

HAYTI.—The following stamps have appeared in new colors :

1c green, 2c red, 5c blue.

The A. J. of P., on the authority of the Timbre Post states that the stamps of 1883 perforated 14 and 16 are really counterfeits made for the purpose of defrauding the postal revenues.

INDIA.—Alwur. A new stone of the ½a has been prepared. The stamps are further apart and the whole design appears to have been retouched to some extent.

½a slate blue ; pin perf about 12.

COCHIN.—Two new envelopes have been issued with stamp of oval shape with figure of value in center, " Cochin Anchal " and value in words at top with equivalent native characters below.

Envs. ½ green on white laid 120x95mm.
2p purple " " "

SIRMOOR.—A very artistic postcard has been issued for this State. There is a 3 pies stamp, with portrait of the present rajah in the right upper corner, an elaborate coat of arms, with supporters, and an elephant for a crest in the upper center with scrolls inscribed " Sirmoor —State " with the usual instruction, the whole being surrounded by a Greek pattern frame.

Postcard—3 pies gr. on cream 140x90mm.
—Mon. Jour.

INDO CHINA.—A 75 centimes stamp of the current issue has been seen with the name of the country inverted.

LABUAN.—It is claimed that a sheet of the 50c red brown (No. 64 in 58th catalogue) has been found without the surcharge " Labuan." The U. S. N. states that both Labuan and North Borneo joined the penny postage " push " on May 24th and that provisional stamps of 4c denomination were issued in both places on that date.

LOURENCO MARGUES.—The dearth of 50reis stamp still continuing, a fresh supply was produced by the usual process at the beginning of June. The 75r of 1898 was overprinted " 50 Reis " across the center, with a bar to cancel the figures in the upper right corner.

MAURITIUS.—Specimens of the 6c on 18c and 15c on 36c have been received.

Provisional Issue.

6c on 18c gray green and ultramarine, red surcharge.

15c on 36c yellow brown and blue, blue surcharge.

The Labourdonnais comemorative issue, printed in England and to be issued August 1st, will consist of three values—2c, 4c, and 18c. Two of these, the 2c and 4c are not even mentioned in the new schedule and the 18c will be required only for triple weight letters, so that a wholesale local surcharging of these interesting (?) commemoratives is now improbable. U.S.N.

MONACO.—The 40 and 75 centimes of 1885 have been counterfeited. The counterfeits are perforated 11½ whereas the originals guage 14x13½.

NICARAGUA.—The *Phil. Monthly and World* is authority for the following : A contract has been entered into with a certain Doctor Maximo Asenjo to supply stamps for the next ten years, the stamps being furnished without cost to the number of 3,400,000 every year. There are to be 13 postage stamps from 1c to 5p, 10 official stamps from 1c to 5p, seven postage due stamps from 1c to 50c, and eight telegraph stamps from 10c to 3p. Also cards 2, 4, 6 and 12c, stamped

envelopes 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50c,and bands 2 and 4c.

The 3, 6 and 15c stamps will be in the Postal Union colors.

Each year 1000 stamps will be issued to commemorate some historical event and they will be current for one day only. Each year the Doctor is to receive 50,000 complete sets of all varieties, canceled.

The W. S. N. quotes from correspondent that the stamps of 1898 are being used in the city of Bluefields without any surcharge.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The newspaper wrapper is now printed in blue green.

ROUMANIA.—The *A. J. of P.* has received word that the following stamps and cards of the present issue will be declared obsolete on January 1 next.

Postage stamps 3, 5, 10, 15 and 25b.
Postal cards, 5, 10, 5x5 and 10x10b.
Money order cards, 25b inland and for'n.

SALVADOR. — The *Metropolitan Philatelist* has seen several values of the current set surcharged with a small circular device in black. This we understand has been placed on all stamps which are good for postage at present. The following values of the 1898 set with this surcharge have been seen. 1c vermilion, 2c rose, 3c green, 5c green, 10c blue, 12c purple, 13c brown red.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—NEGRI SEMBILAN. — The *Mon. Journal* states that the 4c on 8c (listed last month) is surcharged in dark green instead of black.

PAHANG.—The *Mon. Journal* describes a curious label that was issued. One of the sheets of paper that are placed between the sheets of stamps sent out to hot, damp climates, was accidentally put into the press instead of a sheet of stamps, and received the inscription used for the surcharge, and instead being destroyed was actually issued for use. The inscription consists simply of "Pahang—four cents" in two lines, with a bar above and below.

Adhesive 4c, black on white; pin perf.

SAMOA.—The 1p green has been surcharged 2½ pence in red, similar to the 1s chronicled last month.

SAMOA—GERMAN OFFICES.—It is said that the 3pf brown of Germany has been surcharged "Samoach" for use in Apia—*Metropolitan Philatelist.*

SAN MARINO.—The following color changes are announced:

2c brown, 10c red, 65c carmine.
5c green, 25c blue,

SOMALI COAST.—The large 4c stamp of the 1894 issue has been surcharged "0.40" in black, this latter value being temporarily exhausted.

Provisional Issue:—
40c on 4c brown and blue.

SWITZERLAND.—The 5c wrapper is now printed in green.

TUNIS.—The current 5c postal card now comes in yellow green.

TONGA.—The new 4d registration envelope has been received. It is of the same type as the 6d of the second issue, having the value expressed in figures at the sides, the difference between it and the previous issue being the absence of the words "Four Pence" beneath the coat of arms.

IF YOU receive this number as a "Sample Copy" and you like it, remember that we'll pay you ten visits for a dime.

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EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

ANSWERS TO JUNE PUZZLES.

1.—The letter Z.

2.—If a philatelic crank,
Then you have your stars to thank
That the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST lives;
For it gives the latest news,
And if troubled with the blues,
Good advice and kindly words of cheer it gives.

3.—The stamp collector.

4.—Stamp, tamp, am, a.

JUNE SOLVERS.

Pearl, Edith Gray, Know nothing, Jemima, A. Puzzler, Fi-fo-fum, George, Haymaker, Carla.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Pearl, Know-nothing, George.

NEW PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—CHARADE.

In this TWO of TOTAL,
In this time of letters,
The first is very handy
For to dun our debtors.
Here, U. S. A. KNOW-NOTHING.

NO. 2.—SQUARE.

1—Is used on letters. 2—Is an animal. 3—Is a fruit. 4—Is what the dairymaid does twice a day. 5—is to squeeze.
Hawley, Minn. PEARL.

NO. 3.—AN S— STORY.

S. . . y S . . . h S . . . . . s s . . . d s . . e s . . . l s . . . s, s . . . . . d s . . e, s . . . . . g them s . . . h to S . . . e S . . . h.
Battle Creek, Mich. MACKINAC.

NO. 4.—CHARADE.

We've a lively pet goat whose name is FIRST,
His actions they are bad.
His latest caprice is the very worst,
To tell it makes me sad.

I'd a {complete THIRD to cons in the WHOLE,—
Complete but for one word;
I reached for the lexicon; bless my soul!
FIRST SECOND the complete THIRD.
Buffalo, N. Y. SIN TWISTER.

PRIZES.—For best list of solutions, a book on Etiquette. For poorest list, a comical rubber face. One 10 months subscription to the PHILATELIST will be awared by lot among solvers. Answers must be sent before October 10, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—Here is a treat for our solvers. Let us have lots of them. So far as we know, this is the only philatelic magazine containing a puzzle department, and so deserves your hearty support. Remember we want both contributions and solutions. We can use more charades and anagrams any time, and we offer the American Puzzle Book for the best diamond, square, hexagon, or other form containing the word STAMP, received by October 10. Don't be afraid of stamps, but invest in a 2c one yourself and put it on an envelope addressed to

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Lock Box 150,
Hawley, Minn.

PITTSBURG PRESS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The next meeting of this society will be held at the residence of Mr. H. Hunt, Forest Place, Oakland, Pittsburg, August 31st, 1899, when an official organ will be chosen and a new name adopted for the society.

A MISLEADING ERROR.

In our last month's issue we printed Mr. Jas. Sanborn's ad with a rather misleading error, offering 100 mixed U. S. stamps for 20c when he intended to offer 1000 stamps for 20c. We have corrected the ad and give it another insertion this month, hoping thereby to properly adjust any inconvenience we may have caused for him. He is reliable, try him.

COMMON SENSE TRIUMPHANT.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

It is with great pleasure that we notice in the advance sheets of Scott's 59th catalogue that the prices have been adjusted to meet the demand of philatelists, and that the prices in the forthcoming catalogue will be on a *net* basis. This is as it should be, and we are very thankful for the change and believe at the same time that every progressive stamp collector as well as dealer, will rejoice with us that the forthcoming catalogue will now be somewhat nearer to being a standard than it has been for many years past. We have through the columns of the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST frequently alluded to the great need of the present, namely—correct prices—and as we have quite frequently spoken to such collectors and dealers as we have met regarding this matter, and as they were unanimous in denouncing fictitious prices as a delusion and a drawback to philately we felt that we were right in doing our part towards helping to abolish it. But we do not desire to appear as taking all the credit, now since the change has come about, but we do desire to call our reader's attento the fact that the philatelic press is their friend and is at all times guarding their interest while s aying strictly within its own legitimate demain.

Now let us see how common sense prices will benefit philately in general. In the first place the collector knows the exact price of any stamps he desires to buy, there is no more guess work—no more figuring the different discounts as formerly, each stamp has its own retail price and hence we can tell at a glance whether we desire to spend so much for a certain stamp or not It saves time and the coming season will show that it was a move in the right direction, there will be more sales and they will be more satisfactory to both buyer and seller. We can then take out our catalogue and show it to our non-collector friends, without forever having to explain that the majority of stamps are sold at 50% off while others are sold at 33⅓ off etc., etc., as we have been in the habit of doing heretofore. We have in the past disgusted many a would-be collector by just that very explanation, for the novice is always timid, always afraid that somebody would cheat him, or at least take some advantage of his ignorance of stampic matters. Besides this the dealer can now when buying stamps show the seller that the prices enumerated in the 1899 catalogue are not fictitious but *net* and hence many a sale will be consummated which would never have come to a head while fictitious prices prevailed. The writer has repeately witnessed people entering stamp shops with colletions or single stamps to sell and when offered a certain sum for the stamps, reply with a highly accented "What?" "such a price for stamps which are catalogued four times as much!" "Never;" and then leave in a huff and slam the door after them to more severely accentuate their disgust. It has heretofore always placed the dealer in a false light; necessity compelled him to buy as cheap as possible in order to meet competition, yet every time he purchased stamps, he was made to feel as though he were gouging the seller, and that all on account of inflated catalogue prices.

But there are some people who object to the change, namely, "old fogies" and "calamity howlers."

These are two varieties of barnacles which always attach themselves to any class of business, and we have long ago learned to pay but little attention to them, even though they are always posing as the staunchest friends of philately. The "old fogy" is the one who always growls and grumbles at any change of style or custom in the prevailing order of things, and if we would listen to him we would always stay in the same old rut, and what is now an elevating and pleasant diversification would soon become dry and monotonous and thereby lose its own attractiveness. Such a course might have been the proper thing a hundred years ago, but the world is moving faster now, and if we would be content to stay forever at the same old place without advancing, all the world would sneer at us, tell us to wake up, brush the cobwebs off our brains, and get a move on us.

The other class, the "calamity howlers," are of nearly the same breed as the "old fogies" with only this difference: the calamity howler never takes hold of any new idea until like the goose he has first hissed at it to his heart's content, prophesied all sorts of evil to befall the stamp collecting fraternity, and then usually winds up his silly talk by saying that he intends to drop stamp sollecting entirely. Now if he would only keep his word in regard to the last named point, the entire philatelic world would rise up and wish him the best of luck when he would leave its ranks, but alas: he never leaves us, and so we can only smile at him when he begins his nonsensical predictions, and say nothing in reply, for it has often been observed that the best answer to a calamity howler is not answer him at all.

Now we would like to impress upon our readers the fact that neither the old fogy nor the calamity howler have ever been of any benefit to the philatelic world. Both are trying to stop the progressive and triumphant march of philately simply because they do not use common sense. Everything in nature is moving onward, nothing stands still, and could we then claim to be progressive if we would ignore nature's laws? Certainly not. We are well aware of the fact that we are but human, that we are all likely to err, but at the same time common sense will tell us that by profiting by mistakes already made we can by either correcting them, or in future avoiding them, eventually reach perfection.

The compilers of the Standard Catalogue have shown that they are well aware of this fact. We know that they occupy a position in the philatelic world where they get a good deal of abuse for things which they are not to be blamed for. About seven or eight years ago certain people who imagined they could turn the philatelic world upside down, concluded to cut the then prevailing prices of stamps down to fifty per cent. discount. We admit that on the common grades of stamps such a discount was then justifiable, but when it came to light that some dealers could not find where the 50 per cent. line should stop, and the 25 per cent. line begin and were offering *all* classes of stamps at the same ruinous rate, something had to be done which would protect the small dealer as well as the dealer who although knowing better could not stem the tide which was sweeping all before it, and hence the prices were watered so that such discounts could be given. As is usual in

such cases the main reason was disguised and the collector who was not on to the tricks of the trade imagined that stamps were advancing, while in reality they were not, and so the imposition was carried on year after year until the thinking element in philately through the public press held up the true facts and showed the collecting fraternity where they were really *at*, and from this agitation the result now brought about is traceable. When questioned on the subject the catalogue compilers of both hemispheres admit that the inflated prices are an abomination, and they justify their course by saying that when buyers of stamps demand 50 per cent. discount, the only course open to them is inflated prices, which to a certain extent is true, but at the same time these inflated prices cannot continue forever, and so as soon as collectors awoke from the 50 per cent. discount illusion, the catalogue makers show a willingness to let common sense prices prevail once more. And we are sure the rank and file of the collecting fraternity will profit by the mistakes of the past and welcome back the change to common sense and net prices.

JACK'S DEFINITION.

Nobody can deny that postage-stamp collecting is a great help in teaching boys geography. Jack showed this at school when the teacher asked him where Nicaragua was, and what it produced chiefly.

"It's on page 98," said Jack, "and it produces more sets of stamps than any other country of its size in the world."

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CANADA'S SURCHARGE.

Owing to the reduction in the domestic letter rate of postage the Postmaster General of Canada ordered all remainders of 3c stamps surcharged 2 CENTS. Copies of this latest surcharge have already arrived in this city. As soon as the supply of these surcharged stamps is exhausted, the 2c stamp in red is to be issued.

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

The Allegheny Mailing Agency, formerly having its mail addressed to 75 Perry St., are vow having same come to Lock Box 246, Allegheny, Pa. Look up their page ad elsewhere. They offer you the biggest half a dollars worth you have secured for many a moon. Try them, they are reliable.

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Our contemporary tells us to look out for Sherbrooke, the place of business of the above firm, in general, as it has good reasons in other ways to suspect that place.

—You will confer a great favor on us by mentioning the ALLEGHENY when answering ads.

FROM THE POINTED QUILL.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

A WORD OF THANKS.—As well known, it has been the custom of *The Virginia Philatelist* to have as a leading article, from month to month, a sketch of some person who is familiar from his associations with the stampic hobby, with an accompanying likeness. It was a pleasure, unexpected as it were, to the writer of these notes, to find himself the subject of the leading article in the above-named journal for the August issue, which closed Volume II. Brother Dietz has a way of putting things peculiar to himself, and in this case it is gratifying, in view of the fact that there are a few—very few—scribes who make a business of attacking me, as they do of attacking everybody when the slightest occasion offers, to receive this flattering mention from him. Nearly two years since, while publishing a journal of my own, on the occasion of my wedding anniversary, Mr. Dietz, then a stranger, saw fit to pen me a friendly letter of congratulations. Although I received many others of a similiar import, their were none more happily or better expressed than his unexpected favor, which is safely kept among my treasures. And, it is noticeable that in this latter-day testimonnial that while he is quite flattering, he does not go to the point of "slopping over." My esteemed brother credits me with a pointed quill, and in reply I may say that he is possessed of the same instrument, which is often mighter than the sword. I believe that if his weapon has ever been pointed in this direction, it has never been done with vicious intent, and it is a pleasure to be able to state that he, his partner and his review editor, are numbered among my sincerest friends, socially as well as philatelically. From what source Mr. Dietz obtained the likeness from which he reproduced the little halftone, I know not, but he succeeded in furnishing the best yet seen, showing that he is, as always, a master of his art.

Gracias, frater!

A QUEER REMARK.—In one of his recent reviews Brother Stone says: "I always have to laugh when I think of the D.P.A. with its Massachusetts attorney. Philatelic lawyers must be scarce in Canada." To My mind, there is nothing amusing in having an attorney from the United States for the D. P. A. Perhaps Bro. S. is not aware that one-third, or nearly of the members reside in the United States, and in view of that fact it seems perfectly proper that four out of thirteen—a fair proportion—of the officers are residents of of this country, of whom your humble servant happens to be one, elected by acclamation. If strength of voice is required, Brother Wainwright has enough for all, and the remotest corner of Canada is not as far from his bailiwich as some points where dwell members of the A.P.A. for which association he acts in the same capacity. And Bro. B, is also one of Friend S.'s chums, too! Draw it mildly, William!

MISTAKES WILL OCCUR.—Errors creep into philatelic journals, as well as into those of other lines of literature. Many have occurred from time to time, and I don't go hunting for them either, as one of my genial correspondents intimates. They stare at us, and can't be missed. The most common one is "guage" instead of "gauge,"—a much used and valuable necessity. We also find

"loose" wrongfully used. In one of my articles I alluded to a cantankerous scribe, which the "comp," set up "ill-natured scrub," which wasn't so bad, after all. "Tommy-rot" has appeared as "Tommy-not" and "Tommy-rat," while we often find stamps mentioned as "stumps." The errors, however, are not always the fault of the poor "comp," but oftener—especially when on subjects unfamiliar to the humble disciple of Faust—owing to thebeastly M. S.S. of the contribntor. In my experience, one of the most amusing errors was where, during the civil war, the types told us that Fifty men were lost in a bottle." A fellow "comp" set up the head-line, "American Big Snake," and the copy looked very much like it, but "brig sunk" was intended.

SMALL FRAUDS.—There seems to be a class of dealers, who, by the way, don't last very long, who make a pratice of ignoring small orders, acting on the idea that small amounts are not so apt to be made a fuss over. Recently I saw a full-page "ad" of a Canadian dealer, and as it appeared in *The Philatelic West*, which is generally careful as to who advertises in it. I sent a small order, with the cash, for something I stood in need of. I waited something like two weeks for a reply, then wrote again, but still no reply. In both cases my business card was on the corner of the envelope. I have since seen the individual published as a fraud, and it is stated that he is not over 18 years old. His name appeared thus at the bottom of the "ad:"—"R.F.C.Robinson,325 Hargrove Street, Winnipeg, Canada. L. of C. P., 33; D. P. A. 205." I trust these two societies will teach him that fraudulent dealers cannot use menbership numbers with impunity. I have read that The *Philatelic West* has exposed him: I have thus far missed seeing the article, but can well surmise that "Brody" would give any crooked person the deserved airing. Robinson has started in young. While my loss is small "there are others," which in the lump, would help out the yawning pocket-book.

THE TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of this society was held at its rooms, 25 Sixth ave., Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday evening, August 10th, at 8:15 o'clock. In the absence of the newly elected president, Mr. C. P. Krauth, and Dr. T. L. Hazzard, the vice-president, Mr. Geo. W. Rode was called to the chair. It had the usual mid-summer attendance and the amount of business transacted was inconsiderable. A letter was read by Mr. T. W. Vetter a former member of the society, now residing at Fort Wayne, Ind. Mr. Vetter inclosed two contributions to the counterfeit album, one a very rude imitation of the 2c brown of British Columbia, the other an equally amateurish counterfeit of one of the early Liberian Stamps.

The auditing committee reported having examined the annual reports handed to them by the last year's officers and found them correct. The resignation of Mr. J. H: Permar was received and accepted with regret. Three applications for membership, Dr. N. Shillito, Dr. Leon Hirsh, and Lieutenant L. N. Gillis, U. S. N., were all elected to membership by a unanimous vote. An auction sale in which many good things were disposed of at fair prices, closed the proceedings.

WE NOTICE that the publisher of "Stamp Tribune" is pushing his paper for the official journal of the S. of P. Nearly the whole time that the society has existed, nearly nine years, the secretary has published the official journal, and if the little profit that arises from so doing was ever due the secretary, it is now when the society could never have existed the past three years but for the hard work of Mr. Dodge, and his money to pay the bills as they accrued, the present indebtedness to him being about $50.00.

LUXEMBURG OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Luxemburg has a new set of officials, comprising 14 values from 1 centime to 5 francs. Instead of being surcharged the stamps are perforated with the word "Official," after the fashion of the perforations used by private firms in Great Britain and some of the British colonies in Asia.

PORTRAIT STAMPS.

The new 5 cent Newfoundland postage stamp bears the likeness of the Duke of York, who is an enthusiastic stamp collector and the President of the London Philatelic Society. This is the fifth of a series of royal portrait stamps issued by England's oldest colony during the last year, the series being as follows: half-cent, Prince Edward of York; one-cent, the Queen; two-cent, Prince of Wales; three-cent, Princess of Wales; and five-cent, Duke of York.

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PERSONAL.

Dr. T. L. Hazzard of this city, is roaming about in Canada, fishing and otherwise enjoying himself. When last heard from he was in Toronto, laying in a stock of the new 5c numeral.

P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, possesses an extensive collection of philaielic music.

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DOING MISSIONARY WORK.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

In days gone by when stamp collectors were few, the world at large looked upon stamp collecting as a sort of mild mania; sometimes the collector would be pitied because his fellow men thought he was surely going daft, but oftener he was insulted, while for the purpose of discouragement ridicule was at all times an effective weapon. Yet in spite of all this, in spite of all the pity, the insults and the ridicule heaped upon him the stamp collector went bravely onward returning a smile to those who pitied him, a kind word to those who insulted him, and an invitation to try stamp collecting to those who ridiculed him, yea verily he was gathering coals of fire upon the heads of his persecutors, and they marveling at his seeming unconcern and genial ways, paused and listened to what he said, then thought the matter over and finally acknowledged their error, begged his forgiveness, and in many instances took up the very thing which they had formerly despised and got to be enthusiasts on the subject of stamp collecting. The natural result was that they in turn used their influence in the same direction and even induced the daily press to take notice of what has often, more in derision than in candor been styled the "Queen of hobbies." As the daily papers as a whole have always held aloof from philately, it was necessary to get up trade papers in which the beauties, pleasures and advantages to be derived from stamp collecting were brought before the public in general, and the stamp collector in particular; and to the philatelic press we are in a great measure indebted for the onward progress which philately has made and is still making. It cannot be denied that a great many so called philatelic papers harmed more than benefitted the cause which they professed to represent, because the editor or proprietor usually used his paper to further his own selfish ends, rather than cater to the welfare of his constituents. But in philatelic journalism as in other lines of human endeavor, natures law, which decrees the survival of the fittest is inexorable, and so we have seen many papers after issuing Vol. 1., No. 1., come to the end of their existence, leaving a lot of mourners in their wake, which of course had a very bad effect on philately in general, and well disposed subscribers and advertisers in particular. Such papers did missionary work but it was of the wrong kind and has tended to lower the standard of stamp collecting in the eyes of the world.

To do missionary work should be

the aim and object of every stamp collector, dealer and philatelic editor or publisher. Everyone who is interested in stamps should consider himself a committee of one and do all in his power to get the balance of mankind interested in matters stampic. To some people who have never given the matter much thought it may seem as though people who could be interested in stamps, must be people who are found in offices, counting rooms, and in the postal service, but while it is true that the larger number of active and progressive stamp collectors are people whose daily routine of business tends to bring to their notice stamps and other things which are of more or less interest to philatelists, yet the number of people in other walks of life who take an active interest in stamps after their daily round of duties are over is very large indeed. Thus we know of a cobbler having a very large and valuable collection, while another who is a plumber by trade is quite well posted on the general run of stamps, and can explain the minor varieties of certain stamps so minutely that even advanced collectors call upon him for explanations; still another collector is employed as foreman in a large factory, where while engaged at his work from one years end to the other he never sees a stamp, yet that same man is after working hours an enthusiast such as one seldom finds among his class of men, and keeps thoroughly posted and up to date on all matters philatelic. We could enumerate many other instances to show that stamp collecting is very fascinating to a great number of people of very different vocations but it would be but repetition hence we will let the foregoing instances suffice.

Doing missionary work among non-collectors is not a thankless job as some people suppose. We have a case in mind where a certain collector interested a man in our hobby, selling him a lot of his duplicates and later on entering into extensive exchange relations with him which resulted in mutual benefit to both. It sometimes happens that people have collected stamps without being stamp collectors in the sense that we understand it; they merely collect such stamps as they may by chance pick up, or acquire, but are ignorant of their true value or desirability, and such persons usually extend the glad hand of welcome to anyone who will give them a little advice, or enlighten them upon matters of which they may know little or nothing.

And now we will take up the subject of how to do effective missionary work. It must first be remembered that it is undertaken more as a labor of love and should therefore aim to benefit those most who are outside the domain of philately. One of the very best plans we know of is this—after you have read a *good* stamp paper such as the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST do not file it away but mail it to someone whom you have reason to believe might take an interest in philately, keep on doing this every month but send the paper to a different person each month. Should you meet any of the persons to whom you have mailed your paper ask them what they think of it and speak a word of praise for both the paper and the cause it champions. You will soon find that seven out of ten people will favor stamp collecting, and you will thus bring seven active collectors into the fold at a cost of about ten cents to yourself. Now who

would not gladly do his share when it can be done so easily.

The writer has a plan which he has worked many a time and by which he nas interested a goodly number of people in our hobby and it works like a charm, and is here given for the first time for what it is worth. I carry three filled approval sheets of stamps with me. Sheet No. 1 consists of 25 all different U. S. stamps with catalogue price under each stamp, the prices range from one cent upward, each stamp different from the other both as to color, denomination and value. The second sheet consists of attractive looking stamps from 25 different countries, each differing in color, value and denomination from the other. The third sheet is made up of such stamps as may look alike or nearly alike but where the price varies greatly as for instance: Argentine 1882—12 cent blue, used catalogued 20 cents each and Argentine 1884—12 cent blue, used, cataloguing 5 cents each. Belgium newspaper 1866 perforated 14½x15 catalogued, used, 6c and the same stamp issued in 1867 imperforate catalogued used $1.50, and so on selecting such stamps no matter of what country which show a decided difference in price, with reason for such difference indicated underneath the higher priced stamp. My readers can rest assured that whenever I show these sheets to non-collectors they either win them over at once or else give him something to ponder over, and the last named sheet is usually a "clincher" if I may use the expression for the contrast in the prices will usually accomplish the desired result if mere words fail to do so.

And now gentle reader we ask you to try our plan, and don't get discouraged if you cannot interest everybody whom you may approach, for just as sure as continual dropping of water will wear away the hardest stone, so will it be with continual effort on your part well directed—you will surely succeed in convincing some people that stamp collecting is worth their best thought and earnest consideration, and in the long run you will be the gainer by doing a little missionary work, and showing to others the beauties, pleasures, and advantages to be gained by collecting stamps.

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THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST has been chosen the official journal of The Iron City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg, Pa., to succeed the *Pittsburg Sunday Press*, which paper has been acting in such capacity since the society's organization last February a year ago.

This preference of our publication to one of established reputation among the residents of Allegheny County, and especially Pittsburg and Allegheny Cities, fills us with pride and gratitude, and we desire through these columns to thank all members of this society who so earnestly worked to secure this publication as their official journal and promise to give the I. C. P. S. our most hearty support and to do all is our power towards the success of this society, which already boasts of being the largest local society in existence.

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The answers to the **THREE STUNNERS** will be published in our December number.

All correspondence relating to this contest should be plainly addressed as follows:

ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST,

"Three Stunners." **97 LIBERTY-ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.**

PHILATELIC BOSTON.

BY H. A. CHAPMAN.

During the last thirty years, I have been in the modern Athens many times, but never stayed there over night. In August I took part of my vacation there, having as a stopping place the residence of J. F. Johnson, a fellow member of the A. P. A., who I met at the New York convention, and who told me when he learned of my projected visit that "The latch-string is out! Pull it!" The offer was accepted, and the pulling of said string is a good deal easier than "pulling his leg." Being nearly seven feet tall, he has considerable leg to pull.

Brother Johnson has a wife and three children—a young man who has reached his majority; a daughter, a young lady, who is stenographer for the New England Stamp Company, who has a fad for postmarks; a young son, who has a collection well started. Brother J.'s wife is not much more than half as tall as he, but she's boss of the household, and he always bows to her will, and points off his words of submission with "Don't you ever get married!" Broth. J. has framed the 240 one-penny black stamps of Great Britain, which he succeeded in "plating," and there are some unsevered pairs in the lot.

The city has changed considerable since my first visit there, which was before the great fire. Some dealers who are still in harness were "in stamps" as long ago as that, viz.: Messrs. Holton, Trifet and Rothfuchs. The first stamp I ever bought was a 12 kreuzer rural Baden from Trifet. It is not a stamp to encourage the "craze." The stamp was knocked around since, but although part of it is gone, it is in the album. These stamps are cheap and homely unused, but used specimens would look lovely.

At the place of business of the New England Stamp Company I first met E. M. Carpenter, and while there a valuable package came by express from Hanover. He sent this home five days before he left, but it did not arrive till he had been home two weeks. Probably there was a $1000 worth of choice things in it, some of which made me sigh and "Oh!" "Covers," pairs, etc., were therein and somebody will be made happy in future over the contents. I also met Mr. Batchelder, who enjoyed himself so immensely at last year's A. P. A. meet. He did not intend going to Detroit this year, as it was Mr. C.'s turn to go. I missed seeing Miss Ropes, a valued employee, but met the other young lady, Miss Johnson, and the courteous professor-like young man, who is one of the assistants. I saw the new set of Netherlands here for the first time, and bought all I could with the loose change at hand. The set is very pretty, but on miserable paper.

Close by, on Summer street, Mr. E. A. Holton conducts a photographic business, and deals in stamps. I believe he is the oldest dealer now in Boston. He is a very pleasant gentleman, vice-president of the Boston Philatelic Society, one of the best philatelic organizations in the world, of which G. L. Toppan is secretary and J. F. Johnson exchange superintendent. I met Mr. Toppan accidentally. He presided at the A. P. A. convention last year, and didn't allow any nonsense.

On Summer street I also called

on Willard O. Wylie, a pleasing writer for philatelic journals, and one the compositor delights in running up against, as his penmanship is a joy to behold.—I believe I never saw any better. Mr. W. is a pronounced temperance man, and I believe ran for state office once or more for the cold-water party.

On Milk street, I met J. Favill Capron, a very courteous gentleman, faultlessly dressed, well up in the knowledge of stamps, and very social. While in his office I met a stranger, who has often rode by my house on his bike, and familiar with goings on in my neighborhood.

A jolly go-as-you-please individual is F. P. Brown, who I met two or three times, who explained some things I was ignorant of before. He is a rapid writer, and tells people to keep on talking, while he could reel off a letter a minute on business. When I last saw him he was bundling up about a bushel of stamps in albums, to take a flying steamer trip to New Brunswick. Mr. B. is counterfeit detector of the New England Philatelic Association.

I found B. L. Drew in Court street, a handsome gentleman, who is a lawyer, and whose auction sales of stamps are note-worthy. For a short time he ran the *Eastern Philatelist*, for which I contributed five months under his ownership.

The most satisfactory visit, as far as a general sight at things stampic was concerned, was to C. F. Rothfuchs, who lives and has his place of business in the Roxbury district. He carries a large line of stamps, and has innumerable rarities. Some of his choice Confederates would make Brother Dietz's mouth water, being out of the ordinary. An envelope, with date of 1851, bore an unsevered pair of 5c Franklins of 1847, with a little green New York local — "Messenkope's Union Square Post Office." I left my umbrella accidentally with Brother R., but he kindly returned it, said article being lost three times during my stay, but, like most umbrellas, is still unlost. Messrs. Rothfuchs, Johnson and myself were members of a party of ten who visited the Brooklyn, which had recently returned from Spanish waters in August, 1898. Five of the party met Admiral Schley, while the rest of us "got left" in that respect.

One day I scooted out of Boston, some thirty miles to a neighboring city, where I met six of the fair sex, four of whom were "stamp cranks." At least three of them had large collections, more valuable than mine, and as they were so much older (in philately at least) than I, I let them do the talking,—of course. Their albums abounded in choice stamps, well taken care of, but the method of one in looking out for duplicates was amusing if not systematic. These ladies are all—or nearly all—Amazonian in their anatomical proportions, and I wouldn't risk having my hair pulled at our next meeting by revealing their names. I will, however, say that they are darlings, and that expresses a good deal.

Incidentally, while in Boston, I met in a large newspaper office two gentlemen who "stuck type" in the same place with me nearly a score of years ago. At that time one who was proud to be called "papa" by his first-born, and now he's "grandpapa." The other has since become the father of eight children.

I missed finding some philatelists, as expected, as vacations were being enjoyed by them, and I put in some time in general sight-seeing. I may mention among things new the "Terminal" depot, the Sub-

way, and the Public Library. Strange as it may seem, although I have been at the Hub a dozen times, I still lack a view of Bunker Hill Monument.

But, nevertheless, I must say Boston is a fine city, despite its cow-path streets—socially, intellectually, philatelically!

BOSTON NOTES.

The new Cuban adhesives 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 centavos are now on sale by the dealers and they make a very good set at moderate cost.

A stamp that you will probably find missing in any collection you may chance to see is the 36 on 45 Seychelles Islands. This stamp I am told has never been for sale in this country till within a few weeks. It is not priced in Scott's Catalogue but in an English catalogue find it priced 5 shillings 6 pence in unused condition, which is about the lowest price which I have seen this desirable stamp offered in this country, and some are asking as high as two dollars. This is one of the few countries that one could complete with but a very moderate outlay.

I have seen the new Cuban Envelopes 1, 2, 5 centavos and they make a very pretty set.

Mr. Boyer Gonzales of Galveston, Texas, has been in the city the past week and has been adding to his already fine collection many new stamps.

The new Philippine stamps surcharged on U. S. have been recieved, but in very poor condition generally. Poorly centered and in most cases so badly stuck together that soaking was the only way possible to separate them. Collectors who are particular about gum will find it scarce on the backs of these stamps. A perfect set of these stamps well centered and O. G. ought to be worth 50 cents.

Cuban postals are now quite common in the dealers show cases.

The 2p brown British South Africa has been received and offered for sale by the dealers here.

India has a new stamp in the three pies carmine which has just arrived.

I have also seen the new 1 and 2 centesimi stamps of Eritrea.

The new Netherland set is in great demand by collectors, and dealers report large sales.

The Cuban Special Delivery in the new design is becoming more plentiful in the stamp shops and can be procured at a slight advance over face value.

C. E. Hussman the St Louis dealer has been in town offering a fine line of stamps which the enterprising Boston dealers have not been slow to acquire. H. F. Dunkhorst the Washington dealer has also been here on the same errand.

The latest information obtainable in regard to the date on which the new catalogue will be ready for delivery places it October 15.

In your August number allusion was made to the Nova Scotia Stamp Company of Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia. The writer could name several parties who have had unsatisfactory dealings with this company and can advise all to not only avoid the company but the place as well.

BOSTONIAN.

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NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—The A. J. of P. announces the discovery of the 1 and 3 cents of the 1882 issue (re-engraved) printed on double paper, having a circle of eight small holes punched through the surface before printing.

1c gray blue, re-engraved.
3c blue green, "

The new die of the four cent envelope has made its appearance and differs mainly in the bust of Lincoln which has been redrawn and is distinguished by the hair which is neatly combed back.

Envelope stamps.

4c chocolate on white.
4c " " amber.

CUBA.—Instead of placing the new envelopes on sale, the director-general of posts decided to wait until the adhesives reached the Island and then issue both sets at once. In the meantime a large number of varieties of U. S. envelopes have been surcharged for use in Cuba. Following is the list and and quantities printed of each :

1c green, white paper,	No. 5,	5,000
1c " manila paper,	" 6,	5,000
1c " buff paper,	" 13,	15,000
2c red, white paper,	" 1,	5,000
2c " oriental buff paper,	" 2,	5,000
2c green, " " "	" 5,	2,000
2c red, blue paper,	" 5,	1,500
2c " amber paper,	" 5,	1,500
2c " oriental buff paper,	" 7,	5,000
2c " white paper,	" 8,	50,000
2c " " "	" 10,	2,000
2c " blue paper,	" 13,	2,000
2c " oriental buff paper,	" 13,	5,000
4c brown, white paper	" 7,	5,000
5c blue, " "	" 5,	5,000
5c " " "	" 8,	50,000

164,000 envelopes, 16 varieties. There is reason to believe that at least 14 varieties of the above were made especially for sale to collectors.

The following are the only Cuban surcharged envelopes properly authorized :

2c green on white.
2c " " amber.
2c red on blue.
1c green on oriental buff.
1c " " blue.

The following postage due stamps have been surcharged for Cuba.

1c deep claret.	5c deep claret.
2c " "	10c " "

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The follow stamps have been ordered surcharged for use in these islands.

Postage due stamps 1 cent carmine.
2 cents "
5 " "
10 " "
Envelope 50 " "
2c red on white.
Wrapper 1c green on manila.

—*Metropolitan Philatelist.*

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The current 5c, 25c and 50c stamps have been surcharged with the word "Revenue" in small capitals, in black. These stamps are allowed to be used for postage hovever.

Fiscal used postally, 5c ultramarine, blk surcharge.

CANADA.—The two cent stamp printed in carmine has been issued.

We understand that some changes have been made in the current Canadian Revenue Stamps. The 1 and 2c Weights and Measures stamps have been withdrawn as there will be, in the future, no charge less than five cents.

The new series of Weights and Measures are now in use and include 20, 50 and 75c values. The stamps are said to be very artistic.

The Gas and Electric Light inspection stamps are also being changed.

COLOMBIA-PANAMA.—The A. J. of P. has the 10c stamp with the surcharge "R. Colon" in a circle in blue black, instead of in violet.

Registration Stamp.

10c orange, blue black surcharge.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The pic-

torial card has been introduced here. The 1d card of 1898 has a small picture lithographed in black on part of the address side. There are six varieties of views.

ECUADOR.—The 5c envelope of the 1894 issue has been surcharged with a design containing the words "Emission Habilitado" in two lines above, the coat of arms in the center, and the dates "1899-1900" below. All enclosed in a frame. The surcharge is placed at the left of the envelope and is printed in green.

ERITREA.—The recently issued 1 and 2 centesimi stamp of Italy have appeared with the Eritrea surcharge. Surcharged in black, "Colonia Eritrea."

1c brown. 2c red brown.

FRANCE—FOREIGN OFFICES.—It has been decided that each of the foreign offices of the French postal service (including the Levant, Morocco, Zanzibar, China, Cavalle, etc.,) shall have a special set of stamps instead of using surcharged French stamps.—W. S. N.

FRENCH OFFICES IN ZANZIBAR.—The 5 centimes stamp in the new color has now been surcharged ½ anna for Zanzibar.

Adhesive Stamp. Red surcharge.
½a on 5c yellow green.

GUADELOUPE.—The discovery is announced of a 4c stamp of the current set lacking the final "s" in the inscription "Guadeloupe et Dependances" in the lower label.

4 centimes, claret and blue, error.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—There seems to be considerable doubt as to whether these stamps are postage stamps or not. A description of the post appeared in our June number. The *Mont. Journal* states that owing to the objection of the postal authorities to the words "Special Post" on the stamps, the lower label on the second type has been overprinted with the word "Pigeongram" in black.

HAWAII.—The 5c in dark blue has appeared. The design remains the same except that the word "Cents" is now found is now found below the statue.

The W. S. N. claims that the 50c and $1.00 stamps listed some time ago are revenue stamps only.

HONDURAS. — *Le Philateliste Francaise* lists the 5 and 1"c of the current locomotive series with the surcharge "Permitase" but has no explanation of the meaning of the surcharge.

Provisional Stamps.
5c light blue, black surcharge.
10c blue, violet surcharge.

INDO CHINA.—An error similar to that described in connection with the 4c Guadeloupe is reported. The name is spelled "Indo Chine" in this case. Value not specified.

INDIA.—The 2a 6p envelope of the 1893 issue has been received with the value altered by means of a surcharge consisting of the words "One" across the top of the stamp and "Anna" across the bottom.

Envelope. 1a, in black, on 2a 6p orange.

FARIDKOT.—The current 1 rupee of India, surcharged for use here, has been seen with the top of the "E" in "State" broken so as to form an inverted and reversed "F."

GWALIOR.—The new 3 pies stamp, with the current surcharge in black, has been received.

BUNDI.—A fresh drawing of the 1 anna stamp has been received. The design is drawn somewhat smaller than before.

Adhesive. 1a red on white laid, redrawn.

MALTA.—The ½d, 1d, 4d and 1s have been surcharged "Revenue" in black for use as revenue stamps.

MAYOTTE.—A 5c franc stamp of the current type has been issued.

Adhesive stamp. 5p red lilac, lavender.

MAURITIUS.—The 8c cards have been surcharged 6c.

Postal Cards, Provisional Issue.

6 cents on 8 cents, carmine on buff.
6x6 cents on 8x8 cents, carm. on buff.

MOROCCO.—The Timbre Poste announces a new set for the service between Saffi and Marakech.

Adhesive Stamps.

5c yellow green and black.
10c blue green and black.
20c pale blue and black.
25c lilac and black.
50c rose and black.
75c bistre and black.
1 peseta claret and black.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 2½d and 5d locally printed have appeared. The 2½d is printed in dull blue and the 5d in reddish brown. The stamps are printed on an inferior paper, apparently unwatermarked.

Adhesives 2½ dull blue, perf 11.
5d reddish brown, perf 11.

NICARAGUA.—A corespondent of the A. J. of P. states that Bluefields and other coast towns of Nicaragua have not been supplied with stamps etc. for several months. A few towns have forwarded mail with the simple hand stamp "Pagado" and it is also said that the revenue stamped paper may be used for postal service.

The 10 and 15c stamps of 1898 with the surcharge "Telegrafos" has been used to pay postage.

Telegraph stamps used to pay postage.

10c purple. 15c ultramarine.

NETHERLANDS.—An entirely new issue of stamps, envelopes, and postal cards made its appearance on August 1. The values from ½c to 2½c are oblong, with numerals in a transverse oval in the centre, "Netherlands" above, and value below. The higher values have a portrait of the queen in an oval, as on the 1 gulden stamp, but up to the 50c inclusive are of ordinary size, and have the arms of Holland in the upper spandrels, "Netherlands" at foot, and value in the lower corners. The 2½ and 5 gulden stamps are identical in design with the 1 gulden of last year.

Adhesive stamps.

½c lilac.
1c red.
2c yellow brown.
2½c green.
3c brown orange.
5c carmine.
7½c brown.
10c gray lilac.
12½c blue.
15c yellow brown.
20c yellow green.
22½ br. and blue gr.
25c carm. and blue.
50c bronze green and red brown.
2½gl brown lilac.
5gl claret.

Envelopes. Size 145x111mm. Bluish white paper.

5c carmine. 12½c blue.

Postal Cards.

2½c gray green on gray green.
2½cx2½c gray green on gray green.
5c carmine on pinkish.
5x5c carmine on pinkish.

PERSIA.—The A. J. of P. has received information that an entire new issue is to appear in September; this however to be preceded by another surcharged issue. The surcharged stamps are to embrace all values of the 1898 series, with the exception of the 10 kran, the surcharge consisting of the monogram PP (Postes Persanes) in fancy letters.

QUEENSLAND.—The 2½d and 1sh stamps have appeared with numerals in the four corners.

2½p purple and blue.
1s mauve.

ROUMANIA.—As announced in July the colors of the several values have been changed. The 5b is emerald green, the 10b lake rose, and the 15b is black instead of violet.

The A. J. of P. lists a provisional wrapper, made by surcharging the 1½b wrapper in red in two lines "1 ban" the "1" appearing on the stamp and the "ban" directly below it.

New postal cards with the stamp in emerald green has been issued.

5c emerald green on white.
5x5c emerald green on white.

SARAWAK.—The *Mont. Journal* lists two provisionals formed by surcharging the 8c and 12c of 1871 with a numeral and the word "Cents" in black or in red.

2c on 12c red on rose lilac, blk surcharge.
4c on 8c blue on blue, red surcharge.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—NEGRI SEMBILAN.—The 5c stamp has been decorated with the 4c surcharge.

4c on 5c lilac and ochre, black surcharge.

SAMOA.—(German Offices.) The *Metropolitan Philatelist* lists the following set of stamps surcharged for the use of the German counsel.

3pf brown.	20pf blue.
5pf green.	25pf orange.
10pf carmine.	50pf red brown.

URUGUAY.—New 1, 2 and 10c stamps have been issued here, the designs of the 1890 issue being used for the 1c and 2c and that of 1897 for the 10c.

Adhesive stamps.

1c yellow green.	2c orange.
	10c lilac.

ZANZIBAR.—An entire new set with portrait of the new Sultan has been issued.

Adhesive stamps.
Perf. 13½. Watermarked flowers.
½a yellow green and red.
1a black blue and red.
2a black and red.
2½a ultramarine and red.
3a slate and red.
4a black green and red.
4½a orange and red.
5a bistre and red.
7½a lilac and red.
8a olive bistre and red.
1r ultramarine and red.
2r green and red.
3r violet and red.
4r lilac brown and red.
5r black brown and red.

Envelope.
2½a ultramarine on white.

Registration Envelope.
2a chocolate on white.

Wrappers.
½a yellow green on manila.
1a carmine on manila.

Postal Cards.
½a yellow green on buff.
½x½a yellow green on buff.
1a carmine on buff.
1x1a carmine on buff.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC CONVENTIONS AT DETROIT.

The annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at Detroit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 12 to 14.

The convention met in the rooms of the Detroit Museum of Art, where the honors were done gracefully and cordially by Superintendent Griffith, himself a philatelist and an enthusiast in all matters having an artistic bearing. Briefly summarized, the business transacted was as fellows:

On Tuesday morning Vice President George L. Toppan, called the convention to order. The credentials committee reported the election of the following directors: George L. Toppan, Boston; Alex. Holland, Brooklyn; P. F. Bruner, New York; H. B. Phillips, San Francisco; J. W. George, New York; C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg; J. M. Bartels, Washington, D. C.; H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.; and H. G. Smith, Minona, Minn.

At Wednesday's session the board of directors announced the choice of H. E. Deats as secretary, C. P. Krauth international secretary and H. G. Smith treasurer. Contrary to general expectation, Milwaukee was chosen as meeting place of the convention in 1900. The Pittsburgers and other eastern men present voted for Niagara Falls, but the west, urged on by an official convention-getter from Milwaukee, gave the Wisconsin city

an overwhelming majority. Mr. Krauth appealed to the convention to take measures to cure the association of its growing tendency to dry-rot and suggested that the president be instructed to allot certain lines of research to individual members and to require the submission of results in the shape of reports or monographs to be read at the next annual convention. A motion to this effect was unanimously adopted. The convention passed a resolution congratulating the Boston Philatelic Society on the success and the utility of its recently published work on the revenue stamps of the United States. Mr. Toppan, in response, gave the history of his labor of love, making it plain that the undertaking was one of extraordinary magnitude.

Thursday's session opened with the report of the committee on by-laws, embracing some important changes; among these being the elison of the cause specifying the official journal by name. Votes of thanks were then fired in volleys. President Toppan, the Detroit Philatelic Association and others contributing to the success of the convention were duly remembered. The convention then adjourned sine die.

Inasmuch as the Detroit collectors had provided a bountiful program of entertainment, the convention confined its sessions to the morning hours. The afternoons were taken up with trolley rides, boat excursions and other diversions. Belle Isle Park, Palmer Park and the St. Clair Flats were among the points of interest visited. The delegates were also piloted across the Detroit river to Walkerville, Canada, where they inspected the famous Walker distilery, said to be the largest in the world, and enjoyed the almost equally famous hospitality of the Walker firm.

Howard C. Beck, president of the Detroit Philatelic Society, was the leading spirit of the reception committee. He was ably seconded by Messrs. T. L. W. Porte, A. R. Fernald, W. M. Beck and others. Mr. John Kay exhibited at the Art gallery his unrivaled collection of U. S. fractional currency and several frames of rare U. S. stamps and there was also an extensive exhibit of stamps belonging to other Detroit collectors, not forgetting the veteran Wesley Price, who is noted as the possessor of 20,000 copies of the Canada 8c blue registration stamp, the lowest market price of which is $1.50.

Many of the delegates endeavored to secure the higher denominations of Canadian stamps at the Windsor post office. A languid young woman, who never cared to look up from her novel, informed all that the stock was limited to the 1 and 2c denominations, numeral type, and to the postcard. The postmaster is said to reserve all higher values for preferred speculators.

At the '98 convention, when Detroit was chosen as the next meeting place, the New Yorkers, always heretofore a potential element in the meetings, resented the recognition given to the west, and announced that they would not play, nor did they. Not a representative New Yorker was on the ground.

Simultaneously with the American Philatelic Association, two other organizations, the Philatelic Sons of America and the Sons of Philatelia, also held their annual conntions. The Philatelic Sons even went the length of stealing a march on the solid and dignified "A. P. A." by opening up business on Monday, and appropriating to itself addresses of welcome delivered by the Mayor of Detroit and by the superintendent of the Museum of

Art. The Philatelic Sons who recognize Clifford W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., as their prophet, elected D. E. Hazen, of Florida, president; W. H. Barnum, of Cleveland, Ohio, vice-president; L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr., treasurer; C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., secretary; Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio, international secretary, and C. E. Babcock, Indianapolis, Ind., auction manager. The *Perforator* was made the official organ.

During the sessions of the various philatelic conventions the words "Welcome, National Philatelic Associations," blazed out nightly in electric jets on the front of the Detroit City Hall.

THE PUZZLER'S COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

ANSWERS TO JULY PUZZLES.

1.—The Puzzlers Collection.

2.—STAMP.
TABOR.
ABOMA.
MOMOT.
PRATE.

3.—Remark-able.

4.—Philatelist.

5.—Stamp Crank.

6.—SAGAS.
TACIT.
ABACA.
MADAM.
PLUMP.

JULY SOLVERS.

Duncan, Gentle Annie, Lord Larricom, Gertrude, Alpha Beta, Jemima, Carla.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Duncan, Gentle Annie, Carla.

NEW PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—CHARADE.

He passed a FIRST by the road
As he went by with his load.
He had a letter for the FIRST;
To pay the TOTAL was the worst:
One-seventh of his TWO he paid,—
'Twas all the lad had, I'm afraid.
Hawley, Minn. PEARL.

NO. 2.—SQUARE.

1—Barbed spears. 2—To grant. 3—The goddess of flowers. 4—A count. 5 To impress with some mark or figure.
Santa Cruz, Cal. GENTLE ANNIE.

NO. 3.—ENIGMA.

On what U. S. stamp can you find the following: 3 men, 3 hats, a flag, a rocky peak, and this inscription (transposed): O, mine crank on frosty mount!
Buffalo, N. Y. SIN TWISTER.

NO. 4.—SQUARE.

1, Character. 2, Interdiction. 3, Hell. 4, A large flat boat. 5, A rabble. [*Collog.*]
Here, U. S. A. KNOW-NOTHING.

NO. 5.—DOUBLE LETTER ENIGMA.

In "beef" well done,
In "bread" not bun,
In "beans" with pork,
In "John" will work,
In "cake" and pie,
In "molasses?" Ay!
In "frigid" cream,
In "dinner" theme.
My TOTAL's face is often seen upon a U. S. stamp, I ween.
Chicago, Ill. JOB RAKER.

PRIZES.—First answer to No. 3, comical rubber face; first to No. 5, wonderful trick coin. Best list of answers, 10 months subscription to the PHILATELIST. Answers must be sent before November 10, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—Are you a puzzler? If so, and this paper comes to you as a sample, it is an invitation to you to join us. Are you a stamp fiend? Just turn your attention to this corner a little while. We want to interest and amuse you. Wont you help interest and amuse others? Then send some solutions and original puzzles to KAPPA KAPPA
Hawley, Minn.

THE IRON CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

OF PITTSBURG, PA.

FORMERLY

THE PITTSBURG PRESS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1898.

OFFICERS FOR 1899-1900.

President—Louis Bohn.
Vice President—Harry Melvin.
Secretary—Herman Lechner.
Treasurer—W. S. Coe.
Auction Manager—H. Hunt.
Sales Superintendent—M. Arnheim.

Official Organ—THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.

Monthly dues—10 cents.
Initiation fee—25 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the above society was held on Thursday, August 31st at the residence of Mr. H. Hunt, in Oakland, Pittsburg, although the attendance was not up to the average, the members all spent a pleasant time and look forward for the September meeting, to be held at the residence of Mr. W. S. Coe, 2427 Webster Avenue, Pittsburg, when it will be hoped all members will make it a point to be present. All other collectors of Pittsburg and vicinity are also invited to attend.

The August meeting was called to order at 8:45 p. m., President Bohn in the chair. Owing to the absence of the secretary, the President appointed H. Hunt, Secretary pro tem. After some discussion a motion was passed that the society sever all connections with the Pittsburg Press, and adopt a new title and official organ. Motion was seconded and carried that the society's name be changed to "The Iron City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg, Pa.", and that the official organ be THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST. After the transaction of some minor business an informal auction sale was held, the stamps sold realizing prices satisfactory to both buyers and sellers.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $7.33 which is very good, considering the difficulties under which the society has labored. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m., after passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Hunt for the manner in which he entertained them, and for showing them his fine collection, particularly strong in British Colonials of which he explained some interesting varieties, unknown to the younger members.

LOUIS BOHN, President.

Revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Iron City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg, Pa.

CONSTITUTION.

I. This Society to be known as The Iron City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg, Pa., its object being to encourage and stimulate the study and collection of stamps.

II. The Society shall only consist of active members, residing in Allegheny county.

All candidates for membership must apply in writing on the printed application form furnished by the Society, and be recommended by a member in good standing.

The nomination shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall report at the next regular meeting, when an election may be held by ballot. Three negative votes shall exclude from membership.

Before any applicant under the age of 21 shall be finally elected a member the Secretary shall have assurance from the parents or guar-

dians that they will be responsible for any debts the applicant may incur in the Society.

III. The officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager of Sales Department, who shall be elected at the March meeting of each year and hold office from the first day of April following. These five officers form the Executive Committee. The Librarian, Counterfeit Detector and Auction Agent shall be appointed by the President, who will also appoint any committees that may be necessary for the welfare of the Society.

IV. The Society shall have the right to expel any member upon a written complaint being made, which shall be laid before the Executive Committee, and after a fair and impartial hearing, to which both parties shall be notified to attend, at least fourteen days before the meeting, after which the matter shall be placed before the Society, whose decision shall be final. It shall require a three-fourths vote of all members present to expel any member.

V. The Society may at any time adopt such By Laws as may be needed for the proper governing of the Society which shall not conflict with the Constitution.

Written notice must be given of any proposed change in this Constitution, which must be posted one month before it shall come before the Society. Three-fourths of the members present must be in favor for any alterations to pass.

BY-LAWS.

MEETINGS.

I. The regular meetings shall be held on the last Thursday of every month at 8 p. m. Seven members shall be sufficient to transact business.

BUSINESS.

II. The business of the meeting shall be in the following rotation:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reading of the minutes of the Executive Committee.
3. Roll call.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Correspondence.
6. Deferred business.
7. New business.
8. Auction sale.
9. Essays and debates.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

III. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee. In his absence the Vice-President will officiate.

The Secretary shall keep correct record of all Society and Executive Committee meetings, and collect the dues which, after reporting to the meeting, he will hand over to the Treasurer; he will also attend to all correspondence of the Society.

The Treasurer shall collect any other money due the Society, and present each month a report as to amount on hand and expenses. He shall not pay out any moneys unless authorized to do so by the Society or Executive Committee.

The Manager of the Sales Department shall circulate such stamps as members may wish to place upon the circuit under the rules of the Department.

The Librarian shall have charge of all papers and books that may accrue to the Society, and allow all members in good standing the free use of them.

The Counterfeit Detector shall remove all counterfeit stamps that may be seen in the books of the Sales Department, keeping them as Society property for the use of mem-

bers in a book provided for that purpose.

The Executive Committee shall meet every meeting night before the regular meeting and pass upon all applications for membership and transact any other business not specially provided for. Three members to form a quorum.

IV. The membership fee to be 25 cents (which must be paid when application is made, which will be returned in the event of applicant being rejected), and the monthly dues 10 cents. Any member two months in arrears to be debarred from the use of the Sales Department and any member three months in arrears to be published in the official organ, and notified by the Secretary of the amount due. In the event of any members being four months in arrears they shall be dropped from the rolls.

V. The official organ shall be THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, which shall publish the date of each meeting, and such business transacted at the previous meeting that may interest members and philatelists generally. All members not in arrears are to receive free each month a copy of the official organ.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY A. L. WISSMANN.

Owing to the extreme warm weather which has prevailed here for the past two weeks there has not been much done in the stamp line. Collectors as well as dealers have been off on vacations, or else trying to keep as cool as possible while attending to such matters as need attention prior to the opening of the fall season.

Our genial friend C. E. Hussman has gone East visiting the principal cities, where in his judgment some business could be done in some of the very choice stamps which he has been fortunate enough in securing such as rare Confederate locals, errors and a miscellaneous lot of good things in general.

The Century Stamp Club of St. Louis has leased Glasows Hall at No. 30 South 4th St., for a year, but in order to secure it, the meeting night had to be changed to Friday. The hall being centrally located is within easy reach by street car from any section of the city. Heretofore the club met on Thursdays but it was deemed best to change the night of meeting rather than take any other hall not so conveniently located. Meetings will hereafter be held every first and third Friday evening in each month except during the hot summer months when only one meeting each month will be held namely on the third Friday.

The Century Stamp Club at its last meeting also decided to offer three prizes, consisting of stamps cataloguing $50.00 in the aggregate, to the three members who shall before the close of the club's fiscal year bring in the most members. As this is a free for all race, every member is going to do his best, and good results are sure to follow.

Mr. Henry Flachskamm the genial manager of the Standard Stamp Company is at present a little under the weather, but hopes to be at his desk again, long before this greets the eyes of his many friends, who all know him to be a hustler, and esteem him for his many noble qualities.

A local dealer has the rare 13c Hawaii 1851-52 in both varieties, these being the socalled missionary stamps and seldom found side by side in both types.

When the many philatelic friends of Mr. A. L. Wissmann learned that he and Ecol Hector were identical a good deal of surprise was the result, and 'yours truly' has been congratulated quite frequently and has received best wishes galore expressed in such quaint remarks as "May your gold pen never get rusty," and "Well done A. L. we will W. up" etc., while a poetical genius has sent the following:

May A. L. W., H. L. K., and the A. P.
Grow and flourish like a green bay tree.

One of our leading city dailies printed quite a lengthy article in its issue of September 3 about the gentleman who dispenses the Battleship Revenues to the general public at the Internal Revenue office in the Custom-House here. As the sale of these stamps has run into the millions of dollars, it is certainly gratifying if not actually a surprise to learn, that not in a single instance since the sale of these stamps to the public began has the above mentioned stamp dispenser ever made a mistake.

It is extremely gratifying to find stamp collectors among people holding high positions in large commercial establishments. Men who are thus placed at the head of affairs, and who always have their hands full attending to business, it would seem, would not bother with collecting stamps. Yet when we do find such a person our heart goes out to him and thereafter we regard him with a brotherly love.

The police department has warned dealers here not to negotiate with any unknown party for any extensive stock of stamps without informing the department, as it was presumed that inasmuch as St. Louis is the great distributing center for the South and Southwest, some efforts might be made to dispose of the stock of the New York firm which was recently wrecked by the absconding of one of its partners with the entire assets of said firm.

While talking to the manager of the city department of a large wholesale firm last week the writer was surprised by being asked the price of a certain revenue stamp. A little conversation revealed the fact that the department manager was better posted both as to prices and varieties of Revenue Stamps than the writer. Incidentally we also learned that his collection, while not so very large, comprised some very rare stamps, such as 6c orange Proprietary, etc. Needless to say that when we meet each other next time we shall greet each other not as business men, but as philatelists.

We have had the pleasure of securing a copy of the 36c orange Mauritius 1897 jubilee stamp surcharged 15 cents in blue, it having arrived in the mail of a local firm. If the stamp was magnetic it could not draw philatelists to it quicker than it does now.

The writer was recently asked what a 2c *blue* U. S. was worth. He told the boy questioning him that there never was a 2c blue U. S. stamp issued that did postal duty, but the boy persisted that he had several. Being asked to pro-

duce them he ran home to get them and while he was gone the writer tried to think what kind of a stamp would be forthcoming, probably a 2c Proprietary blue imperforate cataloguing $6.00, or perhaps a second edition 2c inverted medallion, cataloguing $12.50, or perhaps a 2c blue X. Bazin perfumery stamp cataloguing $15.00 ; but alas ! fond hopes, how quickly do they vanish. In short the boy reappeared with several 2c stamps but they were not blue at all, they were green, and the U. S. 1887 issue at that. We will draw the curtain and leave our readers to imagine who was the most disappointed, that boy or I.

Every stamp collector should make it a point to study the minor varieties of stamps. While looking at some common stamps recently our attention was called to a ribbed paper variety of the 3c green U. S. 1873. While the ordinary stamp is cotalogued at 1c the ribbed paper variety is catalogued at $1.00 each, and they can be easily told apart when once you are on to the trick of judging them by holding them in a certain position about ten inches away from the eye.

The sale at public auction at the East front door of the Court House here of the lot of St. Louis stamps or so-called "Bear Stamps" last month has started a great many people a thinking of how such a few stamps could bring such a lot of money. No doubt many people will see the advantages of stamp collecting and begin. One such a sale can do more to bring non-collectors into the fold than anything that we know of. Nearly all the leading papers not alone mentioned the sale but some even printed quite intelligent articles about the stamps. Along in the early part of 1896 these stamps were in possession of a then member of the Century Stamp Club and were shown by the owner at a meeting of the Club held at the Hotel Rozier. If we are not mistaken the owner then said that he had refused an offer of several thousand dollars for the lot.

The 5c blue Hawaii stamp newly issued is shown by a local dealer. While the design is the same as the 1895 issue except being now printed in blue, the addition to the stamp in the lower label, of the word "cents" is what makes it look a hundred per cent better than the former issue.

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TELEGRAPH FRANKS OF CANADA.

BY R. R. RUFIDICUS.

Telegraph stamps of the various companies in the United States, who have issued stamps have always enjoyed more or less favor with collectors of the UnitedStates and with collectors of the stamps of the United States, the world over. This is a good sign and augurs well for the future of such stamps. Even the most conservative of stamp collectors cannot but say that these varieties are worthy of collection and it seems strange to the writer that *every* collector does not collect them. Few classes of stamps have as many points in their favor that should appeal to every philatelist that are so signally neglected by philatelists. Happily the recent revival in the collecting of revenues in the United States has in a small measure to be sure, caused a little revival in the line of collecting in question.

If the revival of interest in the revenues of the United States has been noticeable the "boom" in Canadian revenues has been *marked*. The revival, or rather the beginning of the Canadian revenues collecting "craze" has brought all clases of these very interesting stamps to the notice of Philatelists the world over. The resultant "boom" has done much to awake an interest in each and every class but in none has a greater interest been taken than in the Canadian Telegraph stamps.

There are two distinct classes of these very interesting stamps each issued by a telegraph company doing an extensive business in Canada. They are of a class that have hitherto been neglected even by the pioneer collectors of and dealers in the revenue stamps of Canada. This lack of interest is being made up for by the present great interest taken by all collectors. These stamps, especially of the G. N. W. telegraph company are booming and I would advise all collectors who have any intentions of making a collection of them to do so at once.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company set the example issuing a telegraph frank in the year 1887. Since then every year, except 1888 has seen a new stamp for use in that particular year issued by that company. The stamps are issued in sheets of six by the American Bank Note Co.,so that none are issued perforated on all four sides four being perforated on four and two on three sides. The stamp is printed in black each year and the issues of one year differ from the others by having the date changed the design remaining the same. The stamp is one and a half inches long and one and a quarter inches wide and may be described as follows:The design consists of a map of North America, showing the C. P. R.

crossing the continent, surrounded above and below respectively by "Canadian Pacific Railway's" and "Telegraph" in a circle, at either sides in two shields cutting into the circle are the figures "18" to left and the year, (as "87") to right. Above the central design is the control numbers in red, surrounded by the word "Frank"; below the design is the signature of "Chas R. Hosmer manager" in a scroll, and below along the lower edge is "Complimentary." A nice border, alternately black and shaded, adds to the appearance.

The other telegraph, the Great North Western, not wishing to be outdone issued a stamp in 1890, similar in design and shape to the one issued by the C. P. R. A new stamp, is issued every year, the only alteration being the correction of the date, to be used only in that year. Every year a new color is used the colors with the dates being as follows: 1890, blue; 1891, Carmine; 1892, Olive green; 1893, Chocolate; 1894, Slate; 1895, Pale Violet; 1896, Vermilion; 1897, Light Blue; 1898, Green; and for the Present year, Brown. The stamps of the years 1890-94 are much rarer than any of the C. P. R. while the later issues are much the commoner. The stamp is not as striking as the C. P. R's and may be described as follows: In each corner at the top is the date, with "the" between them; below, in a three quarter circle, is "Great North Western Telegraph Company", with "of Canada" in a straight line near the top of the circle. Along the lower edge in a curious line is "Complementary", and above, "H. P. Dwight", "V. P. and General Manager". In the centre of the stamp in three lines appears "Frank", "No" and the control number in red, including several classes as sub-divisions of A. B. C. etc.

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Mr. J. L. WEBER.

We present to our readers this month a short outline of the philatelic career of Mr. J. L. Weber, of Osborne, Kansas. Mr. Weber is a native of Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa. and removed to Osborne, Kan. in 1878.

He commenced to collect stamps when a boy and saved some since 1860. He has quite a lot on original cover stored away in his old home in this state. He has collected actively the past three years and more or less since 1883 and has some thousands on original cover from 1879 up, all sizes and colors. His collection amounts to about 100,000 and besides he has a large lot of revenues of all kinds, such as cigar, tobacco, beer, etc., stamps ; in fact, he collects any and every kind of stamps. He has a good many duplicates which he exchanges for any other stamp he may not possess or which he sells outright if a favorable presents itself. He also has an abundant supply of plate numbers, which he also trades or sells outright. There are no collectors in his section so that he has the field all to himself.

Mr Weber also has a coin collection which he values at $200,00 face, among which are some coins 1600 years old.

QUEER FADS.

One of the latest fads among local collectors is the making of a one cent collection, embracing specimens of all varieties of one cent stamps issued and used in this country. Stamps cancelled in the sheets and those bearing special exposition postmarks are included.

Don't forget that subscription.

THE PUZZLER'S COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

ANSWERS TO AUGUST PUZZLES.

1.—Post-age.

2.—Stamp, Tapir, Apple, Milks, Press.

3.—Silly Sarah Stevens sewed some small shoes, stamped same, sending them south to Susie Smith.

4.—Phil-ate-list.

AUGUST SOLVERS.

Duncan, Primrose, Rising Sun, Edith Gray, Bobolink, Karla, B. T., Poor Solver, Prizewinners, "Etiquette," Duncan, rubber face, Poor Solver, 10 mos. sub., Rising Sun, Puzzle Book (for best form) Primrose.

NEW PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—ANAGRAM.

Hip, hilt, ally, elegant sheet.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 2.—TWISTED CITIES.

1—Oga chic. 2—Wen kryo. 3—Ye hen gall. 4—Pon stole tin can.
Sundown, Minn. POOR SOLVER.

NO. 3.—CHARADE.

I took the TWO to reach the side,
Of river ONE—a tedious ride,
And when I reached my journey's end,
I had to borrow from a friend,
Because I found to my dismay,
My pocket book had flown away:
A TOTAL stamp was all I had.
Was't not enough to make one mad?
Denver, Colo. KARLA.

NO. 4.—SQUARE.

1—Particular kinds of writing practised by the ancient Irish. 2—To gaze earnestly. 3—The great artery. 4—A village of Senegambia. 5—A stamped or printed devise.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 5.—DIAMOND.

1—A letter. 2—A crucible. 3—An honorary title given to officers of high rank in Turkey. 4—The price established by law to be paid for the conveyance of a letter. 5—A dignitary under the Anglo-Saxons and Danes in England. 6—A century. 7—A letter.
Mobile, Ala. UNCLE REMUS.

NO. 6.—ONE-LETTER-CHANGE.

Change FORM to FLAT in three moves, changing one letter each time.
Fargo, N. D. OGRAF.

PRIZES.—For first answer to No. 6, 10 months subscription to the PHILATELIST. For best list from new puzzler, the American Puzzle Book. For best list from solver under 15, comical rubber face. Best list from lady solver, book of Etiquette. Answers must all be in by December 1, 1899.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—Thanks Primrose, for your support. And all the rest, glad to note your interest. Hope Rising Sun will be a regular solver and contributor now he has won a sub. This number will be sent to a lot of the notables in Puzzledom. Lend a hand, brothers and sisters of the mystic order. Stamps are cheap and interesting. This department is here to stay. Send in your sols., cons., and subs., if you like, to

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Will find the following an unparallelled offer in advertising space, especially when it includes an old established magazine as this one.

$1.60 WORTH FOR $1.00.

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ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST,
97 Liberty St., Allegheny, Pa.

Three Stunners ! ! !

Who Can Give the Correct Answers ?

SUPPOSE YOU TRY.

HERE THEY ARE. NOW LET US HAVE YOUR ANSWER.

When Was the Bread Hungry ?
When Was the Water Thirsty ?
When Was the Way Tired ?

DID YOU EVER HEAR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE ?

YOUR ANSWER WILL TELL. SEND IT IN AT ONCE.

THIS IS A PRIZE CONTEST.

We want to see how many bright young people there are in this big free country of ours, so we have inaugurated the above prize contest to find out. We will give away absolutely free the following prizes as rewards to the first 25 correct answers received at this office before December 1st, 1899. When we receive your answer we will date it, number it, and then file it away in consecutive order, to be opened on the day the prizes are to be awarded.

READ THE LIST OF PRIZES.

For the first correct list of answers received, your choice of 500 varieties of stamps; an American Watch, a guaranteed timekeeper ; or $5.00 worth of advertising space in our magazine, to be used as desired.

For each of the next four correct lists of answers received, 250 varieties of stamps ; A pack Egyptian Fortune Telling and Trick Cards or a Cambridge Camera.

For each of the next five correct lists of answers received, a copy of Scott's 59th edition catalogue ; a Photo Pocket Mirror ; or a Fortune Telling Bank.

For each of the next five correct lists of answers received, a $3 Charter Party, or one of our Electric Soldering Plates.

For each of the next ten correct lists of answers received, six varieties of unused foreign stamps or one of our Ideal Sharpeners. The successful contestant to have his or her choice of the premiums.

A PRIZE FOR ALL. READ THIS LIST OF ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

To all those who send the correct answers after the first 25 correct answers are received we will give free a six months subscription to **The Allegheny Philatelist,** the best philatelic paper published in the **Keystone State.**

You must answer **all three questions** and **answer them all correctly,** otherwise you miss the prize. If you answer only one correctly, or two correctly, and miss the third, then you miss the prize. There's a prize for all, and each and every one is worth trying for. Why not try for that 500 variety packet. It's easy.

CONDITION.—The only condition we make in this contest is that every one who sends in his answers must be a subscriber to the **Allegheny Philatelist** for a term of at least ten months. Any one now on our subscription list can send in his answers without extra subscribing. Those who are not yet subscribers can send us 10 cents for a 10 months subscription and they are then entitled to guess.

The answers to the **THREE STUNNERS** will be published in our Dec. No.

All correspondence relating to this contest should be plainly addressed as follows :

ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST,

"Three Stunners." **97 LIBERTY-ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.**

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Everyone joining before Jan. 1, 1900 will receive a premium. Here are a few :—90c 1890 ; 50c 1895 ; ½c Can. Jubilee ; 5c 1847 ; 30c Col. ; $1.00 1895 ; 24c War Dept. ; 90c 1879 ; 50c Col ; 90c War ; 90c 1888. Complete list free.

What is meant by securing new members. Every member is furnished circulars and application blanks *free*. On each there is a place for your name. Every application received bearing your name credits you with having secured the new member.

Every applicant joining before Jan. 1, 1900 receives a premium as above stated ; it makes no difference whether your application blank is from a member or the S. C. P. O. M. It is preferred that you do get them from a member.

S. C. P. O. M'S. ADDRESS TO MEMBERS.

This paper has been selected to act as our official organ.

Be sure that your name is on *every* application blank you send out as that is the only means we have of giving you credit.

Notice :—Owing to the length of the names and the vast list necessary, the contest of forming words from the P. O. M. name is hereby canceled. A new contest will be arranged at once.

Members *must not* sign as reference for an applicant unless personally acquainted with him. This is positive.

Be prompt in forwarding circulars and blanks to all wishing same ; at least answer their letter if you are out of blanks, and write for more at once. Every new member you secure advances you two months towards the first degree. If you secure three and have been a member 6 months without being retarded, you will receive the degree.

Remember your dues are due the *first* of November and if not received by the 10th you do not advance until same are paid. Neither are you credited with new members if they be received while you are thus retarded.

Members you are entitled to offer any premium you wish, to have applicants use blanks sent by you, and any offer you wish to make send in and it will be published in these columns.

Next month an explanation of the various departments will be given.

B. G. McFALL, S. C. P. O. M.,
Eldred, Pa.

THE BRANCA PRIVATE PROPRIETARY STAMP.

This stamp was printed by the United States Government for the use of a firm in Italy. Because of the refusal of the government to supply copies of these stamps to buyers other than the firm for which they were issued, they are a hard stamp to secure. The first specimen to reach Pittsburg is in the hands of Mr. Geo. W. Rode.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

It will take until about the beginning of 1901 to consomate the formation of the Australian commonwealth, which is to include Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania.

DENVER NOTES.

BY WILLIAM ARNOLD JACOBS.

By the time these lines are in print the Fifth Annual Festival of Mountain and Plain will be a thing of the past.

It is to be regretted that the Colorado collectors made no attempt to give a stamp exhibit in connection with the street fair to be held during the Festival. A stamp exhibit held during this time would have done unlimited good to Philately.

On enquiring at the Denver post office a week or two ago, I was told that "the Omahas are all gone."

They have a number of sets of Newspaper stamps on their hands, but I couldn't learn just exactly *how* many.

Last year Pierce and Zahn of Denver, sold a U. S. 15 cent stamp of 1869 issue with picture inverted for $90.

Well, Brother Dodge has sold out his *Tri-Monthly Collector* and started another one called *The Collector*. We hope that this paper will not be as "of few numbers and far between" as the *Tri-Monthly*.

If the craze for collecting entire envelopes which is sweeping over the West, and, in fact the whole country, supersedes the collection of cut square envelopes, think of the loss to people who have spent large sums in forming collections of cut squares! But then perhaps this "craze" is only a fad that will last *for a day* and then be forgotten.

The stamp business out here is duller than dull. It is probably the ominous quiet which precedes the storm, the stamp dealers will soon have to be hustling.

There is a gentleman living in Denver, who is the owner of a 1p. orange stamp of the 1847 issue of Mauritius. This stamp was bequeathed to him by his grand-father who lived in Mauritius at the time this stamp was issued.

WITH OUR FORMER EDITOR.

I herewith desire to thank my many friends made since and previous to the time that I took hold of this monthly Sept. 1898, for their most hearty support and co-operation in placing this magazine in the position it to-day commands, in the esteem of all collectors and in helping me to make this publication one of the leading magazines of to-day and our many subscribers, both old and new, for their prompt response to my call for subscriptions some time ago.

My brother, Mr. E. N. Kiefer, who was publisher and editor before I assumed control of this monthly will again take on his former laborious duties as publisher and editor. He promises to keep *The Allegheny Philatelist* up to the standard I have laid down for it and I feel confident that, with his untiring energy and hearty devotion to the magazine he once before cherished as his most staunch friend and his only companion at times when he would feel that life was not worth living (?) and for which I have also found a fond devotion to have grown in my heart in the last twelve or thirteen months during which time I had control of this monthly.

Yours for the success of the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST,

H. L. KIEFER.

KINDLY mention THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST when writing our advertisers.

RECENT VISITORS

Mr. W. A. Carver, of Mahaffey, Pa., while recently visiting friends at Aspinwall, Pa., a small town near our city, dropped in on us, and we enjoyed a rather short but pleasant chat with him. He visited some of the best known of Pittsburg and Allegheny's many well known collectors.

Mr Carver is a very interesting speaker and well versed on matters stampic.

Mr. A. A. Douglas, of New York City, paid us a very interesting visit on the first day of this month. He can talk stamps and on matters philatelic in general to perfection. He has already visited most all the important philatelic centers in New England and Middle Atlantic States. He is at present taking up his residence in this city, and proposes to remain here for the rest of the month, during which time he will take several short trips to West Virginia and Ohio, visiting the most important towns near the boundary line.

Mr. Douglas although a man of sixty years or more, has an almost perfect memory on philatelic matters. His intentions are to attend the meetings of our two local societies, The Iron City Philatelic Society, and thus become acquainted with a few of the many collectors of Pittsburg and Allegheny.

GERMANY'S NEW STAMPS.

The beginning of the next century is to bring with it a new issue of imperial postage stamps. They will be oblong in shape, like our Columbian issue and will illustrate the history of the Hohenzollerns. The stamps were designed by an Englishman, whose fee was 10,000 marks.

ADVERTISING PAYS

if you keep at it continually, keep your ads before the public every month of year; don't let the people think for a moment that you have gone out of the business. Then when you again put your name before the public after having with drawn your ads a whole summer, people wont know who you are and will probably doubt your ability to do as you say. Why not show people that you're just as anxious for their trade one month as you may be another? Give them a chance to see that you appreciate good patronage. They'll do the rest. Let us convince you that our magazine pays as well one time as it does another. As a trial, we offer you a 6 line ad of 6 words to the line, two thirty word notices in our Exchange Mart, and a thirty word notice in our Trade Column, all for Twenty-Five Cents.

THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST AGAIN HONORED.

THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST has been chosen the official journal of The Philatelic Order of Masons. This preference of our publication fills us with pride and gratitude, and we desire through these columns to thank all members of this society who so earnestly worked to secure this publication as their official journal and promise to give the P. O. M. our most hearty support and to do all in our power towards the success of this society.

All collectors residing in Pittsburg, Allegheny or vicinity are requested to join the Iron City Philatelic Society.

Don't forget that renewal.

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Complete sets of the Newspaper and Periodical Stamps can still be secured at the postoffice in this city and any of our readers desirous of obtaining a set of same can do so by either sending the $5 required to purchase a set off the government and sufficient to pay return postage and registration, either to us or to the postmaster in this city, Mr. J. Grier, P. M., Allegheny, Pa.

The postoffice of this city is about the only one in the country still having sets of these stamps on sale.

YES, you can still get our next ten numbers for a silver dime.

STRICT POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The *Philatelic Journal of India* tells of a European resident of Cabul, Afghanistan, who casually mentioned to the emir that his letters were not regularly delivered. The emir said nothing, but caused the director general of the posts to be summoned and both his eyes put out. After this little incident there was no further irregularity in the mail service to be complained of.

How about that adv. you've been thinking of placing?

VALUABLE HOLDINGS.

Now that a distinct local postal system has been given to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, collectors who have secured envelopes bearing the cancellations of the military stations, may begin to compare notes as to the value of their accumulations. There can be no doubt that entire covers showing the postal expedients of the war and the transition period, will be in demand and will cut an important figure in United States collections.

WE'RE hot after that subscription of yours.

THE POSTAL CARD REPORTER

Number 4.

POSTAL CARDS

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. . . . H. L. KIEFER . . . .

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ALLEGHENY, PA., NOVEMBER 8, 1899.

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FROM THE POINTED QUILL.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

A DOZEN.—In the second number of Mr. Dodge's *Collector*, dated September 20, which "blew in" to Rocky Hill twenty-two days later, I find the leading editorial pays its respects to me, and refers to my connection with *The Chicago Philatelist* as making "about a dozen papers that Mr. Chapman writes for," and then closes with one of his customary friendly (?) hints at my lack of knowledge of stamps. As a matter of fact, when his journal was dated I was writing for five journals, and when his journal came to hand, the Chicago journal had ceased to exist, leaving the number four. Perhaps the dozens are small in some parts of Pennsylvania, but I am certain that THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, at least, gives a dozen numbers inside the period which constitutes a year, without a "stereotyped" chestnut about catching up with Father Time.

ANOTHER KIND OF JOURNALIST.—Mr. Stone, in his review for the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, has ignored yours truly in his department for a long time, but I owe Mr. S. no grudge on the score, as I have been informed he is acting under instructions from his chief, who, by the way, at the A. P. A. convention of 1898 said in my hearing, and it is printed in the minutes, that he turned no one down. He, however, allowed his pet correspondent from the Hub to attack me twice, and would allow me no reply, and probably because I was a little pointed in expressing myself privately, he has seen fit to turn me out as well as down. I was informed lately in Boston that the party furnishing ideas from the modern Athens cannot express them himself, and has to have it done for him, (Mr. Jewett himself says a lady writes the letter), but that doesn't lessen his looking down on everybody else in the philatelic world as "smaller creatures of the earth."

PODSNAPPIAN.—It seems that there are people who are allowed to "go for" Mr. "S. E. L." in the columns of the *Era*, as witness the letter of "J. B. T." in the issue of October 14, and he speaks of his methods as decidedly "Podsnappian" and calls him "an old philatelic roue." Whew! Ere this sees the light, we can expect a return bombardment of the liveliest kind, especially as "J. B. T." winds up thus: "I am inclined to think he is an Irishman (with a touch of dyspepsia thrown in), for whatever proposition comes before the board, 'he is agin it.'" And "J. B. T." will be another one added to the list of those who are "not gentlemen."

Three Stunners ! ! !

Who Can Give the Correct Answers?

SUPPOSE YOU TRY.

HERE THEY ARE. NOW LET US HAVE YOUR ANSWER.

When Was the Bread Hungry?
When Was the Water Thirsty?
When Was the Way Tired?

DID YOU EVER HEAR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE?

YOUR ANSWER WILL TELL. SEND IT IN AT ONCE

THIS IS A PRIZE CONTEST.

We want to see how many bright young people there are in this big free country of ours, so we have inaugurated the above prize contest to find out. We will give away absolutely free the following prizes as rewards to the first 25 correct answers received at this office before December 1st, 1899. When we receive your answer we will date it, number it, and then file it away in consecutive order, to be opened on the day the prizes are to be awarded.

READ THE LIST OF PRIZES.

For the first correct list of answers received, your choice of 500 varieties of stamps; an American Watch, a guaranteed timekeeper; or $5.00 worth of advertising space in our magazine, to be used as desired.

For each of the next four correct lists of answers received, 250 varieties of stamps; A pack Egyptian Fortune Telling and Trick Cards or a Cambridge Camera.

For each of the next five correct lists of answers received, a copy of Scott's 59th edition catalogue; a Photo Pocket Mirror; or a Fortune Telling Bank.

For each of the next five correct lists of answers received, a $3 Charter Party, or one of our Electric Soldering Plates.

For each of the next ten correct lists of answers received, six varieties of unused foreign stamps or one of our Ideal Sharpeners. The successful contestant to have his or her choice of the premiums.

A PRIZE FOR ALL. READ THIS LIST OF ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

To all those who send the correct answers after the first 25 correct answers are received we will give free a six months subscription to **The Allegheny Philatelist**, the best philatelic paper published in the **Keystone State.**

You must answer **all three questions** and **answer them all correctly,** otherwise you miss the prize. If you answer only one correctly, or two correctly, and miss the third, then you miss the prize. There's a prize for all, and each and every one is worth trying for. Why not try for that 500 variety packet. It's easy.

CONDITION.—The only condition we make in this contest is that every one who sends in his answers must be a subscriber to the **Allegheny Philatelist** for a term of at least ten months. Any one now on our subscription list can send in his answers without extra subscribing. Those who are not yet subscribers can send us 10 cents for a 10 months subscription and they are then entitled to guess.

The answers to the **THREE STUNNERS** will be published in our Dec. No.

All correspondence relating to this contest should be plainly addressed as follows:

ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST,
"Three Stunners." 97 LIBERTY-ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.

THE IRON CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

OF PITTSBURG, PA.

FORMERLY

THE PITTSBURG PRESS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1898.

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Official Organ—THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.

Monthly dues—10 cents.
Initiation fee—25 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the Iron City Philatelic Society was held on Thursday, October 26th, at the residence of Mr. M. Arnheim, 1238 Locust St., Allegheny, Pa.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., President Bohn in the chair. Owing to the absence of the secretary, the President appointed Samuel Cope, secretary pro tem.

Mr. Melvin reported having seen Mr. Duncan, who requested him to hand in his resignation; Mr. Maliers resignation was also read, motion was seconded and carried that their names be dropped from the rolls.

27 Geo. L. Haget's name was dropped from the roll for non-payment of monthly dues. 21. Victor T. Reed's name was again held over.

The executive committee reported favorably upon the application of Gustav Pfeiffer, and recommended that he be admitted as a member of the society; motion was seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand last meeting	$11.67
Dues collected	1.70
Auction Fee	.94
Total on hand	14.31

EXPENDITURES.

To Allegheny Phil., Official Organ	$ 3.31
Balance on hand	11.00

An auction sale was held at which 126 lots were disposed of; bidding was very lively, some of the lots bringing over half catalogue.

Mr. Emil N. Kiefer extended an invitation to the society to hold its next meeting at his residence, 97 Liberty St., Allegheny, Pa.; the invitation was accepted. As the next meeting night fell on Thanksgiving eve it was decided to hold the meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16th. Take Troy Hill cars and get off at Nelson street. All collectors of Pittsburg, Allegheny, and vicinity are invited to attend.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11 p. m. after having passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Arnheim for the manner in which he entertained them.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Owing to a financial loss we have just sustained, we are compelled to discontinue the *Chicago Philatelist*. We regret very much that we should have to do this as we do not believe any philatelic paper had a brighter future than had the C. P. We have transferred our subscription list to the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST and we feel sure that the publishers of the A. P. will issue as good a paper, if not better, than the *Chicago Philatelist*.

Thanking one and all of our patrons, we remain,

Yours very truly,
TRASK & MCKAY.

THE PUZZLERS' COLLECTION.

EDITED KAPPA KAPPA.

ANSWERS TO SEPTEMBER PUZZLES.

1.—Post-age.

2.—GAFFS
ALLOT
FLORA
FORUM
STAMP

4.—STAMP
TABOO
ABYSS
MOSES
POSSE

3.—5c Omaha.

5.—Benjamin Franklin.

[NOTE.—As this department is made up Oct. 20, the solvers to above puzzles will not be published until next month, giving time for all to get their work in.]

NEW PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—DOUBLE LETTER ENIGMA.

In "Saint Paul."
In "Atlanta,"
In "Bismark,"
In "Columbia,"
In "Mapleton,"
In cities all my WHOLE is used with thanks
By those we call the philatelic cranks
And just because they paste ONE in a
TWO with haste. OGRAF.
Fargo, N. D.

NO. 2.—OCTAGON.



1.—A mineral spring. 2.—A machine for softening hides by pounding them in a vat. 3.—Told in the form of a story. 4.—A leopard, [obs.] 5.—Lovely. 6.—Parchments. 7.—A river of Scotland.
Le Sueur, Minn. MINNIE SOTA.

NO. 3.—WORD HUNT.

Find these words in STAMP: Coarse hominy, a simpleton, a place in Belgium, a young oyster, a faucet, a military signal, quick, while, a small serpent, one thousand, sketches.
Chicago, Ill. JOB RAKER.

NO. 4.—DIAMOND.

1 and 9, letters. 2, a town in Belgium. 3, to strike by pressing the foot downward. 4 bodily height. 5, shaped like a spatula. 6, Charms. 7, to babble. 8, the terminating syllable of a plural word.
Le Sueur, Minn. MINNE SOTA.

PRIZES.—First list of answers, 6 Foreign stamps. First list with subscription enclosed, a package of games. First list with one or more new puzzles enclosed, twelve complete novelettes. Best list from a new puzzler, a book of puzzes.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. — Lis's of solutions to August and July puzzles received from Minnie Sota and Russetina. Minnie sent a bunch of six fine forms containing the word STAMP. They should have won the prize, but as our copy had to get in earlier than usual, the award was made before her forms reached Kappadocia. So we will award her a special prize, ten months subscription. All right, Minnie? Thanks for subscription, Russetina. "Omaha" captures one of the September prizes. Kappa Kappa is not a "dear sir", though, she'd have you to know. Come again, Omaha. John H. S., you're a winner, too, but you sent your answer the wrong direction. See address below. Do send some new puzzles, mystic friends. There aren't any flats on hand at all. Send something, even if it doesn't rhyme. Thank you all for your support; please continue it and tell your friends about "The Puzzlers' Collection." Rising Sun, Alex Franz, Phortoeytus, Martelia, Locust, good boys, send some flats to

KAPPA KAPPA.
Lock Box 150, Hawley, Minn.

JUST as we go to press the 59th Catalogue is at hand. We have no time to review it in this issue but will review in our next.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC DEPT.

CONDUCTED BY

CAMERON W. LAWTON,

Westmiddletown, Penna.

TO OUR AMATEUR FRIENDS:

Having engaged with the Kiefer Publishing Co. to take full charge of a Photographic Department in this journal, we this month present you with our first effort in that line. Now my friends, I shall expect your help in making this Department excelled by none. If you have any MSS. that you think would in any way benefit a brother member, send it to me and I shall take pleasure in printing same in next issue. But I am taking up valuable space in this introduction, so will at once proceed to business.

Yours for every success,

CAMERON W. LAWTON.

Novel Blue Printing.

Have you ever tried making potographs on your letter paper or postal cards? The following solution, if coated as directed, and then the card or paper exposed under a negative in a printing frame, some very artistic results can be obtained. The chemicals are cheap and will make plenty of liquid.

A. SOLUTION.

Citrate of Iron and Ammonia, 1 oz
Water, 6 oz.

B. SOLUTION.

Red Prussiate of Potash, 1 oz.
Water, 6 oz.

Mix equal parts of above solution just before use. Take a camel's hair brush and coat the solution on the part desired to be sensitized. The operation should be performed in the evening by lamplight, so as not to spoil the solution. After coating the paper leave it in a dark place until dried. A very novel method is to coat note paper or cards and then print them the same as any plue print paper, and fix in clear water for five minutes.

Solution for Making Imitation Ruby Glass.

Red Lead, ¼ oz.
Red Enamel, ½ oz.

Mix in 1 oz. alcohol and coat on the glass.

A Good Hydroquinone Developer.

Hydroquinone, ½ oz.
Sulphite of of Soda Gran, 2 oz.
Carbonate of Potash, 2 oz.
Water, 32 oz.

A One Solution Intensifier.

SOLUTION NO. 1.

Mercurie Chloride, 12 grains.
Water, 2 oz.

SOLUTION NO. 2.

Potassic Iodide, 3 drams.
Water, 2 oz.

Put No. 1 into a graduate and add No. 2 drop by drop. At first it will become cloudy, but finally clear up again. Stop when it is clear, and add a small piece of hypo about the size of a pea. Pour over the plate, and rock until desired density is obtained; then wash for twenty minutes. You will notice that this is not a double process bath, and the plate does not bleach. Instead, it steadily intensifies, and requires no further treatment.

Backing for Dry Plates.

Yellow Dextrine, ¾ oz.
Boiling Water, 2 oz.
Glycerine, ¼ oz.
Drop Black, 2 oz.
Alcohol, 1¼ oz.

Disolve dextrine in the boiling water; when cold add the glycerine; put in the drop black and rub

to a smooth paste, then add the alcohol. Let mixture stand 24 hours before use. Shake well and apply with flat camel-hair brush, one coat lengthwise and one crosswise. Put in a dark place to dry. The plates can be used in a few minutes or can be packed back in boxes and used at leisure; but be sure you put your plates in film to film, otherwise the backing will scratch them. To wash off the backing, put under the tap.

Defects In Negatives.

FOGGY NEGATIVES.—Caused by overevposure; white light entering camera or dark room; too much light during development; decomposed hypo; introducing of hypo or nitrate of silver into the developing solution from the fingers or from tablets used for wet plates; developer too warm or containing too much carbonate of soda or potassium.

FINE TRANSPARENT LINES.—Using too stiff a brush in dusting off plates.

TRANSPARENT SPOTS AND PIN HOLES.—Dust on plate or in camera, or scum on red developer, or air bubbles in white developing. Developer *must* be perfectly clean.

YELLOW COLORED NEGATIVES.—Are caused by not using enough sulphite of sodium in developer, or if the article used is old and decomposed.

YELLOW STAINS.—Are caused by using old hypo bath which has assumed a dark color, or by not leaving plate in hypo bath long enough.

Notes.

In indoor photography try to keep the lens about the same temperature as the room it is to be used in. If a lens is brought from a cold to a warm room, condensation will probably take place and fogged plates will be the result.

When using metal, amidol, and such-like developers, it is handy to have a 10% solution of citric acid by you in preference to bromide of potassium, for over exposure. By adding a little to the developer, it is quite easy to get a correct looking negative from an overexposed plate.

When printing frames are not in use leave an old negative or piece of glass in each one. This protects the lining from any splashes of hypo or other chemicals, and also from damp. When printing it is a good protection to cover back of print with blotting paper.

In taking portraits in the garden adjoining a house I find it a good plan to spread newspapers on the ground in front and at the sides of sittee to reflect the light upwards, which light up the shadows on face caused by so much top lighting. Always take portraits in the shade, with the background as plain as possible, and use the lens at full opening (Uniform System 8) for single figures and a half round exposure.

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NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—A copy of the current 8c stamp has been found printed on the revenue paper. It shows the large double lined "R" of the inscription "U. S. I. R."

The A. J of P chronicles a 3c black on green surfaced paper of the City Despach Post.

Private proprietary stamps for William's Pink Pills for Pale People have been ordered. The design is a large P.

Meyer Bros. Drug Co. will have stamps for their Imperial Crown Perfumes, the entire design to be a lion. For the present the following denominations and quantities are contemplated: ½c 50,000, 1c 50,000, ⅝c 50,000, 1½c 25,000, 2½c 10,000, 5c 5000, 7½c 2000, 10c 1500, 25c 1000.—Metro. Phil.

CUBA.—The Washington correspondent of the Metro. Phil. notes a mistake in the spelling of one word in the special delivery stamp. Instead of "immediata" it should have been "inmediata."

PUERTO RICO.—On September 23rd an order was issued by the Postmaster General placing mail matter between the U. S. and Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico and the U. S. under the same classification, rates for postage, etc., applied to domestic mail matter, and U. S. postage stamps will be good for postage in either direction.

BELGIUM.—The A. J. of P. states on the authority of the Timbre Post that the 10c stamp will appear at once in carmine.

BOLIVIA.—The 50c and 100c of 1894 have appeared with the surcharge in rectangle "E. F. 1899." Provisional issue.

50c brown violet, violet surcharge.
100c carmine, violet surcharge.

The Metro. Phil. chronicles an tire new set. The portrait is that of Don Antonio Jose de Lucre. The stamps are quite handsome and finelv engraved by the South American Bank Note Co., of Buenos Ayres.

1c blue.	20c pink.
2c carmine.	50c
5c green.	100c
10c orange.	

BRAZIL.—The adhesives having all been surcharged, the turn of the envelopes has come. The 100r of of the current type surcharged "200" in deep blue upon the figures "100," also the 50r stamp with the whole impression in practically thesame color.

Adhesive. 50r blue; perf 6.
Envelope. 200 on 100r red.

—Mon. Jour.

A set of four varieties is announced to be issued some time next year, in celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of the country.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—It is intended to supersede the present set at an early date with a new set inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

CHILI.—From the Mon. Jour. we learn that the Unpaid Letter Stamps have been withdrawn from use, and that a handstamp is be employed in the future to denote Postage Due.

COLUMBIA.—The 20c value has appeared in the new type.

SANTANDER.—We have just received the 1 and 10c stamps in entirely new types. We presume that the usual 5c will follow in due course.

1c black on green. 10c blue

—A. J. of P.

CAROLINE ISLANDS.—It is expected that the current set of Germany will receive the surcharge "Karolinen-Inseln" for use in these islands.

CRETE.—The Russians are playing an interesting game for the benefit of stamp collectors, as they have already issued four different sets of stamps. The first set consists of two values, the second of of one and two each of a long series.

The correspondent of Der Philatelist writes as follows:

The first issue stamps are lithographed and all different from one another. At the top is the word "Rethymne" at bottom "Prosorinon Taxydromion"—Provisional Post, between the figures of value "Metallik," the denomination of the Turkish money which is in use there.

The inscriptions are in Greek, of which we give the English equivalent.

On every block of four stamps the handstamp of the Russian governor of the district is impressed. This, however, is not to be considsidered as a cancellation but as a certificate of genuineness.

Of a similar style there appeared a blue 1m stamp which according to this correspondent, bears the inscription in French instead of Greek, as follows: "Retymno" above: "Timbre Poste Provision" below, and again below this "Metalik."

The same correspondent writes as follows in regard to the third and fourth issues:

"The Russian Committee of Occupation has issued two other sets stamps, which may be distinguished from each other by the presence or absence of two stars at the right and left of the Greek word for Rethyme. Every stamp bears in addition a surcharge of a small Russian eagle in circle."

First issue,

1m green.	2m black.

Second issue—Inscriptions in French.

1m blue.

Third isssue—without stars.

1m orange.	1m rose.
2m orange.	2m rose.
1 gusion orange.	1 guison rose.
1m green.	1m violet.
2m green.	2m violet.
1 gusion green.	1 guison violet.
1m yellow.	1m blue.
2m yellow.	2m blue.
1 gusion yellow.	1 gusion blue.

Fourth issue—with stars.

1m blue.	1m green.
2m blue.	2m green.
1 gusion blue.	1 gusion green.
1m rose.	1m violet,
2m rose.	2m violet.
1 gusion rose.	1 gusion violet.

—A. J. of P.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—We understand that a new design for the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope has been approved and that the dies are in course of preparation.

DJIBOUTI.—The large 4c stamp of 1894 has been surcharged "o. 40" in black.

40c on 4c brown and blue.

ECUADOR.—The remaining values of the new set have been issued.

20c green and black.
1 sucre yellow bistre and black.
5 sucres violet and black.

The 1c on 5c blue, 1897-98, and the 2c carmine, 1897-8, revenue stamps have been used to prepay postage.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—From the Australian Philatelist we learn that a stamped envolope, with the stamp of the ordinary De La Rue design has been issued.

Envelope, 1p carmine on white.

FINLAND.—We are informed that the use of special stamps in this country is to cease altogether next year. From January 1st the ordi-

nary Russian stamps are to be used to prepay postage and from June 1 the same stamps will be used for inland postage.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—The 1sh greenish blue has been surcharged "Pigeongram" over the lower label. The reason for this surcharge is said to be that the postal authorities at Wellington objected to the words "Special post."

HONG KONG.—Le T. P. states that the current one dollar stamp exists without the Chinese overprint at the side.

HUNGARY.—The 1kr blue newspaper tax stamp has been received with the new watermark.

INDIA.—Puttialla.—The 3 pies carmine stamp has been surcharged "Patiala State" in two lines in black, for use in this State.

LABUAN.—The W. S. N. has received information that, in order to supply the necessities of the corresponding public of Labuan, it was necessary to surcharge nine different stamps with the value of 4c, to provide for the introduction of penny postage with that colony. As only 1000 sets were surcharged, it can easily be imagined how many of these sets ever left London for actual postal purposes.

Black Surcharge.

4c on 5c green and black.
4c on 6c red and black.
4c on 8c rose and black.
4c on 12c orange and black.
4c on 18c brown and black.
4c on 24c lilac and blue.
4c on 25c green.
4c on 50c red brown.
4c on $1 blue.

In August we listed the 50c red brown (1899) without the overprint Labaun, a sheet having been found in that condition. The P. J. of G. B. has since announced the $1.00 of the same set with the same omission; adding that "it is certain that these stamps never left London before coming into the possession of a London dealer.

MAURITIUS.—A specimen of the 6c on 18c has been seen with the surcharge inverted.

In 1895 a 3c wrapper was issued. In 1898 it was surcharged "4 cents" and now has a large figure "3" added in red.

Wrapper. 3 cents on 4 cents on 3 cents green on manila, red and black surch.

MEXICO.—The design and colors for the new stamps etc. to be issued about November 1st will be as follows:

Postage Stamps.

1c emerald green, National arms.
2c red, National arms.
3c sienna, National arms.
5c Prussian blue, National arms.
10c National arms in or'ge on lilac ground.
15c " " "crim.on pearl gray"
20c " " "Prussian blue on light red ground.
50c View of falls of Juanacatlan in black with pale violet border.
One Dollar, view of Popocatepetl in black with ultramarine border.
Five Dollars, view of Mexico Cathedral in black with magenta border.

Letter Cards.

2c National arms in relief on red ground.
2x2c " " " " " " "
5c " " " " "Prussian blue ground.
5cx5c National arms in relief on Prussian blue ground.

Postal Cards.

1c National arms in relief on light green ground.
1x1c National arms in relief on light green ground.
2c National arms in relief on red ground.
2x2c " " " " " " "
3c " " " " "sienna "
3x3c " " " " " " "

Stamped Envelopes.

2c National arms in relief on red ground.
5c " " " " "blue "
10c " " " " "lilac "

Newspaper Wrappers.

1c National arms in relief on light green ground.
2c National arms in relief on red ground.

NEW ZEALAND—Mekeel's Weekly chronicles the following values locally printed.

Adhesives.
4p carmine.
4p br'n and blue.
6p yellow green.
8p blue.
9p dull violet.
2sh blue green.
5sh vermilion.

The plates of the ½p, 1p, 2p and 4p values have been altered, the design having been enlarged. The ½p will appear in green, the 1p and 4p values are to be transposed, the 4p being the design and color of the present 1p value and the 1p value is to be that of the present 4p. We list the new 4p in two colors above.

NICARAGUA.—The A. J. of P. chronicles some further provisionals used at Bluefields, Rama, San Juan del Norte, Pearl City, Tunkey and Cape Gracias, a list of which we give below.

Telegraph stamp used for postage.
1898 issue 25c
Half 10c postage stamp of 1898 used as 5c.
" 20c " " " " " 10c.
" 10c Telegraph " " " " " 5c.

PERU.—The current 5c stamp is reported to have appeared in a blue-green shade.

RHODESIA.—The ½p and 2p have appeared in the new type.

Adhesives.
½p yellow green.
2p bistre.

ROUMANIA.—The colors of the letter cards have been changed to correspond with the adhesives.

Letter Cards.
5b green on gray.
15b black on buff.

SIERRA LEONE.—The long 6p surcharged "One Penny" in one line in black, the small 6p lilac on bluish paper and the 1 shilling lilac and green revenue stamps have been used for postage.

SAMOA.—The ½d and 1d stamps have been changed to the Postal Union colors. The design remains the same.

Adhesives.
½p green.
1p red.

The following is taken from the Post Office.

"We have just received a block of 50 of the 2½d surcharged in red on the 1d green; the middle vertical row (10 stamps) shows a marked difference in the surcharge, measuring 15mm in height, whereas in the other four rows, the surcharge measures 13¼. The fractional bar of the ½ in this middle row is at an angle of 45 degrees, whereas in the other rows it slants 60 degrees or more.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The Phil. Jour. of India announces that the 4c rose C. A. has been reissued for "penny postage" purposes.

PERAK.—A 4c stamp in the bi-colored type has been issued.

Adhesive 4c lilac and carmine.

SALVADOR.—The 2c and 3c stamps are reported with the surcharge "Transito Territorial."

Adhesives.
2c rose; "Thansito Territorial."
3c yellow gr. " "

SIAM.—The Mon. Jour. lists the following provisionals.

1att on 12 atts purple and carmine.
1att on 12atts inverted purple and carmine (error.)
1att inverted on 12atts purple and carmine (error.)
2atts on 64atts purple and brown.
1att on 64atts " " " (error.)

SPAIN.—The current 5c has appeared in a new color.

Adhesive 5c deep blue green.

VICTORIA—The following stamps etc. have been issued in new colors.

Adhesives.
½p emerald green.
1p rose.
1½p carm on yellow.
2½p deep blue.
5p red'h chocolate.

Envelopes.
½p emerald green, 1p rose red, 2p mauve. } on white laid paper 147x90mm.

Wrappers.
½p emerald green, 1p rose } on white wove paper, with borders

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY A. L. WISSMAN.

Several of our philatelic brethern were on the sick list lately. As mentioned in my last months notes the weather was exceedingly warm here, in fact we were having regular August weather in September, and this continued up to the 24th, when a rain cooled the atmosphere somewhat. But a great surprise came directly after that, the thermometer dropped from 86 degrees to 65 degrees within 2 days, but on the 27th a real cold snap came upon us, and the mercury fell to 36 degrees and overcoats had to be worn. This sudden change placed many on the sick list and those who escaped a sick spell were fortunate indeed.

The writer had the misfortune to be the victim of an attack of chills and fever owing to the sudden change in the weather, but after a week of illness he has again recovered his health.

One of our local collectors had an experience lately which he will remember for some time. A friend of his had a friend in the person of a soldier boy who was giving the Filipinos battle and incidentally gobbling up all the postage stamps that he could lay his hands on, and he offered these stamps to the friend of our local collector. Of course our local collector was informed thereof and an agreement was entered into to purchase a lot of the stamps from the soldier boy. He was notified and he sent a lot of stamps. When the package arrived it contained only the commonest varieties, together with a lot of Philippine Revenues, which were next to worthless to our friend, and as he had to pay a good price for the lot anyone can imagine his feelings.

Among the local collectors there is an old gentleman 67 years of age who has retired from business, but whose interest in stamps is as keen as if he were but a youth in his "teens." He conducts extensive exchange relations with parties living in almost every part of the globe, and gets the latest issues of all countries as soon as they appear. He has perhaps the finest collection in Missouri at the present time.

Mr. J. M. Bartels of Washington, D. C., was in the city for several days last month and called upon the various dealers, and also such collectors as he could find during his short stay.

The stamp merchants have had a very busy time entertaining their country cousins during October. The Exposition which is the finest institution of its kind in the United States, covering two entire large city blocks all under one roof is daily drawing thousands of visitors to our city. The great St. Louis fair which has been one continuous success for 39 years, and is still drawing the crowds every year, being at present more in favor than ever before has had a banner week this year both in regard to weather and gate receipts, while Buffalo Bill's Wild West was also exhibiting here during "Fair Week," October 1 to 7 inclusive. Business houses were gorgeously decorated, the Vieled Prophet had his grand parade and ball, and the Southern Broadway Merchants Association has outdone all its former efforts in this years parade during "Fair Week." And the country cousins

must see it all hence they hunt up some stamp dealer whose ad they have seen somewhere, then buy a few stamps, and get all the information they want regarding the shows, entertainments, the Fair, Exposition, etc., and when at last the fall festivities are over the stampman is exceedingly glad that it happens so but once a year.

That our country cousins possess a keen sense of humor is shown by some of the questions they ask. A collector who was showing the sights to some of his country friends was asked whether Western Stamp-(edes) would be chronicled in the 50th catalogue and whether stamps made by Buffalo's hoofs were not rare by this time.

The new Cuban stamps are quite pretty and whenever shown to our country cousins elicit a good deal of admiration. A young man who said he occupied a position as clerk in a general store, remarked upon seeing them that he was surprised to see such nice stamps "printed in Cuba" because he had read in the "Backwoods Eagle" that the greater portion of Cubans were colored people.

The sale of the St. Louis stamps commonly known as "Bear Stamps" which took place at the Court House several months ago is still being talked about. The writer has been questioned by several people about the sale, and the prices they brought seem incomprehensible to people who know nothing of philately. But some people are doing a little thinking now, and ask themselves whether it would not be a good thing to gather up some stamps and "hold them for a rise."

If some stamp dealers would offer to take all kinds of stamps in trade, and in exchange therefor give Rough Rider Hats, Golf Suits, Ribbons, Laces and Jewelry, we are sure the ladies could be interested in stamps a good deal quicker than now, and it would be profitable to the dealer too. In St. Louis there is a gentleman who is a collector and sometimes buys and sells stamps if he can make a profit, although he is not a regular dealer. His wife used to grumble a good deal at his "nonsense" as she termed stamp collecting. So he made a bargain with her. "You gather up all the stamps you can of any kind also entires, postals, etc." he said to her. She did so asking every lady friend to save stamps for her. Once a month she turns over to her husband all she has received, all sorted, tied up, etc. Then her husband gives her credit for the wholesale price of the "stuff" and the understanding is that she can have anything in the way of wearing apparel, jewelry, etc., that she desires if the credit is large enough to pay for it. In this way she has already got a new style hat, a pair of gloves, some jewelry and lace. And now she is the most enthusiastic stamp collector hereabouts. Her husband does not want the plan to leak out, but he told the writer confidently that it worked like a charm and was profitable to himself besides. "If I would give her the money to buy the hat, gloves, and jewelry there would be no charm in it, but this way she considers that she swaps off a lot of "trash" and gets such beautiful things in return, and this seems so romantic that she is just brimming over with enthusiasm. But she has lately taken to studying the values of stamps, and if she keeps at it she will soon be a philatelist."

BOSTON NOTES.

The latest issue by Chile is the 30 centavos carmine. This stamp is a new value and a new color. I have seen this stamp on sale in Boston.

Ecuador also has something new in the way of a set, with black centers and colored borders. The values are 1, 2, 5, 10 centavos.

It is rumored that there are to be no more surcharged Porto Rico stamps, and in consequence several wholesale dealers have advanced their prices on those popular stamps. I have not heard of the retail price being increased as yet. At the present writing no opportunity to verify the truth of the report has been afforded.

The formation of trusts and combines is of almost daily occurrence and we take no note of them, but the latest report is one that will interest dealers and collectors alike, being nothing more or less than a stamp trust. While the scheme does not seem quite feasible, or one that could be successfully carried out, no doubt it could be made a paying venture for the promoters, should they be able to absorb all the larger dealers. It is an open question whether collectors would be as well served as they are now. Rumor has it that an officer of the A. P. A. is at the head of the movement; more than that, the writer is not at liberty to state at present.

New South Wales has issued a 1p stamp in the same color and of the same design as the one penny.

Mr. F. Trifet the Boston stamp dealer died September 26, aged 51 years at his home where he had been confined for several weeks. He was one of the pioneers in the stamp business, having established himself in 1866 and had the distinction of being known as the oldest stamp dealer in America.

Mr. E. A. Holton has kindly allowed me to examine two very rare stamps, the two types of the Hawaiian Island 13c missionary stamp. They are in very good condition as those stamps go.

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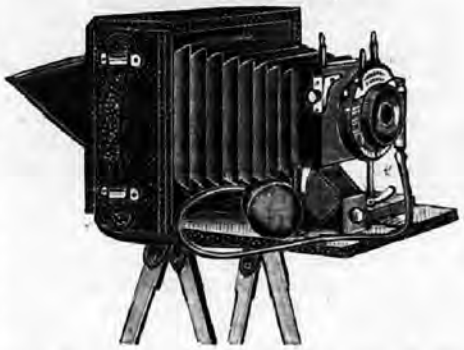
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BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

It is a well known fact in every line of business that far better results can be obtained by adhering to a cash basis than by the credit system, and as the credit system is always abused by the great mass of people the tendency of the times is to drift back again into the old and reliable cash basis. We sometime ago noticed a large advertisement in a daily paper, in which the advertiser stated that he would sell dry goods just as Uncle Sam sold stamps, namely, on a cash basis, and it is gratifying to note that this advertiser has built up an enormous business from a very small beginning. Now what is a patent fact in other lines of business ought surely to be worth the attention of philatelists and hence we desire to point out to them the advantages to be gained by doing a strictly cash business both as regards buying stamps and selling the same. In the first place it is therefore necessary to show that the time honored approval sheet or approval book as the case may be has outlived its usefulness and must therefore be considered a back number and out of date. I am fully aware of the fact that a great many philatelists will shake their heads and wonder how philatelists could dispense with the approval sheet, but wait a few minutes and I will explain what may seem somewhat obscure at the first glance. For the purpose of more clearly showing what I am about to say let us take up the philatelic dealers' side of the question first. As things are now he sends out sheets on approval. If the sheets come back to him with stamps substituted he can of course demand from the party to whom he sent the sheets the amount of the missing stamps, but will he be able to get it? Ah, there's the rub. The amount while not in itself large perhaps, means nevertheless so much loss to the dealer if he cannot get his pay therefor. If such cases would happen only occasionally the dealer could of course stand the loss, but when a large number of sheets are sent out daily, and substitution is freely practiced it becomes a matter of some concern to the dealer. In order to cover the losses he has sustained he must make a larger profit elsewhere and by this method alone has he been able to conduct his business in the past. From the foregoing it is plainly evident that buying stamps on approval is therefore to the purchasers disadvantage, and every stamp collector should make up his mind to do all in his power to abolish this system which at best is antiquated and not worth while bothering with in these progressive

times. If the purchaser is honest and desires certain stamps he can just as well remit therefor in advance, as to pay after he has selected the stamps he desires. If sales were made strictly for cash the dealer could make a fair profit, and yet sell stamps at lower figures than he can when he sends them on approval. Would that not be more advantageous to both dealer and collector? I think it would be. Were this the only reason it would be sufficient to receive the hearty support of every philatelist, but this is not all. There are many young people to whom stamps are a great temptation, and if they cannot secure what they desire in an honest manner, then they either steal it outright or make use of the despicable method of substitution. Now on a cash basis all of this would be avoided. The dealer when receiving a want list accompanied by the cash would fill it to the best of his ability, and if he could not fill the entire order, he could return the difference in cash, thus doing away with the book-keeping incident to an approval sheet business. It is self evident that the substituter and approval sheet fraud would thus be done away with. Another advantage would be that parties who have but a small amount of cash to spend for stamps would be compelled to limit their wants to the contents of their purse. We are all prone to look lightly upon such things as we can obtain with little effort, but that which has not been obtained so easily is prized far more highly. This would also prove true in regard to stamps, and it would make more ardent collectors of those who now show but a lukewarm interest in matters philatelic. One of the greatest advantages to a collector who would thus buy strictly for cash would be that he would obtain far more stamps for his money than he does now under existing conditions. When buying he would know exactly what each stamp had cost him, and he could mark the price paid for each stamp in his album underheath the stamp and this would at all times tell him just how much his collection had cost him, and should he at any time desire to sell, he would have a far better idea of its worth than he has as things are now. There are times in every collector's life when he desires money for certain purposes and is perhaps a little short. He begins to think of some plan by which he could raise the required amount of money. He thinks of various ways, and perhaps he also thinks of selling his collection. But now comes the question of how much it is worth. An off-hand guess would place it at a certain figure; if he gets out his catalogue to price the stamps he finds it a very tedious job, and perhaps after he has thus priced all of his stamps he would reject a dealer's offer because it might not be up to his expectations. Now if he would have marked in his album or on the back of each stamp the exact price he had paid for it when it came into his possession he would be in a far better position to know whether he could accept the price offered him or not. By way of explanation I might add that a certain cost mark could be employed instead of plain figures to even better advantage.

The writer has often asked stamp collectors the size of their collection and its worth, or what they would sell it for, and in the majority of cases the answer was "I don't know," while those who thought they knew would invariably ask a much higher price than what their collections were really worth. It must be remembered that the cata-

logue value of a stamp is not a true index of the value of that stamp unless the stamp is a good specimen, and by a good specimen we understand a stamp that is well centered, has no corners missing, no tears nor defects and is lightly canceled. Defective stamps are in the eyes of a dealer of little value, and it should therefore be remembered that a purchaser who submits a want list accompanied by the cash is more apt to get the cream of a dealers stock than the party who requests approval selections, and furthermore a collection of stamps in good condition will always advertise itself, while its possessor will be looked upon as a person who is up to date in philately.

Some people seem to think that selections on approval are absolutely necessary to keep the stamp business agoing, but this is a mistaken idea. One has only to look at our philatelic papers, and notice the large number of philatelic dealers, who enumerate certain stamps, which they offer at prices away below the prevailing discounts, and the advertiser usually announces too that goods not satisfactory can be returned and money will be refunded. Have you ever stopped to count the number of such advertisements in the philatelic papers which you read, and after reading this article do you not see that each advertiser who so offers his goods is doing his part to bring philately to where it should be—on the best and most solid basis namely—a cash basis. Each and every collector who patronizes such a progressive dealer not alone benefits himself but he helps to weed out undesirable collectors, dead beats and frauds, and thus lifts philately to the exalted position which command respect and admiration, not alone from its votaries but from the entire outside world.

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Official Paper:—ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.

B. G. McFALL. s. c. p. o. m. Eldred, Pa.

Because of a misunderstanding the official paper was issued without the second report, last month. A brief explanation of the departments is herein presented and a Supt. for the Sub. and Adv.; Examination; Fraud; Information; Auction, and a Librarian will be appointed to fill term until the regular election in May, 1900.

Supt. Sub. and Adv.;—must be able to secure subscriptions and place advertisements for members at lowest prices.

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Librarian shall keep the books and papers for the use of members.

He shall issue a list of contents of the dep't., and give credit through this paper of all contributions to same.

Note:—Members capable of conducting any of the above and desiring appointment should write the S. C. P. O. M. at once. Appointments will be made Dec. 15, 1899.

The Sales and Exchange, Investment, Contest and Secret Depts. shall be under the direct charge of the S. C. P. O. M. but subject to the following:—

Sales and Exchange;—Division Sup't. of Sales shall be appointed to the East, West and South. They shall be required to have reached the 3rd degree P. O. M. and shall retain the office as long as they conduct it properly, receiving 10% of all sales as their commission.

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Secret Dep't. opens to degree of V. P. O. M.

Contest Dep,t;—Legitimate contests will be instituted by the S. C. P. O. M. for the benefit of the members.

CONTEST NO. 2.

The member purchasing the most from the Sales and Ex. Dep't. before Dec. 31 will receive $1.00 worth free. Member entering most stamps (value) before that time will receive $1.00 selection free. Closes Dec. 31, 1899.

These constitute the departments of the Order, they are open for your use, your efforts members; secure the superintendency of one of the depts. and make it a success. Dealers, the demand for stamps in the Sales Dept. is greater than the supply. Enter some books; the sales on every book retired to date have been from 50% up.

Next issue will contain an explanations of the degrees of the Order.

NEW MEMBERS.

15.—Harry Thompson, (14) Franklin, N. H. 1.

Applications filed. 2.

SUSPENDED.

6.—R. W. Tucker.

The misunderstanding previously alluded to has called for this report sooner than was expected and in consequence it is not as complete as is desired, however any communications and questions will receive prompt replys.

B. G. McFALL, S. C. P. O. M.

DAMAGED STAMPS.

$2 50	catalogue	Match and Medicine	$ .25
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We want to see how many bright young people there are in this big free country of ours, so we have inaugurated the above prize contest to find out. We will give away absolutely free the following prizes as rewards to the first 25 correct answers received at this office before December 15th, 1899. When we receive your answer we will date it, number it, and then file it away in consecutive order, to be opened on the day the prizes are to be awarded.

READ THE LIST OF PRIZES.

For the first correct list of answers received, your choice of 500 varieties of stamps; an American Watch, a guaranteed timekeeper ; or $5.00 worth of advertising space in our magazine, to be used as desired.

For each of the next four correct lists of answers received, 250 varieties of stamps ; A pack Egyptian Fortune Telling and Trick Cards or a Cambridge Camera.

For each of the next five correct lists of answers received, a copy of Scott's 59th edition catalogue ; a Photo Pocket Mirror ; or a Fortune Telling Bank.

For each of the next five correct lists of answers received, a $3 Charter Party, or one of our Electric Soldering Plates.

For each of the next ten correct lists of answers received, six varieties of unused foreign stamps or one of our Ideal Sharpeners. The successful contestant to have his or her choice of the premiums.

A PRIZE FOR ALL. READ THIS LIST OF ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

To all those who send the correct answers after the first 25 correct answers are received we will give free a six months subscription to **The Allegheny Philatelist,** the best philatelic paper published in the **Keystone State.**

You must answer **all three questions** and **answer them all correctly,** otherwise you miss the prize. If you answer only one correctly, or two correctly, and miss the third, then you miss the prize. There's a prize for all, and each and every one is worth trying for. Why not try for that 500 variety packet. It's easy.

CONDITION.—The only condition we make in this contest is that every one who sends in his answers must be a subscriber to the **Allegheny Philatelist** for a term of at least ten months. Any one now on our subscription list can send in his answers without extra subscribing. Those who are not yet subscribers can send us 10 cents for a 10 months subscription and they are then entitled to guess.

The answers to the **THREE STUNNERS** will be published in our Dec. No.

All correspondence relating to this contest should be plainly addressed as follows:

ALLECHENY PHILATELIST,
"Three Stunners." 97 LIBERTY-ST., ALLECHENY, PA.

THE IRON CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

OF PITTSBURG, PA.

FORMERLY

THE PITTSBURG PRESS PHILATELIC SOCIETY,

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1898.

OFFICERS FOR 1899-1900.

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Sales Superintendent—M. Arnheim.

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Monthly dues—10 cents.
Initiation fee—25 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the Iron City Philatelic Society was held on Thursday Nov. 16th, at the residence of Mr. Emil N. Kiefer, 97 Liberty street, Allegheny, Pa.

The attendance was large, there being 15 *members* and 3 *visitors* present.

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., President Bohn in the chair.

Applications of Lou O. Brosie, Cor. Mayflower and Lincoln strs. Pittsburg, Pa., and A. Platy, 314 4th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., were read and referred to the Executive committee.

Motion made and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to notify Mr. Reed of the amount of dues he was in arrears and report what progress he had made at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand last meeting	$11.00
Dues collected	2.00
Fees	.50
Auction commission	.60
Total on hand	$14.10

EXPENDITURE.

To P't'g and M'l'g Meet'g Notices	.85
Balance on hand	$13.25

An auction sale was held at which 99 lots were disposed of at fair prices.

In February is the annual election, send your nominations to the Secretary, that they may be published in the January issue of this paper.

There being no further business the society adjourned, after having passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Kiefer for the manner in which he entertained the members.

Mr. Arnheim again invited the society to hold its meeting at his residence, 1238 Locust st., Allegheny, Pa., the members having had such a pleasant time at the former meeting held at his residence that they cheerfully accepted the invitation. The meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 28th, as this is the last meeting that will be held this year all members should attend, especially those in arrears, are requested to attend, so they can pay up all dues and begin the New Year without debts. Can we not have $20 in the Treasury to begin the New Year on, certainly we can, if you all attend, bringing some stamps to put up at the auction sale, also any dues that you owe.

To get to Mr. Arnheims residence take Western Av. cars and get off at Fulton street.

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NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

U. S. collectors of plate numbers will do well to complete their sets of 10c strips in the new color as soon as possible. It will be remembered that the brown color of the 5c stamps wore out the steel very rapidly. The same will be the case with the 10c sramps. Already the third set in brown has gone to press.—Metro. Phil.

A Columbian 2c envelope, size A, has been found with the watermark of the 1890 series of envelopes.

The "Od Chemical Company" of New York has made application for a private die in order that it may have proprietary stamps of its own.

CUBA.—The error in the 10c special delivery has been changed. The portion, containing the word "Immediate" was the only thing altered in the original die. Probably the impressions will show that a change has been made in the engraving. This necessitated a new transfer roll and of course also a new plate. The old one will be destroyed.—Metro. Phil.

GUAM.—Captain Leary, for Governor of the Isle of Guam, asked for a full line of stamps from $1.00 down, and the following were ordered surcharged.

1c,—15,000,	8c,— 5,000,
2c,—75,000,	10c,—10,000,
3c,— 5,000,	15c,— 5,000,
4c,— 5,000,	50c,— 4,000,
5c,—15,000,	$1.00, - 3,000,
6c,— 5,000,	10c Spec. Del. 5,000.
	Total.—152,000.

PORTO RICO.—The 2c green and 5c blue envelopes of the 1895 issue have been found with the surcharge "Porto Rico" below the stamp. A Porto Rican firm had a large number of stamped envelopes, bearing their return request, on hand at the time the order requiring the use of surcharged stamps went into effect and these envelopes were surcharged as above. It is said that there were originally 3,000 2c and 5,000, 5c the majority of which had been used.

BRAZIL.—The 200r orange and black stamp has been seen perforated 9 and 9x11½.

The following varieties have been found among the late surcharges:
500 on 300 reis (1890), 1399 instead of 1899.
500 on 300 reis (1890), double surcharge.

A 300 reis postage due stamp has been issued in the current type (like 2,000r) perforated and in a new color.

Adhesive, Postage Due Stamp:
300 reis, blue.

CANADA.—The W. S. N. lists the current 1c stamp in a much paler green than usual. They are on the original cover, and the postmark is dated October 13th, so that they may be from a new printing.

Adhesive, Regular Issue:
1 cent, pale green.

COLOMBIA—ANTIOQUA.—The stamps for the centenary of Cordova were issued in September. The values are ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50 centavos, 1 and 2 pesos; Too Late Stamp 2½c; Registration Stamp 10c. So far we have only seen the ½c.

Perforated, ½c slate blue.—A. J. of P.

CRETE.—The Mon. Jour. quotes a contemporary as follows: "The Russian Post Office had no real existance; the Russians have only, as a speculation, issued in their province (Rethymo) various kinds of provisional stamps, the stocks of which are now exhausted. I am even assured that the dies have

been destroyed in the presence of a commission appointed by the colonel commanding the Russian troops." The whole affair seems to have been a solemn farce.

CHINA.---FRENCH OFFICES.--- The following cards have been surcharged "Chine" in carmine.

Post Cards.
10c black on pale green.
10c on 10c black on lilac.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.--We list the following values of the new set.

1c claret. Voyage of Mendez and Fiesco from Jamaica to S. Domingo.
2c red. Elevation of Enriquillo.
5c blue. Tomb of Columbus.
10c orange. The Genius of Spain guarding the remains of Columbus.

ECUADOR.—The Timbre Post lists a provisional stamp of 1892, 5c on 5c purple, with double surcharge, one reading from the left lower corner to the right upper corner and the other from the right upper to the left lower corner.

FRANCE.—La Revue Ph. F. reports that the 5c yellow green, with date "8" (indicating that it was printed in 1898 !) in the margin has been found in the first type ("V" under "L"). The figure "5" is different from the "5" previously employed. It is larger and thicker, the top bar occupying more space in the panel.

GREAT BRITAIN.--English papers are announcing the following color changes.

½p from vermilion to green.
1sh to be printed in two colors.

GUATEMALA.—The 5c purple has been overprinted in two lines "Un—1 Centavo—1899."

Adhesive. Provisional Issue.
1c on 5c purple, red surcharge.

INDIA.—COCHIN.—There is a new 1 puttan envelope with stamp of the same type as that of the other two values.

Envelope. 1 puttan, red.

DUTTIA.—A new ½a is reported by the Phil. Jour. of India in the new type with part rouletting. We quote the particulars of this issue. "The stamps are printed, not in strips of eight, but in blocks of sixteen, consisting of two rows of eight. The rouletting surrounds the block and also separates the two rows. The stamps appear to be set up in type separately, as small differences, especially in the frame enclosing each stamp, exist. The figure of the god Ganesh in the center appears to be printed from an electrotype, which of course, shows no variations.

Adhesive. Local Issue. ½a red.—W. S. N.

INDO-CHINA.—The 5c stamp of the current type has made its appearance in light yellow-green.

JAPAN.—We list the balance of the new set.

Adhesive. Regular Issue.
5 sen,—orange-yellow,
8 sen,—olive,
15 sen,—violet,
20 sen,—red-orange,
25 sen,—blue-green,
50 sen,—violet brown,
1 yen, carmine.
Postal Card. 1½x1½ sen, pale blue on white.

LABUAN.—We take the following from the Mon. Jour. "We had heard a rumor that advantage had been taken of the Imperial 1d rate by issuing a whole set of surcharged labels, but hoped that it was not true. A correspondent, however, sends us specimens, which he tells us were put on sale on July 22nd, and as only 1000 of each variety were offered we are not surprised to hear that all were sold out by July 27th. The full set of values from 5 cents to $1 was surcharged with a

large figure "4" and the word "cents" in black, and we are to suppose that not only were the supplies of the 1c, 2c and 3c stamps insufficient to meet postal requirements, but that only 1000 of each of the higher values could be spared for the emergency! No doubt all were sold out at once, and 360 dollars, less cost of stamps and overprinting, have been added to the resources of the North Borneo Company—we beg its pardon, we should say, "The State of North Borneo." This is not however, we understand, a *Sovereign* state, but one of a rather cheaper description—a *Dollar* perhaps, would express a State where such small profits are eagerly snatched at. We must not forget to mention that the 18c exists with a double surcharge, very ingeniously made, one end of a row showing the two impressions almost coinciding, while at the other end they are distinct, a different spacing having evidently been employed for the two printings."

MOROCCO.—FRENCH OFFICES.—The 5c has appeared in the new color—yellow green.

Adhesive. 5c on 5c yellow green.

MOROCCO.—GERMAN OFFICES.—The press having announced the establishment of German postoffices in this country, it is quite probable, says L'Echo de la Timbrologie that we shall have the current German stamps with the overprint "Marokko."—W. S. N.

PERSIA.—The surcharged stamps have been replaced by a new issue, the designs remaining the same as the unsurcharged 1898 issue. The colors of the lower values remain the same also, but they are printed on bluish paper, while the 1, 2, 4, and 5 kran stamps are printed on white paper, but in different colors.

On bluish paper.

1s—gray,	4s—vermilion,	10s—l't blue,
2s—brown,	5s—yellow,	12s—rose,
3s—violet,	8s—orange,	16s—green.

On white paper.

1 kran, carmine,	4 krans, orange,
2 kran, dark green,	5 krans, gray-brown.

The following received the provisional surcharge:

Envelope. 1 kran, violet surcharge.
Postal card. 5 shahi, rose on buff, violet surcharge.

REUNION.—This colony has the 5c stamp in the new color—yellow-green.

SPAIN.—The following color changes have been made.

2c—black,	10c—red,
5c—green,	20c—orange.

SARAWAK.—The dearth of stamps still continues here and the 3c of the 1871 issue has now been surcharged "2 Cents" in black.

Adhesive. 2c on 3c brown and yellow, black surcharge.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The 1p has appeared in the Postal Union color, —rose.

Adhesive, 1p rose.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 5c stamp is listed in a new shade—plum.

JOHORE.—A new 4c stamp was issued on September 17, the design being the same as the remainder of the series.

Adhesive. 4c lilac and rose.

PAHANG.—The 5c, Tiger's Head type, has been surcharged "Four Cents" in black, with a bar across the value at the top. The Australian Phil. announces a four cent stamp of the current type, also a postal card with stamp of the 1891 type.

Adhesives. 4c on 5c lilac and ochre.
4c lilac and rose.
Post card. 1c green on pale buff.

PERAK.—The four cent of the

tiger head type is announced for this state.

Adhesive. 4c lilac and rose.

SWITZERLAND.—The 50c stamp is reported in a new color—green.

The 5c postal card is now printed in green.

SAMOA.—We take the following from Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. "By the last Australian steamer we have received from our correspondent at Apia, Samoa, a few sets of a new provisional issue. We know nothing of the conditions which called for this issue, but will be able no doubt to give full particulars in our next number. The set consists of the current issue with "Provisional Govt." in condensed capitals, known to American printers as Gothic Condensed. The surcharge is in red or blue, as may be necessary by the color of the stamp, and the values are ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 pence, 1sh. and 2sh. 6p., eight in all."

Adhesives. Provisional Issue.
½p green, red surcharge,
1p red, blue "
2p yellow, red "
4p blue, red "
5p vermilion, blue "
6p maroon, blue "
1sh rose, blue "
2sh 6p mauve, red "

SALVADOR.—The 2c and 3c of the 1898 issue have appeared with the surcharge "Transito Territorial" in black.

The following official stamps have been decorated with the wheel surcharge.

3c dark blue, 26c carmine rose,
13c lake, 100c violet.

TUNIS.—It is reported that a special issue of postage due stamps may be expected to replace the postage stamps perforated with the large T.

VENEZUELA.—We clip the following from the A. J. of P. "A correspondent sends us some new provisionals of this country and informs us that recently, owing to a shortage of certain values of the official stamps, the 50c and 1 bol. officials were surcharged with new values, respectively, 5 and 25 centimos. The surcharges are in two colors and we are shown two of them tete beche. The surcharge consists of the date "1899" at the top of the stamp, and the value in each lower corner with "Cms." between.

There is reason to suppose that most of this interesting issue is held by officials of the Post Office Department."

Official Stamps. Provisional Issue.
Carmine surcharge.
5c on 50c yellow and black,
25c on 1b violet and black.
Variety: tete beche.
25c on 1b violet and black.
Violet surcharge.
5c on 50c yellow and black,
25c on 1b violet and black.
Variety: tete beche.
5c on 50c yellow and black.

"STUNNERS" STILL OPEN.

As the time set for awarding prizes had not expired at the time of going to press, we cannot publish the correct answers and list of prize winners this month.

We have changed our plans somewhat and extend closing date to Dec. 15th. You will still have time to try for one of the prizes as there are lots of them.

All answers must be at this office by Dec. 15th and the answers and winners will be published in January number.

You can answer them if you try!

THE 1900 CATALOGUE.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

The first thing that strikes a reasonable observer concerning the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1900—Fifty-ninth Edition," is the fact that it appeared October 15, the date on which it was promised. When it is considered that the work has been attended to inside of four months, with the added fact that a general reduction of prices has taken place, it is easy to imagine that "the path of the catalogue-maker is not a flower-strewn one."

The Scott Stamp & Coin Company, Limited, have always been considered high in their prices, but it must be confessed that when quality is taken into account, and that in general it is always possible to secure stamps ordered which they list, the figures given here have been "all right." The writer never ordered a stamp from this concern against which a "kick" could be made on account of poor condition, and how much more satisfactory a good stamp is than a poor one, the few extra cents of cost being trivial compared with the fine condition apparent.

In the course of events, it is possible for the traveler with stampic proclivities to run across a quantity of a certain issue which the holder is willing to unload very cheaply, owing to their being a drug on his hands, and the purchaser can sell them at a reasonable profit, and still be much lower in his charge than the dealer who carries everything. This fact is apparent in other lines of business than stamps, and needs no extended exposition.

The publishers well say it is impossible to maintain absolute consistency, having to consider comparative popularity of different countries. A year hence, after the reduction in prices has had its trial, the value of suggestions will be appreciated, inaccuracies noticed, and still further improvement looked for.

After promptness of the appearance of the catalogue has been taken into account, the first glance at the book itself reveals the color of the "crittur," which to the reasonable individual is of no account, but there are people who will "kick" over color of a book, and the covers of the Scott Catalogues have been criticised, ridiculed, etc. The censors three years ago were amused over the "jacket of baby blue," "egg-colored shade," etc. A year later the catalogue was "*dun*-up brown," in a "cover of indescribable brown," and now we read of the "bloody cover," the "ruddy-gored cover," etc. To the writer, who has thumbed the catalogue well already this bright red covered article can well seem to be a "Study in Scarlet." (Joke not potented.)

Well, there has not yet been time to get all the "features," of this very important publication, but a few thing are already noticeable, nevertheless. The stamps of the United States coming first, and being first in our hearts, are shown to be generally priced lower. In these, as well as elsewhere, minor varieties are not dignified with "numbers," but are classed as sub-varieties, as better suited to the needs of the collector in general. The Omaha stamps and the new revenues have place for the first time of course, and a few private proprietaries are given. The latter class will be more in evidende in a future catalogue. The list of United States stamps given, which in-

cludes the new envelope issues, numbers over a hundred more than before, while the department set apart for "Confederates" is marked by 213 numbers, as against 125 in 1898. This seems remarkable in view of the fact that no *new* confederate issues have been put forth. The reason is that many locals have been dug up and brought forth from their hiding places, and "booms" (not "busts") have got in their work so well that the result has thus led to a recognition far beyond expectations not only in their listing, but in generous illustration.

The stamps of Canada were always popular, and still are, notwithstanding the wholesale "gum-papping" of recent date. The Jubilees were not generally priced in 1898, having been recently issued, but not available singly at post offices. These are all priced in the present catalogue, as well as the numerous issues since put forth, surcharged maple leaves, numerals, etc. and these are all eagerly sought for in spite of the speculative taint attached. The ½c Jubilee is placed at 30c in either condition, but can be procured at "50 off," which is much higher than it ever ought to have been. I was once offered 100 for $65, and the same party has since been very anxious to dispose of them at 15c. each, which is about as low as they can be purchased anywhere. The 6c stamp is priced at 65c in either condition, and it is hard to procure many of this value under 30c. Of the remaining values the 8c seems to be the highest in proportion to its value, 18c either way. The Xmas stamp is mentioned in only two colors—lavender and carmine, and blue and carmine. No mention is made of the "green Xmas," but some are "very green," all the same. The yellow green registration stamp shows a decided drop, but the 8c blue is unchanged.

A great deal of interest has been taken lately in the stamps of the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. A few issues of these new acquisitions to the United States have been "cornered," and the prices are "way up." Some issues of quite recent date are higher in used condition, because hard to get canceled, but sold unused in quantities. Although the brand new Cuban issues arrived in New York September 6, they are not to be found even in the appendix. The A. J. of P. for October has them listed, however. They are handsome stamps. The popular 3 centavo 1893 of Porto Rico, which in 1898 was placed at $2.00 in either condition, has jumped up 50c unused, but cat. one-half in used shape.

Portugal, within the past two years, has issued stamps, as the juniors say to "beat the band." Those of the colonies are of the same design as those of the home country. The stamps of 1896, which were placed among the "speculative issues" in 1898, unpriced, now appear as regular affairs, and pretty high prices tacked on unused, but only three small values have a price used.

Probably, owing to the haste used in getting out this catalogue, a longer "Errata" than common appears in the front part of the book. In a work of this kind, mistakes are in inevitable, and occasionally glaring but unintentional ones overlooked altogether.

To sum up, in brief, the general impression (an individual one) is that the 1900 catalogue prices stamps at about three-quarters what the 1898 one did. There are plenty of exceptions, of course, and there will always be plenty of "exceptions" to

all rules. One fact seems very noticeable in this catalogue. The Die A on blue (envelope) is priced the same (25c) as on amber and buff. Perhaps the catalogue makers have a big supply, and can sell at that rate, but "other folks" ask 75c and $1.00. In passing, I did not speak of the Columbians. A little drop has taken place in the once high-priced $1 value, which is high enough yet.

The effect of the reduction in catalogue prices has been to make a lot of work for the approval sheets dispersers. There are still plenty of stamps to be obtained at 50 per cent. off, but observation shows that a great many placed at 50% before are now at 33 or 25 per cent. off.

The "Kickers"—well, they will always be with us. We are told that some collectors are disconsolate, that the value of their collection is ruined,—the catalogue-makers have injured them! Bosh! Does the real collector gather stamps to sell again? Of course a valuable stamp looks a little nicer in an album than a cheap one. Some people tell me they had rather have one $1 stamp than 100 1c ones. For myself, I hadn't. Time may come when I may get "strapped," and want to unload. This, when I stop to think, is impossible, as far as the collection is concerned, for *I* have no collection,—it belongs to the junior, and although he is satisfied to have me do the work, he claims the stamps, and proposes to *keep* them. The real price of stamps has not changed much.

A few quotations from the *A. J. of P.* for November seem pertinent: "The ideal philatelist is one who collects for the sake of collecting, not for speculation. * * * * not according to their number, class and condition, not according to catalogue fluctations, who is in philately to stay," etc.

"But collectors should not be too easily discouraged by low prices * * * * * There is every reason to anticipate improved prices in this and succeeding years, and we may expect the financial thermometer, as recorded in the catalogues, to once more mark high. Perhaps it will be as well if it does not again reach fever heat."

CHICAGO CHATS.

BY A. C. TRASK.

In starting to furnish items from the "Windy City," it might be well to give some facts about philatelic Chicago. Probably the most prominent dealer is F. N. Massoth & Co with their office in the Marquette Bldg. P. M. Wolseiffer has a store at 75 State St., where he conducts a large "over the counter" trade as well as a mail order trade. There are two or three other dealers in the down town district, who carry a stock of stamps but do more business in buying and selling coins. There are numerous dealers who conduct their business at their homes.

The Chicago Philatelic Society meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the society's room, 651 Marquette Bldg. The C. P. S. was organized Oct. 8th, 1886. Mr. C. E. Severn, editor *Mekeel's Weekly* is president and Mr. S. T. S. Doncyson is secretary.

The new money orders will be in use at the Chicago Post Office by the time these notes appear in print.

I see by the *Montreal Herald* that Mr. R. C. Bach, publisher of the

Montreal Philatelist has gone to the Transvaal with his regiment. We wonder what will become of the *M. P.*? Later: I see by *Mekeel's Weekly* that F. W. Wurtele has been appointed receiver and Mr. Bach's stamp business, which he conducted under the name of Dominion Stamp Co., will be sold for the benefit of his creditors. The next number of the Montreal Philatelist will be issued by the Internationol Stamp Co., and then advertised for sale.

A new philatelic society, to be called the Northern Philatelic Association, is in process of organization. The organizers are Ray I. Ellis, Jos C. Ricard and Geo. C. Hartung. Mr Hartung, 1629 Barry Ave., Chicago is secretary, *pro. tem.* I understand that this society will be strictly a northern one. Offices will be held only by persons residing in the north. We wish the N. P. A. every success.

BOSTON NOTES.

BOSTONIAN.

At this time of year usually the number of new issues is small. This is especially true at the present time, as a visit to the various stamp shops, will show. This respite will give collectors a chance to get up even on new issues. These issues have piled in upon us the last few months at an overwhelming rate making it almost impossible for one to secure them all unless possessed of unlimited time and a deep pocketbook. The federation of colonies, the absorbtion of one country by another, and the adoption of the colors of the United Postal Union will all tend to decrease the number and frequency of new issues.

A new book which has been in preparation for over a year, and just from the press is "An Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States" including the private die Proprietary stamps. A committee of the Boston Philatelic Society were appointed to compile this work. The members appointed were Messrs. Geo L. Toppan, Hiram E. Deats, and Alexander Holland. The book contains over four hundred pages printed with good plain type on good paper. It filled a long felt want and ought to command a ready sale. The price is three dollars and can be obtained of any Boston dealer.

Mr. Edwin B. Todd, of Calais, Maine, has been passing a few days in the Hub, and has been seen frequently in the various dealers' offices, and no doubt carried away with him some choice stamps.

The stamp business is very brisk here at present, and indications point to a good seasons business. Many collectors are still expecting that fifty per cent. discount which they have had so long, and which they will be unable to get except on cheap stamps. Good stamps are never cheap, and cheap stamps are not the best to buy as the owner would find to his sorrow should he wish to dispose of them.

Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, Secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society, has removed to Racine, Wisconsin, where he has charge of the Water Works. His removal is a loss to the society of an energetic worker, an efficient officer and a popular member. Mr. M. H. Lombard has been elected in place of Mr. Toppan.

The new parcels post treaty between the United States and Germany has been concluded. Now

one can send a parcel up to eleven pounds in weight at the rate of twelve cents a pound. This low rate will enable dealers doing business with Germany dealers to import stamps especially bulky continentals at a low cost.

There are other countries as well with whom a parcel post treaty would be of great benefit, not only philatelically, but for many business houses who send trade samples in this manner, where now the express companies reap the benefits instead of the government.

It would be in keeping with those principles which our peace advocaters are so strongly advocating, to establish these posts one country with another, binding each more firmly with another. Especially is it to be desired with our Mother country where our interests are larger than elsewhere.

OUR CANADIAN DEPARTMENT.

BY FINDLEY I. WEAVER.

The *Canadian Collector and Philatelic Punch* has been gobbled up by the semi-philatelic magazine *Energy*.

Imperial stamps are again on sale at the Berlin post-office.

While 10 to 30c per hundred is being offered by dealers in Toronto for surcharges 25 to 60c per hundred is being given in Berlin. Toronto is certainly justly called Hogtown.

Chas. Whiting late manager of the Waterloo Stamp Co., Waterloo, Ont., has removed to Winnepeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Eli S. Moyer, late of Naperville, Ill,, is now engaged in the stamp business in Berlin, Ont.

Mr. Chas. Weaver formery of Berlin is now managing a drug store in Tavistock, Ont. He was formerly treasurer of the Ontario Philatelic Co., of Berlin.

The Canadian Parliament has ammended the Post Office Act and in the course of a few days it will be possible to have parcels and registered letters insured to the value of $25 on payment of a small insurance fee. This is evidence that our popular P. M. General is still awake and ever reforming our postal service.

The *Jubilee Philatelist* tells publishers to address their reviewer H. A. Chapman, J. P., Rocky Hill, Conn. What do the mystic letters J. P. mean? *Jubilee Philatelist* or Justice of the Peace?

It is said that Rudolph C. Bach has enlisted with the Canadian Contingent and is now on his way to the Transvaal to fight the Boers. What about the *Montreal Philatelist?*

No 2 of the "Jubilee Philatelist" appeared promptly on time. It looks like a stayer. One great fault to be found with it is the abominal proofreading, otherwise it is really excellent.

Mr. John Hulme Lowe, president of the Canadian Philatelic Press Club, is to edit the Canadian Dept., of the new "Buckeye Philatelist" which is to appear in November.

Mr. Henry Ades Fowler who some years ago attained notoriety by publishing a $3.00 a year stamp paper at Toronto under the name of the "Canadian Philatelic Magazine" is now located in Chicago.

Canadians are not at all pleased with the new prices of Canadian stamps, and it will be impossible to allow 50% discount on these stamps.

The 5c numeral issue is appearing in shades. Plate No 3 has been issued.

In "Mekeel's Weekly" of Nov. 2nd. we were pleased to see Mr. C. S. Applegath's name as the author of a splendid article under the heading of Philately as an Educator.

The collectors of Hamilton are among the most wide-awake in the country. Several of them are engaged preparing their own albums which are decidedly novel. The stamps of each country are arranged to form different devices which make a very pleasing appearance.

Both the "Daily Globe" and "Daily Mail and Empire" of Toronto, the two largest papers in Ontario and the "Daily Herald" a large Montreal paper are now devoting space to matters philatelic, in their Saturday issues. These three papers reach at least 100,000 people every week and good results cannot help but follow the philatelic missionary work. It is surprising to note the rapid strides forward philately has made during the past several years. The great boom started with the appearance of the Jubilee issue and each succeeding issue, however censured by the philatelic world in general, adds new collectors to our ranks and we all say "It is well."

DENVER NOTES.

BY WILLIAM ARNOLD JACOBS

The U. S. stamps surcharged "Philippines" are very scarce in Denver now. In fact, I have not seen a complete set yet. About a month ago I managed to get the 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c, but they are all off centre (about as far off as they can get) and the gum has apparently been all licked off. Besides this, some of the stamps are only part perforate.

Mr. O. K. Carstarphen, formerly of Denver, but late of Salt Lake City, has returned to Denver again and expects to stay here now. He was recently elected President of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society.

The new catalogues arrived in town on October 21st and have been selling very rapidly. The first lot is almost exhausted, and Pierce & Zahn have had to send to New York for another lot.

Dealers report the stamp business as very lively and that prices are again settled.

The West has another Philatelic magazine now. It hails from Wichita, Kansas, and is called "The Western Philatelic News." Still the "Nebraska Philatelist" and the "Philatelic West" are *the* papers of the West, and a new paper—especially when the editor is not well known—is not given a very cordial reception in this part of the country.

Several valuable collections have changed hands recently, and very good prices were realized.

In the stamp stores here, the "small boy" is very much in evidence, and has plenty of money, too.

There is a young lady collector in Denver, who won't buy imperforate stamps. She says she likes the ones with frills and ruffles around the edges.

I recently wrote to a gentleman living in Amiens, Sornme, France; and as my letter required an answer, I enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope (stamped with three 2c U. S. stamps).

The other day I got the answer in the envelope I had sent, prepaid, with no other stamps than the U. S. stamps which I had put on it.

I never knew before that, that U. S. stamps were good for use in foreign countries, and doubt very much whether a French stamp would pass in the United States.

Should be very glad to hear from any one who can enlighten me on this subject.

Time's up!
Ring off, please.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY A. L. WISSMANN.

The volume of business in the stamp line is steadily on the increase. All dealers report a fair business for this time of the year, and if the present business done is any criterion we can predict a very successful season.

The new catalogue is selling well, and as prices have been reduced a great many collectors are spending coin which they had held on to until they could see the new prices.

The Century Stamp Club of St. Louis held its 45th regular meeting on November 3rd, and the attendance was very gratifying to the older members. The Club is adding memders constantly, and as there are always plenty of new things shown at each meeting the hours slip by very quickly, while everyone who attends usually goes home delighted with some good trade or purchase.

Mr. Walter Bain who is one of the old members of the Century Stamp Club, brought his collection of Medicine and Proprietary Stamps to the meeting on November 3rd. The collection comprises many varieties and Mr. Bain can tell a good story of how he came into possession of this or that stamp and enlighten his hearers with many points about stamps which could not be learned except from the lips of such an enthusiastic veteran stamp collector as he is.

One dealer in St. Louis offers to purchase for cash any of the 2c current red U. S. adhesive stamps on laid paper. This variety usually appears printed from plates having triangle III.

There are a great many more coin collectors than stamp collectors in St. Louis. A local firm handling both coins and stamps reports business in coins far ahead of stamps.

It is to the advantage of every stamp collector to join a local stamp club if possible. Not alone does he extend his acquaintance, but he often finds out things which are of benefit to him in his business. At the meetings many things are talked about besides stamps, and if anyone should mention the name of somebody who is not "straight" some of the members would surely have heard of him, and they are not slow to warn others. Thus the writer recently learned some unfavorable facts about a certain party whom he had always regarded as an upright person. The information thus obtained was to the writer worth more than the dues of the club for a year.

Collectors who specialize in certain countries often heighten the effect of pages in their albums by arranging the stamps in pretty designs. We have had the pleasure

of seeing several special collections thus arranged showing circles, squares, octagons, diamonds, etc. While for such purposes unused stamps of course show up very finely, still the effect of a design can also hide some heavy cancellations or at least make them appear less prominent than when placed straight in a row. The U. S. Department stamps were usually very heavily canceled, as were also British stamps, but if a neat design is made up, the eye usually admires the design, and forgets all about the disfigured specimens.

The parcels post arrangement with Germany is already showing results as a great many packages now come through the mails. This is especially advantageous to stamp dealers who can now get such supplies as they need by post, without having to buy a very large lot of stamps to make a freight package. Heretofore they had to regard this surplus stock in the nature of dead stock. We hope the parcels post arrangement may soon include other countries too.

Some people have very queer ideas in regard to stamps. One old man recently asked the writer what old revenues bearing date of 1865 were worth. Being asked to show them he brought forth some 5c Inland Exchange catalogued at 1c each. Being told he straightway shoved them into his pocket with the remark, that such old stamps must certainly be worth a good deal, and that he did not propose to sell until he would be offered what he would consider the right price.

Another party approached the writer with a similar inquiry, and when asked what kind of old stamps he had, he brought out some dirty looking 2c Columbians, remarking that since they were not in use for the past five years, they must be worth some money. When told what they sold for at present he refused to believe it until the catalog was shown him, and even then seemed inclined to doubt my word, but remarked that he always regarded stamp collecting as a fake anyhow.

The new private die Revenues are gaining in favor, and as they can be bought unused many collectors are buying them now, believing that if the tax should be withdrawn this class of stamps would be the first to advance in value.

Stamp dealers can approximate the size of a customer's collection by his actions when buying stamps. The collector who goes into ecstasies over all classes of stamps usually possesses a collection of less than 300 varieties; if he is partial to Seebecks then his collection may be estimated to contain between 300 and 500 varieties, if he asks for the stamps of certain countries it is safe to assume that his collection contains over one thousand varieties, while if he mentions that he is short of certain stamps which he desires, to complete certain countries it is reasonable to suppose that he has over two thousand varieties, while if he is very particular about condition, perforations, watermarks, etc., his collection is well beyond the three thousand mark.

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E. A. OBORNE,

Jamaica, New York.

POINTED QUILL-DRIVINGS.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

A MODEL AMERICAN POST OFFICE.—In a recent newspaper dispatch I read the following: One of the most interesting features of the Paris exposition will be a model American post office, which will be up to date in every respect. Arrangments have been made with the French postal authorities by which mails for Americans in Paris will be sent to this post office, instead of going through the regular channels. In this way much time will be saved.

ONE OF THE PODSNAPS.—Certain philatelic publishers are exercised over what others are doing, and evidently seem to think it is their business to run other people's affairs for them. Their zeal would be better employed if used to try and get out decent Journals, which they are capable of, but don't show it. The writer has been solicited by various parties to contribute his "Perforations", and if all had been gratified, the scribe who wonders "where they will turn up next" could have spent all his time in the open air perusing them in duplicate. If he is anxious to know, the said "Perforations" will appear for the present in *The Buckeye Philatelist*, and if Brother Cline is not scared out of the philatelic field to soon will continue there *ad infinitum*. These Latin words are expected to appear about three month later.

COUNTERFEIT GREAT BARRIERS.—The writer was willing to pay 15 cents to have his curiosity gratified, and sent that amount to the presiding genius of the stamp company located on Beaver Hill, Montreal. In a short time his remittance was returned by an honest man, who informed me that R. C. Bach had gone with the Canadian contingent of the Queen's soldiers to the Transvaal, and informed me that the G. B's were *undoubted forgeries*. Another correspondence vouchsafe the information that the youthful soldier was about to flood the continent with counterfeit three penny Beavers. Still another correspondent rises to remark and wonder if the departure was actuated by "patriotism" or —something else! When the cruel war is over, if he comes Bach, look out for "genuine" diamonds as big as walnuts, or about the size of B. G. or G. B. stamps.

TRIUMPHANT CHEEK.—Under this heading Stamps (of Rushden) tells of a Canadian who wrote to the Czar of all the Russias, begging a set of stamps. "Gall" isn't always productive of success, but this exponent of monumental brass was rewarded beyond expectations. In the course of time a bulky package arrived containing a complete set of Russian stamps, post cards, letter cards, stamped envelopes and wrappers.

The whole were in an autograph document and sealed with the Czar's red wax seal. It is said the package was sent first to the Russian ambassador in London, thence to Lord Salisbury. Joe Chamberlain, Lord Aberdeen, and then to the gallic rooster himself, who should shine up to the Englishwoman who secured a 10,000 collections "without costing a penny."

THE CUBAN SPECIAL DELIVERY.—Mr. Bartels, in one of his leters to the Metropolitan Philatelist, says the boy who appears on the stamp on a bicycle is John Raymond Dunn, 16 years of age, employed by a dealer near the Bureau building in Washington. The young man can feel elated at the thought that he has been thus honored at a much earlier age than the majority of distinguished individuals, who are not usually allowed such a compliment till they are reposing under the daisies."

SWEDEN'S RARE STAMP.—Nearly every country has a rare stamp. In 1872 one was put forth in Sweden, or rather an "error," and catalogues generally do not place a price on it. The twenty ore stamp, which should have been designated "Tjugo" (20) appeared with "tretio" (30) instead. Whitfield King & Co, price it at $75 (nearly) unused and about $64 used.

SCAVENGER WORK.—This is a species of work some people feel called on to perform in their respective callings in life. The word "scavenger" is one never to be forgotten by those who have read Daniel Webster's speeches. The title of this paragraph was the one used by Stamps (of Rushden) for a leading article, and was an excuse for its energetic work in bringing swindling into disrepute. It is however not a pleasant word, and quite often is suggestive of dirty work.

MURDER WILL OUT.—A concern in Boston for a time mystified the philatelic public by advertising as "The Sterling Stamp company," and is still doing business under that title. As the party using the title has now become pretty well known, it can do no harm to say that a gentleman of the name of Cogswell is the responsible person. However, he has done and is still doing a splendid business, and one reason for this is that he has a Knack of knowing how to advertise, which is a rare accomplishment.

MUSHROOMS.—The little philatelic journals seem to be springing up as thick as ever, and they don't seem to be frightened even if journals with promising appearance "shoot up like a rocket and go down like a stick." Such meritorious journals (apparently) as "The Stamp Exchange," "The Chicago Philatelist," "Stamp Talk," "Eastern Philatelist," "Lone Star State Philatelist," etc, have "passed on," yet this doesn't deter the juniors, as well as the fossils from believing they can get rich by "issuing a stamp paper." Publish in haste, and repent at leisure!

MEXICO NEW ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Today, Wednesday, 1st of November, the circulation of the postage stamps of the new issue will commence throughout all the Republic in substitution of those of the past, that is to say those that commenced to be used the 2nd of April, 1895.

Two days ago the Post-Master General finished the distribution of the new postal stamps at all the offices located in the Republic which are under his control with clear and decisive instructions that on no account whatever shall be sold any of them before the 1st day of November 1899.

The new postage stamps that the public will use in the future from said date, are unquestionably better in their make and quality than those which ceased to be in circulatian on the 31st of October.

The kinds of stamps that will commence to be in circulation are various. Those of the one cent have the Shield of the National Arms on emerald green color: Those of the two cent, the same Shield on red color. Those of the three cent, the same shield on light coffee color. Those of the five cent, show also the National Shield on Prussian blue. Those of the ten cent, the same Shield of the National Arms in orange color on a lilac background. Those of the fifteen cent, show the Shield in crimson color on a pearl gray background. Those of the twenty cent, show also the same Shield in Prussian blue color on a light red background.

All these stamps, as is seen are different only in the color of the background and shield, the latter being identical.

The fifty cent stamp shows the water fall of Juanacatlan, situated in the vicinity of Guadalajara, in a pale violet frame. Those of the one dollar have in the center the volcano of Popocatepetl, in black ink with an ultramarine blue frame.

The five dollar stamps show in the center the Cathedral of Mexico, black ink with carmine frame.

The cards, letter cards of the new issue, are also of excellent quality. The single ones of the two cent have the Shield of the National Arms in relief on a red background. Those of the two cent, with answer paid, show the same Shield in relief on a red background. Those of the five cent singles, the same National Arms in relief on Prussian blue background. Those of the five cent, with answer paid, have the same Shield in relief, on a Prussian blue background.

The single postal cards of one cent, have the Shield of the National Arms in relief on a light green background. Those of the one cent, with answer paid, show the same Shield in relief on a light green background. The single ones of the two cent have Shield of the National Arms, also in relief, on a red background. Those of the two cent, with answer paid, same. The single ones of the three cent have the Shield of the National Arms in relief on a light coffee color background. Those of the three cent, with answer paid, same.

The stamped envelopes are worth two, five and ten cents. The first have the Shield in relief on a red background. The second the same Shield on a Prussian blue background. The last the same Shield in relief on a lilac background.

The paper wrappers are from one to two cents; the first show the Shield of the National Arms in relief on a light green background; the second the same Shield on a red background.

POINTS FOR ADVERTISERS.

No money value can be placed on an idea. One idea is often the golden gate that opens to fame, fortune, success and happiness. A valuable idea is often suggested by the merest trifle.

Many an advertiser has changed success into a failure, by irregular methods. A merchant would not think of opening his store one day and closing the other five. The secret of advertising is persistency.

After all the best recomendation of a paper is the paper itself. Examine the current issues and see for yourself and then ask yourself the question, "Do the five hundred advertisers use its columns from month to month if it does not pay?"

Arrange a system for working your replies a second and third or even fourth time. It often pays better to send a set of circulars to a list of addresses the second time than the first. Sometimes the third circularizing is even more profitable than the previous.

Don't get advertising on credit if you are able to pay cash. There is much more fun taking in money when you know your advertising bill has been settled beforehand.

Nine out of ten advertisers when a new announcement doesn't pay attribute the trouble to "something wrong with the papers."

The time to advertise is every month in the year.

People are prone to call this, that or the other advertising scheme a fake. As a matter of fact there are tricks in all trades and the chances are that he who calls another a fakir, is a greater one himself.

If every publication that an advertiser uses were to pay him on every advertisement he inserts, our population would consist quite entirely of mail order advertisers. The prompt filling of all orders is much more likely to bring a second order, than is an annoying delay.

Close observation promotes thought and evolves ideas. The habit of critically examining newspapers and magazines and all sorts of advertising mediums, so as to understand them and keep in touch with what is going on, sets an advertiser to thinking. Such a plan is inspiring and when done in the right spirit makes the advertiser discriminating and gives him many crisp and original ideas. If you would be a successful advertiser aim to be original—a thinker. Whatever you do don't be an idea thief; to steal ideas is not only the meanest thief in the world but it is suicidal. An original thinker must be behind all successful enterprises and this is especially true when applied to successful advertising.

"How to succeed in advertising" cannot be written. It must be learned. Many successful business men have paid dearly for their first experience in advertising. They learn the secret through practical experience.

In order to secure success in any undertaking one must first clearly define what he wants to do. Then he must determine the means to be employed. It will not do to think of these things in an abstract, half-formed way. They should be carefully written down, working out each detail as carefully, as thoroughly, as if the expenditure and the results were to be a matter of the next twenty-four hours. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Writing makes an exact man."

Your method of doing business by advertising is out of joint if you fail to circularize your names on attractive offers after you have once obtained a good list. It's quite easy to sell goods to a person after you have satisfied him on an original sale.

HONESTY THE BEST POLICY.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

The time honored adage which appears at the head of this article may not suggest any new idea, yet the writer feels that owing to the large number of complaints heard on every side, among stamp collectors as well as stamp dealers regarding petty thieving, he is justified in calling the attention of all stamp collectors to a few facts, and hopes that the perusal thereof may prove to be of value to all concerned.

In the first place it pays to be honest in all things large or small. It certainly does not require many words to convince anyone that if you have any business transaction with an honest man you are a great deal better off in every way than if you are dealing with someone whom you cannot trust or whom you suspect of being dishonest. But not alone in business dealings, but in all the affairs of life, honesty of purpose, honesty of design, honesty in making promises, as well as keeping the same etc., stands at the very head of all virtues, it is the fundamental principal upon which rests the golden rule of doing unto others as we would have others do unto us. Stop to think for one moment if honesty were taken out of the world what would the result be? Robbery, Murder, as well as many other vices would immediately take its place ten to one, and the disintegration of society would be but the natural result, and would that not be appalling? Yet every person who does a dishonest act whether secretly or openly is helping to bring that calamity on to the country in which he lives.

The foregoing facts are here enumerated to more clearly set forth how stamp collectors can profit thereby. It is to the young often a great temptation when receiving a lot a stamps on approval to take off some stamps and substitute others in their places, that have the same catalogue value, and excuse themselves to their conscience by saying: "a fair exchange is no robbery," but the owner of those sheets will consider any form of substitution robbery, because it is done without his consent. Again we find other collectors who steal in a different way. When a selection of sheets is sent to them they appropriate the entire lot, and then when the owner of the sheets sends a letter of inquiry they reply that the sheets were never received knowing full well that the owner of the sheets is at a disadvantage in the matter. Now these petty thieves have committed two robberies, first they have robbed the owner of the stamps, and secondly they have robbed *themselves of their own good name*, which perhaps did not occur to them at the time they committed their first trangression, yet they have put a stain upon their once good name which can never be obliterated.

Beware therefore young man, and when such a temptation assails you, resist it with all your will power, for it is far better for you to be minus some stamps in your collection than to have acquired them in a dishonest way. Be honest in all your dealings with your fellow men, you will thereby not alone win their respect but also their admiration.

And now a few words to the dealer. Stamp dealers as a rule are young men and although many of them are bright and clever, yet they lack the wisdom which can only be acquired by experience, and it takes years to acquire such a thorough knowledge of business as will enable a dealer to so conduct his bus-

iness that it will be profitable to himself and at all times satisfactory to his customers. If he will start out with a firm determination to be honest in all his dealings, then his chances of success are good. But we have only to take up some files of philatelic papers and see who were the dealers five years ago and how many are still at the business to-day. No doubt the majority quit business because it did not pay but let us see why it did not pay. The dealer advertised that he would send this, that, and the other, for the low price of so many cents. When he got orders for the goods, he would problably not have more than five or ten of the varieties he advertised, and the next best thing then was to give the customer something else; but this did not suit the customer and therefore the dealer never received another order from the disappointed customer, while the customer, would always consider it his duty to warm other intending purchasers and relate his experience, and the inevitable result would be that the dealer would be forced to quit business for want of orders.

Let every dealer therefore remember that it does not pay to deceive the public even though a great many people like to quote the familiar saying commonly attributed to Barnum the showman that "the public likes to be humbugged." He will surely find out to his sorrow that the stamp collector does not.

Another lot of philatelic robbers are those who use advertising space very freely yet never intend to pay therefor. This class of people have always been with us and it is extremely hard to weed them out. Probably the best example thereof which is still fresh in the minds of many publishers as well as others, is the fraud who worked both the old world and the new under the style of "Williams & Co., ' Lima, Peru. This fraud however overreached himself for had he not gone at it in such a wholesale fashion there is no telling but what he would have robbed a great many more people. We could mention others of the same class, but as it would be but tautology we refrain, and can only warn our readers to be careful with whom they deal and if an advertiser makes offers which appear too good to be true, it would be best to pass him by and place your order with some firm that you know is reliable. One of the surest ways to detect a dishonest dealer is to watch the philatelic papers and see if he uses advertising space to a great extent in the majority of them, if so, you can rest assured that he will not last long, for it costs a great deal of money to advertise extensively and only the largest and oldest firms in the business can keep it up, and then only because their business income will justify the outlay, yet you will always find their advertisements to be conservative for they desire to be honest and treat their patrons right, and hence their advertisements show up best on account of the "strictly business" air about them.

There is another class of robbers who ply their trade among stamp collectors namely the dealers who habitnally advertise to "give away free," etc. goods which they certainly could not afford to do without loss, and as there would be a loss on each order received it is obvious that the more orders they would get the sooner they would have to quit business, provided they told the truth in their ads. I have personally spoken to many collectors on this subject, and find that a great many have been caught with the same bait, yet in each and every in-

stance the experience has been the same, namely that the collector got the worst of it, the puffed up "valuable stamps given away free" were either rank counterfeits, or spuriously canceled reprints, or if genuine they were so heavily canceled that one could barely tell what kind of a stamp it was, while others were damaged by having pin holes through them, and those that were anywhere near to what a stamp should be, were so badly off center that they were practically unfit for a collection.

Gentle reader I have placed cold facts before you for your consideration and reflection and as facts are indisputable I hope you will profit by the advice contained in this article. Should you wish to verify these facts it is only necessary to look at the methods employed by the largest houses in the business such as Stanley Gibbons Ltd., Scott Stamp & Coin Co. etc., they believe that honesty is the best policy and practice honesty in all their dealings, and when they advertise any of their goods for sale do you ever find that they offer to give goods away free? and if the largest houses in the business do not adopt such methods we can only leave it to your individual judgment as to whether you should give any encouragement to those that pursue underhand methods.

THE PUZZLERS' COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

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1. "The Allegheny Philatelist."
2. Chicago, New York, Allegheny, Constantinople.
3. Po-stage.
4. OGAMS
   GLOAT
   AORTA
   MATAM
   STAMP
5. P
   POT
   PASHA
   POSTAGE
   THANE
   AGE
   E
6. Form, foam, flam, flat.

[The October solvers will not appear until next issue, as this goes to press sooner than anticipated.]

DECEMBER PUZZLES.

NO 1.—ANAGRAM.

OR MAY YULE LAST TO MARCH, SIR.

Happy greeting to-day
From a friend far away,
Where the sun and the seaside are meeting;
May Christmas time be
Full of pleasure to thee;
Pray accept with my love this gay greeting.

Chico, Cal. CALLIE FORNIA.

NO. 2.—PENTAGON.

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1.—A letter. 2.—A body of water. 3.—STAMP. 4.—Form. 5.—A charm. 6.—A forked tool used by clothiers. 7.—A celebrated volcano.

Le Sueur, Minn. MINNIE SOTA.

NO. 3.—TRANSPOSITIONS.

These are some of the things a collector must buy,
If to be perfect in stamps he would try:

Blaum; sing, eh; ptsams; a goat clue; and I, Stephen Hall at the gilly.

Philadelphia, Pa. STAMPIST.

NO. 4.—HEXAGON.

1.—Bones. 2.—Stamp. 3.—A public house. 4.—Inclined to love. 5.—The nose flute of the Hindoos. 6.—Dutch navigator. 7.—To assess. (Obs.)

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NO.—5.—ENIGMA.

In below but not in fan,
In hominy, not in samp,
In woman and in man,
In cook but not in tramp,
In pot but not in pan,
In cold but not in damp,
In lantern, not in lamp.
The TOTAL is a man
Whose face is on a stamp.

Chicago, Ill. JOB RAKER.

NO. 6.—INVERTED PYRAMID.

********* Across—1. Dec. 25. 2.—
******* Made of earth. 3.—A
***** European country. 4.—
*** Town in Prussia. 5.—A
* letter. Down—1.—A letter. 2.—Man. 3.—A common title in the East for a person in authority. 4.—A fantastic grimace. 5.—stamp. 6.—Singular of "these." 7.—Human beings. 8.—The indefinite article. 9.—A letter.

Milton, Fla. C. SHELL.

NO. 7.—CONUNDRUMS.

1.—Why is the A. P. like an over-ripe turnip?

2.—Why is a stamp collector like a gate-maker?

3.—When is the A. P. the prettiest.

New York. ALTA.

NO. 8.—HUNT A RHYME.

I know a word that rhymes with stamp,
And 'tisn't camp or cramp or tramp.
But this small word that's in my mind
One meaning has, "to patch" you'll find.

Chicago, Ill. HIERONYMOUS.

NO. 9.—NUMERICAL.

23, 6, 5, 18, 1, 20 is what philatelists like.
10, 2, 3, 7, 17 is the head or principal.
13, 12, 9, 8, 4 is practice.
13, 15, 16, 22, 14 is an idle bee.
1, 11, 21, 8 is a shallow pond.
19, 8, 9, 10, 7 is a female name.

The total consisting of 23 letters, is a society of philatelists.

PRIZES.—For best list of answers to this batch of puzzles, cloth bound book entitled "Love Letters." Best list from a young lady, book telling how to make delicious candies at home. Poorest list, comical rubber face. First list with 10 cents for a 10 month sub. to the A. P. enclosed, the vanishing coin trick. Now isn't this a liberal lot of prizes? Let us have a list of 40 or 50 solvers; even if you can solve but one, send in the answer; you may get the "booby" prize, anyway.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—The friends who furnished the puzzles for this issue are heartily thanked; they are all specially good.—Callie Fornia's greeting ought not to prove hard, when you remember that this is the Christmas number. And, by the way, supposing you make the puzzle editor and the publisher happy by sending a lot of solutions, a couple of original puzzles, and a dime subscription!—All lists must be in by January 5 to receive credit.—Would be glad to get more work from Stampist and Hieronymus.—Primrose, Minnie Sota, Rfsing Sun, try a charade on POST-OFFICE or POST-MASTER. Can't we have a diamond or half square on POSTAL CARD? And STAMP is a good word to build a deletion on, thus: stamp, samp, sap; or, stamp, samp, sam, am, a. You see, my puzzleistic friends, that the possibilities in the philatelic puzzle line are practically limitless. So send in your subs.—A new puzzle paper has made its appearance; name, "The Puzzler;" sub. price, $1.00; cash prizes each month of $5, $2.50, and $1. Here's good luck to it. But meanwhile, don't forget that the only philatelic puzzles are to be found in the best philatelic paper for only 10c.

This is No. 7 of the Puzzlers' Collection. Have you seen it before? Some of you haven't, I know.—Well how do you like it? Won't you turn in and help us? For the best batch of new puzzles sent before January 1, 1900, a ten months' subscription will be awarded. Dear Arty Fishel, please coax the D. C. to support this department.—Russetina, please send us some of your nice flats.—Franz, won't you join us?—Address everything relative to this department to

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A BURGLAR CATCHING KODAK.

W. E. Travers, an Oakland,(Cal) photographer is determined to make a flash-light picture of the next burglar that breaks into his house. During the past year his store has been robbed repeatedly of cash and valuables. Mr. Travers has placed a camera directly in front of the door on the opposite side of the room. Upon entering the intruder will walk against an invisible wire which opens the camear and at the same time electrically explodes an incendescent glope filled with flash-light powder. After the explosion, the burglar may do one of two things; run for dear life or drop dead from fright. In the latter case Mr. Travers will get out of bed, view the remains and ring for the morgue wagon.

HANDLING OF PHOTOS.

It is a habit of a great many photographers when they are busy to make exposures right along and put all the exposed plates in a box face down. This is entirely wrong. Plates should be put back just as they are taken out face to face. Nothing should touch the emulsion surface before or after exposure except the dust brush. The first thing they do is to draw out all the paper and have a clean box to put the exposed plates in. Many of you no doubt, are not aware that there is a great deal of hypo in the straw board. At each end of the box there is a strip of black manila paper left in the box where it was pasted. Where that paper is, negatives which come in contact with the bottom of the box are only half developed, the hypo in the strawboard causing the developer to be twice as rapid in the parts touching it. I came across a photographer who could not make out the cause of thinness across each end of his negatives neither could I, but I was determined not to leave, and staid in that town all night. In the morning he said, "I think I have found the trouble," and it was as described above. The first plate that he put down in the box was always the one. You see it was in contact five or six hours. It was not the manila paper that caused the mark, although it had that appearance, it was the other part of the plate, affected by the hypo, which made the difference apparent.

HINTS FOR ALL.

Carl H. Snyder says, "If when the developer is poured over the plate, the image comes into view almost immediately, weaken your developer with water to about one half its strength and let stand about fifteen or twenty minutes after which fix just as usual By so doing a nice soft quick printing negative may be gotten from a plate which would otherwise have been harsh and flat, had the usual process been followed.

If you know a negative to be under-timed increase about one fourth the proportions of Pyro—if that kind of developer is used.

If the plates you use frill at the edges during developement rub a little vasaline on the edge of the film side of the plate before developing, after which develop as usual. The vasaline should be thoroughly washed off before drying the plate.

If it is required to get prints off a negative before the usual operation of drying is completed, flow alcohol over the negative, repeating the operation four or five times after which set the negative up to dry, if possible where there is a gentle breeze blowing or else blow on it. By this process a negative may be dried in five minutes.

A piece of cord should always accompany photographic outfits. It will be useful for tying back tree branches that may not be cut away, and in many and various other ways, that will suggest themselves.

Tripod feet if shod with iron points, are not welcome in a cathedral nor even on the polished oak floors of private houses. They may be rendered harmless, and yet made to hold firmly to the the floor if covered with India rubber. The cheapest plan is to buy three small round rubber balls and bore them with holes just large enough to cover the pointed ends of the tripod. Not only do they save the floors from damage but also preserve the camera from a nasty fall.

An efficient color screen, in fact as good a one as can be had, is made by laying a piece of yellow or light orange gelatine between two pieces of thin crystal glass, and inserting this in rear of the lens. According to the shade of color, the time of exposure must be extended from 3 to 8 times. A sheet of this gelatine, large enough to make several dozen screens, can be bought for about 15c.

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1530	1886	10c brown on blue	40	20
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1588	1893	5c *slate brown*	15 00	15 00
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A FEW WORDS TO OUR READERS.

Beginning with our number for February 1900 we shall make a uniform subscription to the United States Canada and Mexico of twenty-five cents per annum, and to all other countries, forty cents per annum. This is not raising our rates for subscriptions but is simply throwing off the "special rate" we have been accepting subscriptions under for the last six months and again reverting to our regular rates of subscription. If you are intending to subscribe to this publication, or to renew your subscription, or if your subscription will expire in the near future, you had better send in your renewal at once as you may never again have the opportunity to secure a magazine the equal of this one at the rate we now offer to book your subscription at. We also expect to make a big improvement in this publication for 1900 and barring unadvoidable accidents we promise you one of the best 25 cent magazines procurable, in the near future.

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All MSS. adv, and etc, intended for the February number of this paper should be at this office not later than January 12th.

CLIPPINGS AND COMMENTS.

FURNISHED BY H. A. CHAPMAN.

PROFITS OF STAMP COLLECTING.—We often read articles on the profits of stamp collecting. While there are occasionally cases where a collection can be sold at a profit, as far as my knowledge goes, collections when sold do not bring anywhere near cost. I have seen collections of 2,000 which must have cost anywhere from $50 to $100 disposed of for $10, and they might be called a "regular snap." The following, by Mr. Gregory in Mekeel's, is very much to the point: "The editor of a journal which comes to us regularly in nearly every issue has something to say of the profits of stamp collecting. He, in the latest number, draws a lesson from the sale of the Thorne collection. We have no objection to people looking to the profit of collecting, though we question their wisdom. We do very much doubt the propriety of harping upon this subject. It is a great wrong to lead a collector to believe that he will derive a profit from his collection. This good fortune comes to perhaps one in a hundred. Collecting stamps is an amusement and most collectors derive greater pleasure from it than they would from spending the mon-

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ey in some other way. The eventual proceeds of sale is purely incidental."

A CURIOUS SURPRISE.—In a philatelic journal published out West, appear notes from another quarter in which the writer expresses surprise at having been elected president of a philatelic club, which he designates as the best in existence. The funny part of it is that he had been bounced as president of this "best club" more than a month before the item appeared and was trying to form another society.

USED OR UNUSED.—*Stamps*, of Rushden, England, has a department ostensibly for the youngsters in philately, and often has things that interest the older people. The Veteran who edits the corner says: "Were I a beginner in philately at the present moment, I should set before myself and implicitly obey the following rule: Collect used stamps, *as a geueral thing*, but in cases where used specimens are more expensive than unused, then take unused stamps for such countries. This may seem a curious rule, but I will tell you its great virtue. To collect used stamps that are cheaper in the philatelic market than unused specimens is to protect yourself against the Fraudulent Cleaner, and also against the Forger (for what forger would postmark his handiwork when by leaving it uncanceled his gain would be greater?). Conversely, to collect unused stamps in cases where used stamps are the dearer is to protect yourself against the Postmark Fakir, an individual whose opportunities for evil have been few and far between since the craze for unused specimens began. Think of it, you beginners not yet definitely committed to any settled policy! I think my plan will be found to have much in its favor." The remarks above given forces one to scratch his head hard, and to use his judgment according to the "dosh" he has in his wallet.

"ENTIRE" OR "CUT SQUARE"?—The same writer, just mentioned, protests against "cut squares," and says: "A thing that is worth doing at all is worth doing well; and therefore I say to all young philatelists, either restrict yourself to adhesives, or collect envelopes, postcards, etc., in the only rational way, viz., as "entires!"

THREE PENNY BEAVERS.—The Montreal correspondent of "The Philatelic Chronicle" speaks of the three-penny Canadas left behind by a former dealer who has changed his residence. The stamps referred to were three-penny beavers, one of which has been sent me. They are no better executed than ordinary newspaper cuts, and the color is of a different shade than the original—a decidedly "minor variety."

ADVERTISERS — ANOTHER CONSOLIDATION.

With this, our January number, we will start filling unexpired subscriptions of the *Illinois Philatelist*, of Kankakee, Ill. This will give our already large subscription list another lift, and make space more valuable than ever. Our rate is only 50c per inch, (In effect January 1st 1900) why not try an adv. If it don't pay stop using it.

LOSS TO THE ARMY AND HIS COUNTRY.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 19.--The War Department tonight received the following official confirmation of the killing of General Lawton near San Mateo, Luzon :

"Manila, Dec. 20.--General Lawton, engaged in driving insurgents from San Mateo section of country, northeast of Manila, killed instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. A great loss to us and his country. "OTIS."

From the daily papers we acquire the knowledge that General Lawson died almost penniless, and left a mortgage on his home in California. There is a movement on foot in the Capitol to lift the mortgage. We have decided to give our subscribers all a chance to donate a sum no matter how small or large, to help lift it, *i. e.*, we propose taking a subscription and **request** all our subscribers to help it along.

We will start ball a rolling by giving $2.50 and would like to hear from all our readers with a donation, again we say no matter how small or large. In our February number we will give a list of those who have sent in contributions, with the amount sent. We will also have list of contributors attached to the check which will be sent to proper authorities at Washington. Donations will be received at this office up until

MARCH 1st, 1900,

and in our April number we will give the total amount received. Send in your donation at once.

Our February edition goes to press not later than January 18th, so those who desire to have their contributions at this office in time to be acknowledged in this number will please send so that it arrives before then.

We will ask all our contemporaries to help us along with this by giving an announcement or inserting an ad in their next issue.

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NEW ISSUES.

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UNITED STATES.—A different style of rouletting has been adopted for the series of revenue stamps. It consists of oblong perforations 1½mm. long, 3½ to the mm. vertically the old style of rouletting is continued. The 2c stamp is the only value we have seen thus far.

Documentary Revenue Stamp. Adhesive. 2 cents, bright carmine.

CUBA.—The postage due stamps for Cuba have been put into use, but orders have been issued that none shall be sold to dealers.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Circulars have been sent to various dealers in this country soliciting bids on some 35 million Philippine stamps of obsolete issues, comprising 85 varieties which includes a number of surcharged stamps as well as postcards. These stamps will be sold to the highest bidder for cash (Mexican currency) on Dec. 20. The U. S. N. describes the following stamps said to have been issued by Aguinaldo's so-called "government" previous to its collapse. 2c "Correo y Telegrafos" at top; "Filipinas" below with triangular design in circle in center. There is a 1 milesima newspaper stamp with "Impressos" at top, date (1898-1899), and "Gubno Revolucionario" around a rayed sun in a circle; and there is also an 8c stamp for registered letters, with "Certificado" at top, date as above, and same inscription around a large star. We list the whole outfit.

Local Issue. Adhesives:
2c carmine-rose (Correos).
2c " (Correos y Telegrafos).
Newspaper Stamp. Adhesive:
1 milesima, black.
Registration Stamp. Adhesive:
8c de peso, green.

ARGENTINE.—The new Argentine stamps have appeared. The design consists of the figure of liberty seated, with arm resting on shield; name above, value below. The peso values are in two colors and are larger, being similar in size to the 1891 peso value. The stamps are watermarked with a sun and are perforated 11½.

½c brown,	24c violet,
1c green,	30c rose,
2c dark blue,	50c prussian blue,
5c carmine,	1 peso blue and black,
10c dark green,	5 pesos orange and bl'k.
12c blue,	10 pesos green and blk,
16c orange,	20 pesos carm. and blk.
20c lake,	

ANTIOQUIA.—We list the entire set of the recent commemorative issue and give the number of each value issued.

½c slate blue 30,000,
1c deep blue 30,000,
2c brown 25,000,
3c vermilion 25,000,
4c yellow brown 20,000,
5c green 140,000,
10c vermilion 80,000,
20c deep violet 20,000,
50c olive 10,000,
1 peso, gray-green 4,000,
2 pesos, bronze-green 2.000.
Too Late Stamp:
2½c blue-green 20,000.
Registration Stamps:
2½c blue 20,000,
10c mauve 20,000.

BRAZIL.—Another error in surcharging is reported, consisting of the 700r yellow of the 1889 newspaper set surcharged "700—1898—700" instead of "1000—1898—1000." The surcharge is in green and it is stated that but one sheet of this kind "happened."—W. S. N.

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BRITISH HONDURAS.—The following high values, conforming in design to the lower values of the current set have been seen by a correspondent of the Metro. Phil.

50c green and red, $2.00 green and blue,
$1.00 " " " $5.00 " " bl'k.

BOLIVIA.—It is reported that the following quantities were printed of the new issue:

1c—510,000, 20c—500,000,
2c—500,000, 50c—150,000,
5c—510,000, 1b—100,000.
10c-1,650,000,

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC.—The 30c in the new type has appeared.

Adhesive. Regular Issue.
30c mauve on lilac.

The Metro. Phil. lists a 10c stamp, similar to the 1899, 10c brown but roughly printed in blue on thin yellowish paper and unperforated.

10c blue on yellowish.

CHINA—FRENCH OFFICES.—The 50c and 5fr. stamps are announced with red instead of black surcharge.

Errors (?) 50c rose, 5fr. violet } red surcharge.

ECUADOR.—An official seal stamp, large oblong with arms at right and inscriptions at left and center, has been issued.

Official Seal Stamp. No value,
dark green. —Metro. Phil.

The 10c envelope of 1894 is reported by the Mon. Jour. to have been surcharged in the upper left corner with the device described on page 73 in connection with the 5c envelope of that issue, the surcharge being in the color of the stamp.

Envelope. Provisional Issue.
10c carmine on amber, carmine surcharge.

GREAT BRITAIN.—New 1d cards have been issued and the ½d card is now issued in the Postal Union size. The new 1d card has the arms in the upper center with "Post Card," "Universal Postal Union" to the left and "Carte Postale, Union Postale Universelle" to the right; under this "Great Britain and Ireland" and "This side for address." The stamps remain unchanged.

Postal Cards.
½p brown on buff 89x139mm.
1p carmine on buff 89x139mm.

GRENADA.—Two new values of the current type have appeared.

½p lilac and green.
2p lilac and brown.

GERMANY.—We have received the following information regarding the new issue. The 3, 5, 10 and 20pf. values will be printed in the same colors as at present and on white paper, the central feature being a "bust of Germania"; the 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80pf. will have Germania in the center in black, "Reichpost" at the top and value below, the frame being in the color given, and all but the 40pf. on colored paper. The higher values are to be of pictorial designs similar to the U. S. Columbian issue.

Regular Issue. Adhesives:
3pf brown,
5pf green,
10pf carmine,
20pf ultramarine,
25pf orange and black on yellow,
30pf orange and black on buff,
40pf carmine and black on white,
50pf violet and black on buff,
80pf carmine and black on rose.

INDIA.—The 1a 6p stamp has been withdrawn as the changes in the postal tariff have rendered it useless.

MEXICO.—The new set listed in our November number have begun to arrive on mail matter. They are handsome stamps, being a great improvement on former issues.

MAURITIUS.—6 and 15c stamps similar to the current type have been issued.

6c green and rose,
15c green and orange.

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MOROCCO—FRENCH OFFICES.—A 10c stamp is announced.

10c on 10c black on lilac, red surcharge.

MAROTIRI.—A pigeon post has been established between this island and Great Barrier Island. The Great Barrier Special Post stamps were surcharged "Pigeongram" and "Marotiri" in blue. This was only used temporarily. New stamps, of similar design to the Great Barrier stamps, are in use. These stamps are printed in red.

MACAO.—Changes in the postal requirements, made some new values necessary and the values no longer required have been surcharged with the new values, the word "Provisorio" and bar across the old value in black.

5 avos on 13 avos purple,
10 avos on 16 avos dark blue,
15 avos on 24 avos brown,
20 avos on 31 avos red lilac.

NORTH BORNEO.—A set of nine provisionals was prepared for this state as well as Labaun, but six values only were used, the entire stock of three values having been abstracted from the package during its long voyage.

Adhesives. Provisional Issue:
4c on 5c orange-red and black (1897),
4c on 25c blue (1893),
4c on 50c violet (1893),
4c on $2.00 sea-green (1893),
4c on $5.00 violet (1893),
4c on $10.00 brown (1893).

PERSIA.—Various papers are adding the following values to the new set.

3 kran lilac,
10 kran deep blue,
50 kran red-brown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—JOHORE.—A 4c stamp of the current type, but in new colors is listed by several journals.

4 cents, yellow and red.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The ½, 1, and 2p stamps of the Postal Union colors, announced in our July number, have been issued.

½p green, 1p rose, 2½p blue.

SARAWAK.—The 3c brown on yellow stamp has been surcharged "2 Cents".

2c on 3c brown on yellow, black surcharge.

TIMOR.—The 16 avos is reported surcharged 10 avos.

Provisional Issue.
10 avos on 16 avos, dark blue on blue.

TUNIS.—The shade of the stamp on the 5c card has been changed.

Postal Card. 5c emerald green.

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NOTE:—The use of () is explained in A. H.M. degree (old) on regular circular. Members are required to purchase one share in In-Investment Department on attaining second and third degrees, and two in the fourth degree.

S. C. P. O. M.'S ADDRESS.

Neat membership cards will be sent with 1st degree, G. P. O. M. Notice change in the degrees! They are being carefully revised and a neat booklet explaining them will be issued as soon as present supply of circulars is exhausted. The rapidity of advancement rests entirely with the member, those who work will be the first to win.

Members delinquent have been notified upon the 15th of each quarter; a charge of 5c will hereafter be charged for the notification.

See Bro. Smith's open letter; if you have anything to offer speak up.

Report of Departments to October 31, 1899.

SALES AND EXCHANGE.

31 books entered, value	$169.74
26 books retired, value	117.16
Balance remaining	52.58

Sales amounted to $30.47. This period extends through the dullest part of the season.

INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT.

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NEW MEMBERS.

16—James W. Sells, (20) 10½ N. 8th st., St. Louis, Mo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

S. H. Barnes, Musselfork, Mo.

EXPELLED.

R. W. Tucker.
No. app. filed 3.

OPEN LETTER.

I will pay initiation fee of the first 5 who send me a request for application blanks agreeing to join the P. O. M. To the next 15 will give an old match stamp on the original package of matches, made in 1877, a great curiosity. Only 15 of these free. Write now.

G. L. SMITH, P. O. M. 13,
Limestone, N. Y.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

KANKAKEE, ILL., DEC. 20, '99.

To My Patrons:—

It is indeed with much regret that I state I have given up publishing the Illinois Philatelist. I do not quit the publishing business for lack of support, but for the reason I have twice been refused second class mailing rates, and my friend Mr. Kiefer made me a very fair offer for my subscriptions and so I disposed of it to him. By this the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST adds nearly 150 subs to its already large list, probably giving it the largest list of paid-up subscribers of any monthly published. Out of the five stamp papers which started up in Illinois since September 1st. the Illinois Philatelist was the only one that got out more than one number.

I beg to thank all my advertisers and subscribers who liberally extended their support to *Illinois Philatelist*. Also Messrs. Severn, Palzow, Valtz, Chapman, Stone, Babcock and Homes for the kind words spoken in their reviews in the different papers.

As the *Illinois Philatelist* was my first experience in the publishing business, it can be readily seen that the *Illinois Philatelist* would have soon joined the slumbering majority had it not been for the kind advice given by Messrs. Herbst, Chapman, Kiefer, Dodge, Lev, Trask, Tausig and Kissinger all prominent publishers.

I also wish to thank those who so earnestly labored for the election of the *Illinois Philatelist* for official organ of the J. S. D. P. A. As the A. P. had the next largest number of votes, the official organship falls to it and I have no doubt but what it will carry out to the best of its ability the duties of this office. Again thanking you one and all and hoping that I shall have the pleasure of hearing from you I remain, with best wishes.

Yours very truly,
S. E. MOISANT.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. Pick of St Nicholas, New York City, will hereafter look after our interests in New York, or any other state he may happen to stroll in, so should he step in your office, ask for an advertisement, do not question his rights, but grant his wishes, and make both Mr. Pick and the publishers feel happy. If you are not in a position to give an advertisement a ten month subscription will do.

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EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

[The publishers of this paper would like to exchange with all puzzle papers or papers containing puzzle departments.]

SEPTEMBER SOLVERS.

Rising Sun, Cracker Jack, Omaha, John H. S., Primrose, Uncle Remus, George, Alta. Prizewinners, comical rubber face, John H. S., Iowa; wonderful trick coin, Omaha, Pa.: 10 mos. sub., Primrose, Md.

OCTOBER SOLVERS.

Arty Fishel, Aramingo, Assera, D. C. Ver, Gentle Annie. Hope, Delaware Pioneer, E. F. Weston, John Fleming, King Carnival, Kittiewink, Pearlie Glen, Primrose, Remardo, Rising Sun. Prizewinners, 10 mos. sub., John Fleming, N. J.; American puzzle book, E. F. Weston, N. J.; comical rubber face, Rising Sun, Minn.; "Etiquette," Hope, Pa.

JANUARY PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—MUTATION.

SUCH RAGER! (A philatelic term).
Newark, N. J. NEWARKUS.

NO. 2.—CHARADE.

Why, WHOLE'S a LAST for FIRSTS,
I'm sure,
Hence, tho' you should be quite poor,
Begrudge not your hard-earned cash
For getting ALL. Don't be so rash,
To think without LAST you can keep
Your FIRSTS: go, get ALL ere you
sleep!
Cloverdale, Va. PALEA.

NO. 3.—DIAMOND.

1.—A letter. 2.—To place. 3.—Subject to a penalty. 4.—A fugitive. 5.—Of a yellowish-dark color. 6.—A wager. 7.—A letter.
Pittsburg, Pa. J. K.

NO. 4.—SQUARE.

1.—A rope with a noose. 2.—The essential oil obtained from roses by distillation. 3.—A picture cut in wood or metal, as made by impression. 4.—An island of the Pacific Ocean. 5.—A Scripture proper name.
Le Sueur, Minn. MINNIE SOTA.

NO. 5.—REVERSED CURTAILMENT.

Oh, TWO is THREE the door, I hear!
Tell him to WHOLE on the ONE my
dear.
We don't want muddy boots in here.
Fargo, N. D. OGRAF.

NO. 6.—CHARADE.

The palate of each epicure,
The FIRST will tickle, I am sure.
And yet, if he would healthy be,
And LAST of indigestion, he,
Should shun it always carefully.
The WHOLE'S a pretty butterfly
Which flutters ever gayly by.
Philada., Pa. KING CARNIVAL.

NO. 7.—BEHEADMENTS

Complete is simply gratified,
This no one has denied;
Behead, a little one we see
Destined sometime man to be;
Again, (abbreviation, it is true),
What all progressive dealers do.
Santa Cruz, Cal. "GENTLE ANNIE."

NO. 8.—DIAMOND.

1.—A letter. 2.—To hinder. 3.—One who bales. 4.—Sweet flag. 5.—To relax. 6.—The track of a wheel. 7.—A letter.
Pittsburg, Pa. J. K.

NO. 9.—HALF SQUARE.

1.—A secret messenger or agent. 2.—A State. 3.—Opprobrium. 4.—To mark. 5.—Cracked corn. 6.—Some. 7.—A roe. (Obs.) 8.—In "Allegheny."
Le Sueur, Minn. MINNIE SOTA.

NO. 10.—HIDDEN STAMP FACES.

1.—They are washing tons of iron ore daily at the mines.

2.—No, Frank, linen is the most durable.

3.—"Who do you suppose will be chosen May Queen, Victor?" I asked.

4.—The dog ran toward me, barking loudly.

5.—Yes, Edgar, fields were submerged and houses carried away.

6.—What will you put the oil in, Col., now the can is leaking.

7.—Yes, Wil, "helm" in a poem is often used for "helmet."
Cloverdale, Va. PALEA.

[10 mos. sub. for first answer to this puzzle from any one, subscriber or not.]

NO. 11.—TERMINAL DELETION.

TWO WHOLE ONE down the dusty street,
With winged shoes upon his feet,
The sturdy mail-carrier to meet.
He was a philatelic WHOLE—
To get the A. P was his goal,
With which to edify his soul.
Chicago, Ill. JOB RAKER.

PRIZES.—1. First complete list or best list if no completes are sent, beautiful cloth bound book, "Don't worry Nuggets." 2. Neatest list, the Vanishing Coin. 3. Fourth list received, any size, "Mrs. Partington's Grab-Bag." 4. First list with new puzzles enclosed, one year's subscription to *Homefolks*. 5. Best list from a beginner; an original puzzle from Kappa Kappa, with her autograph.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.—Our new publisher has given us two pages; isn't he good? Now it behooves all puzzlers to rally to the support of this department, with sols., cons., and subs., or in the English language, solutions, contributions and subscriptions. Hope, your sols. and dime were very acceptable, and we Hope you will be with us regularly. King Carnival says he will help "a little," and then sends a fine list of sols., four splendid flats, and a dime sub! This is a kingly "little"; let us have more of such helpers. H. F. Weston sent a lovely list, but doesn't understand anagrams. Every letter in an anagram or mutation is to be used to form new words, thus: CREEP AT TAR HILL, properly translated, reads THE CATERPILLAR. Yes, Delaware Pioneer, tell the publisher of the *Pioneer* to exchange with the publisher of the A. P. By the way, your department hasn't come to Kappadocia for a long time. Look it up. This number is mailed as a sample to a good many young people interested in puzzles. We hope you will accept the invitation to be one of us. You can solve, you know, without subscribing, tho we would like to see the dime, too. Remardo is making a grand success of *The Ardmore Puzzler*, and we are glad of it. But he ought to look to the definitions of the forms before printing; some obvious errors are noticed in the Prairie Specials. We must have new puzzles, all kinds; get your wits to work, puzzlers. Puzzling pays patient, persevering persons. Some say, "Stamps seem simple:" Supposing same solve some special stamp squares.

Ograf's reversed curtailment may bother the beginners. Here is an example: curtail TRAMP, leaves TRAM; reverse that and you get MART; curtail again, leaves MAR; reverse, and you have RAM. The words as reversed are the ones used in the puzzle. In a terminal deletion, the first and last letters of a word are taken off, or deleted, to form a new word, thus: FARMS with terminal letters cut off, leaves ARM. KAPPA KAPPA.
Lock Box 150, Hawley, Minn.

BURTON'S CALENDAR.

Judson N. Burton of Madison, N. Y. has favored us with one of his beautiful calendars, it is about the prettiest calendar we have received thus far, and is certainly a credit to our worthy dealer who has gotten it up. All collectors can have one by addressing him. Enclosing 5cts. or 12cts. postage. (two sizes.)

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ANSWERS TO THREE STUNNERS.

No. 1.—When was the bread hungry?

Jesus was the bread of life. St. John, Chapter 6, Verse 35 :—

I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger. St. John, Chapter 6, Verse 48. I am that bread of life.

ANSWER :—Matthew, Chapter 4, Verse 2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights he was afterward a hungered. *Then the bread (of life) was hungry.*

No. 2.—When was the water thirsty?

Jesus was the water of life. St. John, Chapter 6, Verse 35. He that cometh to me shall never thirst.

ANSWER :—(The Crucifixion). St. John, Chapter 19, Verse 28. After this Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, saith, "I thirst." *Then the water (of life) was thirsty.*

No. 3.—When was the way tired?

Jesus was the way of life. St. John, Chapter 14, Verse 6. Jesus saith unto him I am the way, the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

ANSWER :—Matthew, Chapter 8, Verse 25. And behold there arose a great tempest in the sea insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves, but he was asleep. *Then the way (of life) was tired.*

PRIZE WINNER.

There being only one correct list of answers received, 1st prize is awarded to that person, namely, Winfield M. Hill, 39 Mitter St., Belfast, Maine. Mr. Hill has his choice of the following :—500 varieties stamps, an American Watch, or $5.00 worth of advertising space in our magazine to be used as desired.

DIED.

CHARLES P. KRAUTH.

Charles P. Krauth, secretary and treasurer of the McConway-Torley company, died last night at his home, 339 Forty-fourth-st. He had been sick little more than a week. Mr. Krauth was one of the well known residents of Pittsburgh. He was prominent in business circles. He was a son of Rev. Charles Porterfield Krauth, who before his death was one of the best known ministers in the Lutheran church. Charles P. Krauth was born in this country, but received his education in Germany. He was a thorough student, and master of several languages. Mr. Krauth also took a deep interest in music. It was as a stamp collector that Mr. Krauth was most widely known, he having been a member of many philatelic societies both in this country and in Europe. He was a director in the American Philatelic society and secretary of the international organization. He was also president of the Twin City Philatelic society, the local branch. Mr Krauth took a deep interest in charitable work, being especially interested in St. Margaret's Memorial hospital. He is survived by a wife and three children.

DIED—at Denver, Colorado, July 31, 1899. Joseph Badger, familiarly known to all puzzlers as "Maude" aged 79 years.

BOSTON NOTES.

BOSTONIAN.

The collection of exhibition labels in this country are probably very few, but in some of the foreign countries notably Germany many collect these labels. An album is published in the above named country especally for them, and an interesting and beautiful display they make. Take for instance some of our own Exhibition labels, one of the most recent being the National Export Exhibition of Philadelphia. Seven labels were printed all in different colors and in two different designs, and in size are about three times as large as a columbian stamp, and if put side by side in an album make a very pleasing set. Our Pan American Exposition have printed a set of four designs in different colors. One being a buffalo, second the American flag, third the head of a buffalo, and fourth a label closely resembling the Canada Map stamp but in different colors. These four make one of the pretiest sets of labels I have ever seen of any exhibition in the country. One of the finest abroad is of the Antwerp Exhibition and lovers of the beautiful ought to possess one of these sets.

The new perforation on the two cent documentary stamp is attracting considerable attention, and speculation is rife as to whether it is a permanent or experemental idea. Most of the dealers have them on sale at a slight advance over face. The perforation is what might be called a rectangular perforation about No. 7. This rectangular perforation is not a new idea for I have seen it in another instance, I have noticed the following plate numbers of the two cent documentary stamps with the rectangular perforation, 9145, 9232, 9238, 9240, 9254, 9257 and 9266.

The most important philatelic event this year, and I might say any year is the purchase by the New England Stamp Co. of the Wm. Thome collection of New York. The price paid was $45000. which places it as the largest transaction of the kind in the United States. This collection took a gold medal at the London Philatelic Exposition in July 1897 for the best collection of rare stamps. It contains many stamps which cannot be duplicated, among them are Vancouver Island 5cent rose imperforate, Virgin Island 1 shilling with figure omitted, Straits Settlement 12cent green with double surcharge, Ceylon 4d and 8d imperforate, Canada 12p black and many other varieties in Europeian U. S. and Colonial stamps.

B. L. Drew & Co's. 41st auction sale took place on Nov. 27 and 28. The prices were good and if they were a criterian would show an upward tendency. As an instance the New York 5c. black on white paper on original cover catalogue $10. brought $8.00. The reduction in price in the new catalogue, necessitates a corresponding increase in the proportions of catalogue value necessary to sell at a profit. The sooner collectors realize the fact the better it will be for themselves and the dealer as well. Mr. Drew realized $2814. from this sale. His 42nd. sale on Jan. 8th. will consist of the balance of the Pitman stock of U. S. and Foreign and 5 collections. The 43rd. sale on Jan. 31st. will be his special Gilt Edge sale.

The writer had the privilege of examining a copy of the 6kr. brown of Bavaria broken circle variety

unused and o. g. with wide margins. It was a gem, I wonder how many have ever seen a copy of this rarity?

Mr. Frank P. Brown will hold his second auction sale early in February, consisting of U. S. British North America, Leaward Islands, and Windward Islands only, the stamps being the property of a well known Boston collector.

CHICAGO CHATS.

BY A. C. TRASK.

Chicago may have auto-mobiles to collect the mails in the near future.

The publisher of the *Illinois Philatelist* informs me that he is going to issue a big number in January, containing half-tones, biographies, etc. The I. P. is the only philatelic paper published in Illinois at present.

The writer recently called on Mr. Geo. C. Hartung the genial secretary, *pro tem* of the Northern Philatelic Association and discovered him to be an old schoolmate of the writer's while attending college. His name had been forgotten but his face was familiar. Mr. Hartung reports progress with the new society, the N. P. A.

Some persons have been worrying about the nature of the financial loss which caused the suspension of the *Chicago Philatelist*. It was not the money lost in the first issue that caused it. The publishers expected to lose money for a few issues before the paper would be on a self-supporting basis but it was financial reverses which were entirely unforseen by the publishers. It is the belief of the publishers that the C. P. would have been self-supporting in less than six issues.

Nothing has been heard of the *Philatelist's Window*, the other philatelic paper from Chicago. It has probably suspended publication also.

DENVER NOTES.

BY WILLIAM ARNOLD JACOBS.

Well, here we are again. Another month has passed us by, and by the time these lines are in print we shall be entering another year—the last year of an eventful century. A century in which Philately was born and in which it has grown from a mere hobby to a science.

Let us hope that the day will never come when an old man will take a boy on his knee and say! "I remember the time when people collected postage stamps, the same as we—" but no! Philately is here to stay.

The time will come when Ph.D. will mean "Doctor of Philately." YOU JUST WAIT!

Denver dealers are surprised and puzzled at the very small number of stamp albums sold. Catalogues are being sold about as fast as they can be supplied; but there is practically no demand for albums.

Stamps are selling fairly well, but no large collections have been changing hands although they seem to be in demand.

In short, the philatelic situation in Colorado at present is: Catalogues in great demand, and being supplied. Good collections of stamps in demand but not being supplied. Albums galore but no demand. Ordinary stamps in some demand and being supplied in proportion.

The above statements are not

made in a hap-hazard way, but are statements made by local dealers in answer to my questions.

Business is expected to pick up after the Christmas holidays, so dealers are not worried.

There are a number of people kicking about the raise in the price of the International Album. This is one reason that there are so few being sold now, although the difference is only fifty cents.

I recently saw in a philatelic paper an ad of a firm who said they would sell unused Columbians at face value, in large or small quantities. Although I am not from Missouri, I wanted to see; so I sent for a half a dollar's worth, and I got them! I was never so surprised in my life! I had already begun to prepare an article headed "Still another case of something for nothing," and thought I had a scoop for the ALLEGHENY PAILATELIST, when I received the stamps; so the scoop was lost.

What is the matter with the Columbians, anyway?

Pierce & Zahn have in one of their windows a very interesting attraction: a plate on which is a very pretty design made entirely of pictures and ornaments cut from U. S. and Canadian stamps. The work is executed very neatly and the plate attracts much attention.

Philatelic magazines continue to spring up out west. A year's subscription consists of the initial number. That is about as far as they ever get.

In closing, I wish you all A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Conducted by CAMERON W. LAWTON, Westmiddletown, Pa.

TRIPOD CAMERA SUGGESTIONS

One of the most essential points to be observed In photography is "the focusing." I have always found it more profitable when taking a photograph of a stationary object to use a small stop and give more time. The result is that I always get a good photograph, and one that is always in focus. When giving a short exposure one has to use a large stop, and consequently the object is not as clearly cut as the one with the small stop. Portraits are different, as they have to be made instantaneous, as the person sitting gets tired and restless, and to get a good picture then is tedious to both. This is for tripod cameras only.

TREATING DUST HOLES.

I have been very successful in treating dust holes in negatives in the following manner. After the negative is throughly dry, the dust or pin holes may be covered with Iddia ink or any opaque substance. Use a camel's hair pencil to apply the ink. This will print a white spot on the positive. After you have toned and mounted the print take India ink add carmine, mix until the desired color is obtained and spot out with a camel's hair pencil. If the work is nicely done and the colors properly mixed it is almost impossible to find the dust hole. By this method a great many negatives may be saved.

VARNISHING NEGATIVES.

Valuable negatives and those from which many prints are to be made shoud be varnished. Use a hard drying varnish. It is no great task to varnish a negative but it does take practice. Have your negative as hot as you can bear your hand on it. This dries all moisture from the film. Then allow to cool. Hold the negative on the tips of your fingers, and pour a little of the varnish in the middle, tilt the plate with a slight rocking motion and allow the varnish to flow to the corners and finally back into the bottle ; stand plate in drying rack and when apparently dry, heat again to thoroughly harden the varnish. Sounds easy doesn't it, but here's the trick, be easy in your tilting the plate when the varnish is on it, or you will have it all over your clothes, your fingers and the floor.

ALKALIES IN DEVELOPERS.

The question has been asked me "Why is Carbonate of Soda used in some formulas and Carbonate of Potash in others ?" This proposition is one which is worthy of treatment by a more capable pen than mine, but I will give my understanding of the case hoping to be corrected in my errors by some one throughly versed in the chemistry of photography. All developing agents, with probably the sole exception of amidol, requires the addition of an alkali to assist them in their duty, viz : the reduction of silver in the film which has been acted upon by the light. The function of the alkali is to open the pores of the gelatine and so allow the reducing agent access to the silver particles in the emulsion. Some developing agents require more powerful alkalies than others to accomplish this purpose, but the more powerful the alkali used, the greater the tendency to produce fog, this being due to the fact that the

strong alkali so far opens the little sacks of gelatine which contain the silver that the reducing agent acts also on the silver which has not been affected by the light. Another objection to strong alkalies is the fact that they have a tendency to loosen the film from the glass or celluloid causing frilling or stripping. The following alkalies given in the order of their photographic activity, are used in developers, viz :—Carbonate of Soda, Carbonate of Potash, Caustic Soda, Caustic Potash, and Ammonium Hydrate, the last being the most active. Any of these will give equally good results in connection with most of the developing agents, if used in proper porportions. If substituting Carbonate of Potash for Carbonate of Soda it is necessary to use a smaller quantity of the former, or if using Caustic Soda a still smaller porportion. The use of one alkali or another is simply a matter of choice with the author of the formula, the preference, however being given to the weaker alkalies on account of lessening the liability to fog and loosening the emulsion from its support. If in the above I have made any erroneous statements, I hope to be corrected, not only for the benefit of the photographic public, but to add to my own store of information.

P. A. MITCHELL.

LIGHTING DARK SIDES.

To make a reflector when photographing small objects, such as flowers, a card-board box, such as dresses are sent home in, will be found very useful. Remove one end, and if the linning is not white paste some white paper inside. Place this on the shady side of the object to be photographed. Use the lid of the box by taking out the bottom and one end, placing this on the light side of the object, and across the top of the boxes lay a piece of white cotton cloth. The boxes need not appear in the photograph. They must be propped up if they do not stand steadily. This arangement will reflect light on the shady side and avoid undue contrast.

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20c Inland Exchange, red.
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25c Certificate, red.
25c Entry of Goods, red.
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25c Power of Attorney, red.
25c Warehouse Receipt, red.
30c Inland Exchange, lilac.
40c Inland Exchange, brown
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50c Entry of Goods, blue.
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50c Lease, blue.
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50c Surety Bond, blue.
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1d Foreign Exchange, red.
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1d Manifest, red.
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11	1 10c P. O. dept., used, slight nick	1 35
12	1 Mexico, 2p blue, used	75
13	1 " env. □ 10c green surcharged "Habilitado"	50
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LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST.

Once again we are in the first part of a new year hoping that it will be a happy one for each of us because it is the last one in the present century, and we vainly try to peep into the future to see what fortune has in store for us, and whether we shall in the present year fare any better than we have in the past. But fortune does not allow us to peep into the future, she is a stern and unyielding mistress when we attempt to cross the dividing line between present and future, and we must turn back many a time with a sigh because, as we suppose, knowledge which we ought to obtain are denied us, and therefore we frequently get angry because we never can tell why our best laid plans so often miscarry. But although fortune does not allow us to get a real look into the future, she is at all times telling us that it is for our own best interests that things are so, for were they otherwise the heart of all mankind which is so intensely selfish would soon lose the last vestige of fellow feeling, and if such a condition were to come about, the world in which we live would be little better than the place of eternal torture. Fortune however tells us that if we desire to win favor with her we must first learn wisdom, and this we can do by keeping a cool head, and profiting by what we learn from mistakes that we make every year, and avoiding such mistakes in future. Truly has the poet said :

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest of all is, it might have been."

While this as a lesson can be applied to any and all classes of people, let us for a few moments stop to think how it affects philatelists.

In the first place the philatelist is like a foolish school-boy in many ways, he supposes that he knows all about stamps and matters pertaining thereto, and hence it is not necessary for him to bother his brains further to learn more. Yet we have only to see him after it is announced that certain stamps have advanced in the new catalogue and ask him whether he has these stamps in his collection, and he will invariably answer negatively, but he will point to others which he did get and which he supposes will soon rise in value, and tell you all about them and why they must surely advance in a little while etc.,

etc., but why has he not got those which did advance, you ask, and his reply will be that he never expected those stamps to rise in value. Now this plainly shows his ignorance, for were he really as smart as he professes to be he would have bought such stamps as advanced in price before such advance occurred. But I hear some of my readers ask if it is impossible to look into the future how can we know which stamps are going to rise in price, and which are going to decline. Now my gentle readers you are slightly off the track in your argument for we all know that it is impossible to foretell this, but on the other hand there are always certain straws that show which way the philatelic wind is blowing, and you can if you read an up-to-date paper, like the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST, keep pretty well informed about what is going on in philatelic circles, and then you must not let favorable opportunities slip by but must make use of them whenever they present themselves. Now if you do not consider yourself capable of doing this then it is clear that you need some enlightenment. Now take your 59th catalogue and if you have a copy of the 58th lay them side by side and start in on the U. S. stamps. Take those which are lacking in your collection, look them up in the catalogue then compare prices of the present with prices of the previous catalogue, and you can readily see which stamps are the ones to buy, namely those which have *advanced* in the present catalogue. If you have any money to invest in stamps go and buy those which show an advance in price in the present catalogue, for it is dollars to doughnuts that these stamps are the cream of their kind. Stamps will not remain at their present prices for the demand is great at present, and the supply while in the aggregate large, yet in certain lines, the supply is quite limited, and these are the stamps which are sought, and as soon as found will be taken by the long headed collector, and if the said longheaded collector gets there before you why you will have another chance to bemoan lost opportunities.

In a previous article the writer called attention to how those people proceed who always "get there" as far as buying stamps and obtaining the cream of that which is offered in the philatelic press is concerned. The plan being so simple it is surprising that so many collectors ignore it. I will mention it again as I am frequently asked why some people are always so fortunate in securing desirable stamps at low prices, while other people cannot obtain them. The answer is simple. I have frequently asked people whether they had certain stamps in their collection, and the usual answer is "I don't know." Now why don't they know, they could know and keep right up to date too if they would take their Album and catalogue and in the latter make a small dash opposite those stamps which they have in their collection, thus their catalogue would show just what stamps they were in want of, and as they could carry their catalogue with them it would at all times be an easy matter to get just the stamps wanted. Another collector gives a plan by which he is at all times getting just the stamps which the majority of collectors want. He reads quite a lot of philatelic papers and therefrom learns just which stamps are likely to be in demand, these he takes pains to secure, and in one instance secured

several stamps which cost him 5 cents apiece and traded one off for a lot of stamps which catalogued over five dollars. People often wonder how he can get stamps which they are unable to obtain, but he says that it can only be done if you are posted in regard to philatelic matters. A friend recently asked him whether he had any lost opportunities to regret, and he replied "Very few," but I am often regretting that the amount of cash at my disposal for investment is so limited, were it otherwise I would at no distant day possess one of the finest collections in America.

Now the lesson this teaches should inspire every thinking philatelist to step out of the old rut of getting stamps in a haphazzard way, make up your mind to break away from the antiquated method of buyiug stamps by guesswork.

Follow the plan above suggested, and you will soon see that collecting stamps in a systematic manner is as far ahead of the ancient way as the locomotive is ahead of the stage coach.

At the beginning of the new year many people made resolves to do things different from what they had done heretofore. Such resolves unless they have a certain definite goal seldom amount to much, but if any of our readers wish to enhance the value of their collections during the present year it might be well to lay down a plan and adhere to that plan until December 31st, next, and if the plan proves its worth it might be continued indefinitely.

First of all keep posted. Subscribe to several up to date papers, and read them entirely through.

Secondly.—Appropriate if possible a certain amount of money each month to be expended upon your collection.

Thirdly.—Select some reliable dealer to purchase your stamps from. Be explicit in stating your wants and check your catalogue as your collection increases. Buy only such stamps as are in good condition.

These rules are the foundation which underlies the whole subject of successful collecting. Of course other rules might be added thereto, such as buy when favorable opportunities present themselves, etc., yet in the main the collector who adheres strictly to the above resolves, will find that collecting along these lines is far more preferable than by any other way, and it has the additional merit of keeping him in good humor at all times because he knows he is getting the best results with the minnimum outlay of cash, has no regrets for lost opportunities and consequently philately is to him a joy forever.

ANOTHER CONSOLIDATION.

Advertisers, our list is given another boost, we having purchased the *Pennsylvania Amateur Photographer*, from its former publisher and consolidated it with our journal. We expect to have another philatelic paper consolidated next month and will keep on adding as long as we are in a position to do so.

Our March number will be another one like the December was, so better secure space at once.

LAWTON FUND.

We have stopped taking contributions to this fund, also returned all we had received, they came in so fast we could not keep track of them ?

BOSTON NOTES.

The last set of the Periodical stamps was sold here on Dec. 29. There has been a steady demand for them here, as the clerks report the sale of several sets each day.

I understand that the postage stamp and music publishing business of the late F. M. Trifet is now being conducted by Mrs. Trifet at the old place of business.

The Wm. Thorne collection, lately purchased by the New England Stamp Co., is now on its way across the continent, in charge of Mr. Carpenter, and the genial assistant at the Boston office, Mr. Warren E. Colson. It will be exhibited at Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco and other principal places, and will return via the South. The trip will take about one month to accomplish. In the spring a portion of the collection will be taken to Europe and exhibited there.

There is good reason to suppose that the 1c I. R. inverted, has been counterfeited in Italy, and is being sent to this country for disposal. Collectors in purchasing this stamp should buy only of reliable dealers.

The only revenue stamps on sale at the Boston Post office with the new rectangular perforation are the one and two cent documentary stamps.

Under tht new rule of the postal authorities, revenue stamps of ten cents and over shall be canceled by mutilation. This requirement will effectually mutilate the stamps so that it will be impossible to use a stamp the second time, the mutilation consisting of three cuts running horizontally parallel across the stamp cutting completely through the stamp. We will no longer read in the daily press of the fabulos sums made in New York and other large cities by dishonest messengers and office boys dealing in washed revenue stamps. Your correspondent has seen a number of these mutilations for sale in the Post Office and has tried one of them, and can state that the postal authorities could not have devised a better method for the prevention of fraud, or one better calculated to effectually disfigure a stamp from a philatelic standpoint.

The New England Philatelic Association has recently been reorganized, and now is running on a new basis, and the Secretary reports it in a flourishing condition. The exchange department is also in a healthy condition. Members are putting in books well as taking them out. This is purely a local organization, only residents of New England being eligible to membership.

A member of a firm which uses many revenue stamps of the lower values, possibly as high as twenty-five cents at the highest, informed me that rather than be bothered with a mutilator, would use stamps under ten cents to the required amount.

The National Board of Trade has been represented before the Congressional Postal Commission for the purpose of advertising a reduction in letter postage and establishment of cheap parcel post. The latter would be a boon to philatelists and dealers. BOSTONIAN.

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CHICAGO CHATS.

BY A. C. TRASK.

Another new philatelic paper is announced to appear from Chicago Feb. 1st. It is to be called the *Prairie State Philatelist* and will be published by the Prairie State Publishing Co. I see no reason why a philatelic paper could not be made to pay in Chicago. In fact, I know that a paper could be made to pay in a comparatively short time if properly conducted. We wish the new comer success and trust that it will be a worthy representative of our city.

The *Illinois Philatelist* has been sold to this paper because of the failure to procure second class rates. The publisher, Mr. S. E. Moisant, informs me that he will begin the publication of a philatelic quarterly in a short time. The visits of a quarterly are so far apart that I doubt if it could be made to pay.

I see in a contemporary that the *Chicago Philatelist* was about to resume publication. This is news to me. The publishers of the late C. P. have no intention of doing this.

Chicago newspapers would fill a long felt want if they would have a stamp department. The Record's Open Window Club gives a little stamp news once in a great while, but this is all. There are a great number of stamp collectors in Chicago that have never heard of a philatelic paper and do their collecting in the old way—pasting the stamps in any old blank book, etc.

As this department is not supposed to be devoted to Chicago Chats exclusively, I can be excused for wandering from Chicago for a short time. We have seen in a great many different philatelic papers articles discussing whether we should collect used or unused stamps? Most of these articles have decided in favor of used stamps. The Veteran, in *Stamps* of England has the following to say on the subject:

"Collect used stamps, *as a general thing*, but in cases where used specimens are more expensive than unused, then take unused stamps for such countries.

This may seem a curious rule, I will tell you its great virtue. To collect used stamps that are cheaper in the philatelic market than unused specimens is to protect yourself against the Fraudulent Cleaner, and also largely against the Forger (for what forger would postmark his handiwork when by leaving it uncancelled his gain would be greater?). Conversely, to collect unused stamps in cases where used specimens are the dearer is to protect yourself against the Postmark Faker, an individual whose opportunities for evil have been few and far between since the craze for unused specimens began.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY A. L. WISSMAN.

The usual dull spell which always follows directly after the holidays is at present felt by the dealers. While some dealers deplore this, others are happy nevertheless, for the old saying that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is equally true regarding stampmen.

This is the season for holiday numbers in the publication line. A local philatelic weekly comes out a trifle after the date on its front page, yet is resplendent with portraits of

well known dealers living "across the pond," while the frontspiece represents an ardent collector well known all over the world on account of his blue blood and love for our hobby.

How many dealers are asking themselves whether advertising pays. The new year holds out opportunities for all those who really want to get ahead, yet it is painful to sometimes listen to some remarks made about too much money lost in poor mediums," etc. The writer was looking through a stamp paper recently, and found therein only about half a dozen, real well gotten up and timely ads., the others were mediocre, yet some dealers cannot see why their advertising don't bring results.

The Century Stamp Club of St. Louis held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Jan'y 5, 1900. The weather was unfavorable, hence the attendance was only fair. After the routine business was disposed of an auction sale was held, but although some fine stamps were put up the bidding was like the weather —unfavorable. At the previous meeting held Dec. 15, 1899, an auction sale was held which broke all previous records both on account of the spirited bidding and the number of lots of stamps sold.

The St. Louis Post Office is now using a cancellation which is a rounded oblong or oval bearing the inscription "World's Fair 1903 Louisiana Purchase," set between the straight cancellation lines. It is admired by all collectors hereabouts.

We have a Postmaster now at the St. Louis Post Office who is thoroughly businesslike and up-to-date. Before he assumed the Postmastership he was manager of one of the greatest Street Railway systems in St. Louis and perhaps the whole U. S. People who were used to the old slow-going methods, stood aghast when new methods were tried, and many shook their heads and said he would make a mess of it sure; but behold the change! About the first thing done was to put up a lot of signs all over the building which told people plainly what to do. For instance at the window where mail is received the old lettering, almost obscure, read: "For Letters," "For Packages;" now a sign is there which says: "Deposit your mail here." In the Money Order Department the sign over one window read: "Issue Clerk:" now the new sign reads: "Buy money orders here." The sign over another window read: "Examiner;" the new sign now tells the people: "Ask questions here;" and thus it goes on through every department. 'He who runs may read,' can now be aptly applied to the St. Louis Post Office, and the clerks on duty seem to be more friendly than ever before, which would seem to indicate that orders from headquarters must have been issued to that effect. In days gone by a person entering the Post Office was soon made to feel that he must fight every inch of his way, for there were some people employed there who were so arrogant and unfriendly, that to transact business with them was positively disgusting, but thank heaven their terms have expired and they are seen no more thereabouts.

Since the new order of things have set in the St. Louis Post Office is coming to the front in fine shape, and a recent report shows that it is the best managed in the country,

when the amount of mail matter handled, the proportion of expense to the total business done, and the number of people employed to do it is taken into consideration. True the New York Post Office stands at the head for the amount of business done, but the cost of the service when measured by results obtained, must yield the palm to the great Mound City.

The surcharged Philippine stamps are not often found in St. Louis collector's albums, for the reason that those that were obtainable were poorly centered, while others show the hard handling they have received in seperating the sheets which stuck together.

When the Guam issue was first on sale some collectors tried to obtain them; a few were successful, but since the government has decided to oblige collectors by issuing such a quantity that there should be no complaint about exhausted stocks etc., the collectors who procured the first issue are asking themselves whether provisional issues are really the splendid things some people say they are, or whether they should be considered as delusions and snares to catch the progressive collector.

We understand that the name of the recently acquired island near our shores is to be henceforth spelled Puerto Rico. According to our way of thinking it is a step backward to adopt this way of spelling, when the plain Porto was easier to spell and pronounce than as it is to be henceforth. It looks a good deal as if American ideas were Spaniardized instead of Americanizing Spanish customs. In any event we are opposed to it and we would rather see the island renamed entirely than to see it have a name suggestive of bygone ages.

Everybody nowadays is talking about the great World's Fair to be held here in 1903, to commemorate the great Louisiana purchase. St. Louis has among its inhabitants a large number of people who pride themselves upon their descent from the "old families," who, years ago were pioneers. These people look with disfavor upon an enterprise of such immense importance as a World's Fair, and they have withheld their support either entirely or have been playing "balky horse" whenever an opportunity offered. But our enterprising citizens have retaliated by ignoring them to a great extent and when the World's Fair opens the "old families" and their descendants will feel as if they were old enough to die, just to get away from hearing the continually repeated allusions to "mossbacks," "old fossils" and the like.

DENVER NOTES.

BY WILLIAM ARNOLD JACOBS.

The Stamp trade in Denver is unusually quiet now, owing to the Christmas holidays in whose pleasure even our collections are forgotten.

The following from a recent number of *Munsey's Magazine* is interesting:

"In my opinion, the fad for collecting all sorts of odds and ends is simply in its infancy in this country, and yet it has attained proportions that no one could have predicted when I was a boy. In those days we used to collect postage stamps. I can well remember when a postage

stamp album of the kind that every collector possesses now-a-days was a rarity, and happy the boy who could call one his own. Half a dollar was an enormous price to pay for a single stamp then, and I do not remember that any one more than sixteen years of age ever thought of collecting them. A short time ago I met one of my school boy friends, who asked me what had become of my stamp collection, and I was literally unable to tell him. Then he remarked that he had come across his own a short time before, while rummaging through some old books and papers, and had sold it for eight hundred dollars."

The *International Philatelist* and *The Western Philatelic News* have consolidated with Mr. Chas. Myers of Whichita, Kansas, as Editor in Chief.

It is a very nice paper and is a credit to the west.

In my last month's notes I mentioned a "stamp plate" which I had seen in the window of a stamp store here in town. Since then I have noticed that this "stamp plate" business is growing to be a popular fad, knowing of several families who have some of these stamp decorated plates among their china.

Philatelic journalism in the west is very uneasy now.

You can never be sure whether you are going to get another number of a philatelic paper, out here, anymore.

And for the last few weeks it has been fairily raining "Vol. I No. 1's."

The *Sample Copy Fiend* ought to be happy now if never before.

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6.—Annual election of Superintendents occur in May, 1900.

NEW MEMBERS.

6 F. W. Smith, (36) 22 Chestnut-st., Everett, Mass. (Taking number of R. W. Tucker, expelled)
17 R. L. Doak, (19) Pearl, Ohio.
18 T. Babcock, (16) Dayton, Texas.
19 Mrs. J. E. George, (38) Newton Junction, N. H.
Applications filed 3.

CONTEST DEPARTMENT.

Winners in contest No. 2 will be published in next report, as this report is sent in before December 31, date it is to close.

Contest No. 3.—Member making largest list of words that may be spelled either way and mean the same, as eye, bob, etc., (proper names excluded) will receive $1.50 selection from Sales books, 2nd list $1, 3rd list 50c. All members are invited to enter. Closes May 1, 1900. There are not many such words, a small list may win.

Philatelists, join the P. O. M. You may belong to numerous societies, if so, can you not add this to your list? This is the only order in Philately, join. If you are a publisher, any contributions you may make to our Library will be appreciated; Bro. Moisant desires to make a success of the Auction Department, likewise all the others; any aid you may give will be thankfully received. Applicants are requested to use blanks sent by members lowest in degrees to help them advance. Any member will furnish them.

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FELLOW MEMBERS:—I herewith submit my last report before turning over the affairs of the society to Sec.-Treas. elect, Cecil Rawson. Following is the result of election:

President—S. E. Moisant 10, E. N. Kiefer 2.
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Official Organ—Illinos Philatelist 7, Allegheny Philatelist 3, Philatelic Bulletin 1, Stamp Tribune 1, Herald Exchange 1.
Advertising & Sub. Agt—C. W. Kissinger 12.
Librarian—T. Babcock 12.
Attorney—A. W. DeSelm 4, W. H. McDowell 10.
1900 Convention Seat—Milwaukee 7, Chicago 6.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBESHIP.

G. W. Maynard, Denver, Colo., Stamp Dealer, Age 18. Refs., C. Rawson, H. Maynard.

W. Hammond, Palmyra, N. Y., Stamp Dealer, Age 22. Refs., S. E. Moisant, W. E. Beckhelm.

C. O. Eddy, Kankakee, Ill., Printer, Age 16. Refs., Moisant, Bonner.

L. O. Brosie, Pittsburg, Pa., Stamp Dealer, Age 22. Refs., Babcock, Moisant.

Geo. C. Hartung, Chicago, Ill., Florist, Age 22. Refs., Trask, Moisant.

J. W. Sells, St. Louis, Mo., Bookkeeper, Age 22. Refs., Moisant, Beckhelm.

R. I. Ellis, Elk Point, S. D., Publisher, Age 18. Refs., Moisant, Ellis.

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia., Stamp Dealer, Age 44. Refs., Moisant, Beckhelm.

Geo. R. Tuttle, New York, N. Y., Supt. A. P. A., Age 46. Refs., Moisant, Beckhelm.

J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa., Publisher, Age 41. Refs., Moisant, Rawson.

Those who have not paid will please do so at once.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

In treasury last report	$0.48	
Dues and application fees	2.00	
Total,		$2.48

PAYMENTS.

Mailing 21 membership cards	$0.42	
Notifying members result of election	.50	
Postage	.74	
Incidentials	.20	
Official Organ	.31	
Total		$2.17
Balance in treasury		.31

This leaves our treasury nearly empty, get to work and get us some new members and help fill it up again. We want to have at least 150 members by September 1900. I promise to bring in 25. Who's next? The first person joining in each state will be appointed V. Pres. for his state.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain, Yours fraternally,

S. E. MOISANT.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I feel greatly indebted to the members for electing me to this office and I feel that I owe one and all considerable and I am willing to try to make this Department a grand success. I expect to be able to start out the first circuit soon and I desire the names of all those who desire to receive the first circuit, and also if you desire to participate you can procure books at the rate of 2 for 5c. (See rules.) I would be pleased to hear from one and all of the members, and all having duplicates will find this a convenient way of disposing of them and receiving such stamps as you are lacking.

Hoping to hear from one and all, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

R. L. DOAK, Sales Supt.,

RULES SALES DEPARTMENT.

1.—Members desiring to send stamps through this Department should procure blank approval books for holding 100 stamps, of the Superintendent at the rate of 2 books for 5 cents. None other books taken.

2.—Remove all paper from stamps except in cases where it is desirable to show post marks, etc. Attach all stamps securely to books by *hinges*. Mark prices in *ink* in space below the stamp. Stamps must not over-lap the price, the margin of book, nor each other.

3.—The total value of each book must not be less than $5.00 (five) dollars.

4.—All stamps must be marked at the *very lowest net prices*. The lower the better the sales. No discount from any books.

5.—Each lot will go over a circuit of at least 6 members, the last one returning to the Superintendent, who will check the stamps sold and start on another circuit, if deemed advisable, and continue on circuit as long as there is a reasonable chance of making sales.

6.—Members on removing stamps must place their name in space from which stamp is taken. Should blank spaces be unaccounted for, it is the member's duty to notify the one preceeding him on circuit, and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this renders the last member accountable for the amount.

7.—Members are allowed to keep lots 4 (four) days. If kept longer a fine of 10c per day will be imposed. This rule will be strictly adhered to. Each member on forwarding lots to next on circuit, shall also forward to the Superindent a statement of the value of stamps removed from each book in the circuit, also date of receipt and forwarding lots to next on circuit. The fact that a member has books in the department, does not exempt him from paying for stamps when removed. The full net amount must be remitted in all cases. Stamps not accepted in payment of accounts over $1.00—1c or 2c stamps preferred.

8.—Lots will be sent to members requesting them (as soon as possible) until the superintendent is notified to cease sending them. All members are requested to place stamps in the Sales Department whether they receive lots or not.

9.—Settlements will be made with owners as soon as possible after books are retired. A commission of 10% will be charged on all sales for defraying expenses.

10.—Lots must be forwarded by sealed registered mail or express, charges fully prepaid.

11.—Stamps that over lap the price, will be removed and returned at your expense.

12.—Remember that prices are to be net and that low figures will promote sales. Bear in mind the discounts offered by dealers and price your stamps accordingly.

13.—The Superintendent reserves the right to return any stamps that are not deemed advisable to be placed on circuit.

14.—The Superintendent is not held responsible for stamps lost in transit or stolen. But such offenders will be treated accordingly.

Always register all circuits.

THE PUZZLERS' COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER PUZZLES.

1.—Stamp album.

2.—

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3.—Samp, sap, Spa, spat, tap, taps, apt, as, asp, M, maps.

PRIZE WINNERS.—Best, Raymond; first, Merlin; first with sub., Martelia; first with cons., Tharonhiawagon. Other solvers, Binks, Celia, Harley Quin, Job Raker, Palea, 4; Alta, Rising Sun, 3; Cracker Jack, Pearlie Glen, Primrose, 1.

"Pen, paper and ink, and a postage stamp,
A little green box by a tall street lamp,
And a postman in his suit of gray,
Will serve to brighten the gloomiest day."

FEBRUARY PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—NUMERICAL.

For 8, 3, 7, 4, in old gardens look;
Name of 8 to 10 few would care to brook;
In the 5, 6, 1, 2, doubtless this book,
ALL, you've gotten by hook or crook.
Cloverdale, Va. PALEA.

NO. 2.—SQUARE.

1.—A stamped or printed device. 2.—A small light. 3.—An apple tree. 4.—Softens. 5.—To hug.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 3.—TRANSPOSITION.

I am patient, meek and gentle
  And so good are my intents
That I wouldn't harm a little fly ——
  Except in self defense.
But to be a virtue patience
  Sometimes ceases, and therefore
In PRIMAL I have often blessed
  That girl next door.
"She was bred in Old Kentucky"
  And "I wish my rent was paid"
(I don't; for then her landlord would
  With legal writ arrayed
Sing "Oh, give me mah money"
  Or "Take yo' clothes an' go")
She FINALS from "Sweet Violets"
  To "Old Black Joe."

She will start "Hello mah Baby" and
  When just about half through
Sidetrack to "Rachel Goldstein" then
  Yell out "I love my Lou."
The whole day long does that girl bawl
  Out one song or another.
"Just as the sun goes down" she stops
  To "Break the news to mother."
Baltimore, Md. MARTELIA.

NO. 4.—SQUARE.

1.—Attempt. 2.—A stamped or printed device. 3.—A falcon. 4.—To Astonish. 5.—A large town of Belgium.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 5.—CHARADE.

"What do you charge TWO one-cent
  stamps?"
"Twelve cents ONE dozen's our price;
But do you know how stamps are made?"
  And he THREE a dish of rice.
"The sheets are glued, printed, and
  WHOLED,
  Then as postage stamps are sold."
Battle Creek, Mich. MERLIN.

NO. 6.—SQUARE.

1.—An asteroid. 2.—To join. 3.—A stamped or printed divice. 4.—A sieve. 5.—Formerly, a measure of land in France.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 7.—DECAPITATION.

The TOTAL'S found in Mexico,
A plant which there doth thrive and grow.
The LAST'S a pretty precious gem,
I'd like to have a score of them.
Philada., Pa. KING CARNIVAL.

NO. 8.—SQUARE.

1.—A mirror. 2.—Obsolete imp. of Last. 3.—A direction equivalent to very. 4.—A stamped or printed device. 5.—A posthamlet of Northampton Co., Pa.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 9.—CHARADE.

"Please tell me your LAST," he said to
  me,

"If so very kind you'd be;
And would you FIRST a letter for me?
This is the WHOLE I give to you;
I'll pay you well for what you do."
Yucatan, Minn. RISING SUN.

NO. 10.—SQUARE.

1.—A ringlet. 2.—French historical painter; 1781-1869. 3.—The supposed ancient name of Tarrasa. 4.—The watery portion of certain animal fluids. 5.—A stamped or printed device.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 11.—DROP LETTER PUZZLE.

Six things needed by all stamp collectors: S-a-p -l-u-, c-l-e-t-o-, -i-g-s, e-t-u-i-s-, -a-i-n-e, m-n-y.
Nineveh, Jct., N.Y. THARONHIAWAGON.

NO. 12.—CHARADE.

The THREE is here; now ONE away
To swell the throng of skaters gay.
But let me ask, before you're TWO,
Just drop this in the ALL, wont you?
So. Penobscot, Me. B.

PRIZES.—First complete list, a beautifully bound book. Best list from non-subscriber, 10 months sub. Best incomplete list from a subscriber, big premium budget. For best new puzzle, philatelic preferred, 75 complete stories. Contest closes March 31, 1900.

KAPPADOCIAN KOMMENTS.

In response to the call for puzzles in the November number, Martelia sent what he called a family offering, and included sols., cons., and sub. Thank you. Merlin and Rising Sun, also accepted the invitation, and their charades show up nicely in this issue. Tharonhiawagon sent a nice batch also. We have awarded you a 10 months sub. instead of the novels offered, and hope this will suit you all right, and assure us of your monthly assistance, oh, man with a lengthy nom!—See our offer for new puzzles, and then send in at least one, kind reader. They may be charades, alphagrams, anagrams, deletions, squares, diamonds, octagons, cross-word enigmas, numericals, conundrums, or any other kind of puzzle. All are useful, and any will be welcome. B., you need not B ashamed of your charade; see how nice it looks in print!—And let us say, don't anybody be afraid his work is not good enough. Send it along, and if it needs doctoring, we can do it.

This number will be sent to one hundred puzzlers who have not seen the paper before. If it is marked "Sample Copy," that means we want you to send in answers to as many puzzles as you can, and at least one new puzzle, and if you can afford it, a dime for a 10 mos. sub.—And to all puzzle editors let us say, the publishers of this paper as well as the p. e. would like to exchange with you.—Now don't think that your new puzzles must be philatelic; anything will do. But we like the forms to have one philatelic word in each. Try PERFORATE or PERFORATION for diamond centers. Look through this paper and you will find lots of words suitable for philatelic puzzles. We hope next month will be a fruitful one for the p. e. Yours for mystification.

KAPPA KAPPA.
Lock Box 150, Hawley, Minn.

NEW ISSUES.

And the Various Countries and Their Stamps.

BELGIUM.—It is reported that, owing to the appearance of the 10c in carmine, the color of the 1 franc will be changed to green.

CEYLON.—Various changes have been made in the colors and a new stamp of the value—1 rupee 50c. has been issued.

Adhesive stamps. Watermarked Crown C. A.
2c chocolate brown.
3c dark green.
4c yellow.
5c bright blue.
Watermarked Crown, and C. C.
1r. 50c rose.
2r. 25c dull rose.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Two provisional stamps were issued in Carthagena, the stock of stamps of these values being exhausted and communication with Bogota being interrupted. Only five thousand of each value were printed. A new 50c stamp has been issued.

Provisional issue.
5c orange, buff paper.
10c ultramarine, buff paper.
Regular issue.
50c blue on lilac.

BOYACA.—We understand that the 5c stamp listed last August has been suppressed by the Columbian government after being in use only a few days.

PANAMA.—A provisional Registration Return Receipt stamp has been made by surcharging the 5c stamp of the regular issue "A R. Colon Colombia," in three lines. The surcharge is apparently made with the hand stamp ordinarily used to cancel the Registration Return Receipt stamps.

Provisional issue.
5c blue, blue surcharge.

COOK ISLANDS.—The permanent ½p stamp, design of the current 2d, 6d, and 1sh. stamps, is reported.

Adhesive. Regular issue.
½ penny, blue.

CURACAO.—The following stamps of Netherlands are reported surcharged for use in this colony.

Adhesive stamps.
25c on 25c, carmine and blue, blk. sur.
2½gld on 2½gld brown lilac, black sur.

DUTCH INDIES.—The following stamps of Netherlands are reported surcharged for use in this colony.

Adhesive stamps. Black surcharge.
10c on 10c gray lilac.
12½c on 12½c blue.
15c on 15c yellow brown.
20c on 20c yellow green,
25c on 25c carmine and blue.
50c on 50c bronze green and red brn.
2½gld on 2½gld brown lilac.

DENMARK.—The current 3o, 5o and 5x5o cards are now printed on bluish white and the letter cards are printed on pale gray.

ECUADOR.—The Mon. Jour. has seen four values of the new issue, with the frame of each in orange, and surcharged "Official" in black.

Official stamps.
2c blk. and orange. 20c blk. and orange.
10c " " 50c " "

EGYPT.—A permanent 4m card replacing the 4m on 5m card has been issued.

Postal card. 4m rose.

EGYPT—FRENCH OFFICES.—The current stamps of France have been surcharged "Alexandria," in Roman capitals, for use in the French Offices in Egypt.

Adhesive stamps, carmine surcharge.
5c yellow green.
10c black on lavender.
15c blue.
25c black on rose.
75c violet on orange.
Black surcharge.
20c red on green.
30c brown on bistre.
40c orange on straw.
50c carmine on rose.
1fr bronze green on straw.
5fr red lilac on lilac.

FRANCE.—The 15c stamp, current type, has been seen without the inscription "J. A. SAGE INV," in the lower left margin.

GOLD COAST.—A stamped envelope is reported for this colony.

Envelope. 1p rose, white paper.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The double cards of new set are announced.

Postal cards. 1½px1½p, brown on buff.
1px1p, carmine on buff.

LABAUN.—A permanent 4c stamp has been issued.

4c yellow brown and black.

MAURITIUS.—A 15c stamp of Labourdonnais Commemoration issue is chronicled by the Ph. J. of I. It is described as bearing "a portrait of an amused old gentleman in a big white wig."

Adhesive. 15c ultramarine, large size.

NORTH BORNEO.—The A. J. of P. lists the following values surcharged to meet the changed Postal Union rates.

4c on 5c orange and black.
4c on 6c olive and black.
4c on 8c lilac and black.
4c on 12c blue and black.
4c on 18c green and black.
4c on 24c claret and blue.

As only six values reached Borneo these are probably correct.

A regular 4c stamp has been issued to replace the surcharged stamps.

4c yellow brown and black.

NICARAGUA.—The design for the new issue will be a view of the island Monnotumbo in Lake Nicaragua. The stamps were to be printed by the American Bank Note Co., and to be in Nicaragua on December 15, 1899.

These stamps are furnished by Doctor Maximo Asenjo, who receives 50,000 cancelled sets of stamps at the end of the year.

PERSIA.—The following varieties of postal stationery also received the provisional surcharge noted some time ago.

Envelopes.—Violet surcharge,
5s yellow. 10s light blue. 12s rose.
Wrappers.—Violet surcharge.
2s brown. 3s lilac. 6s yellow.
Postal cards.
2s brown. 2x2s brown. 5x5s carmine.

QUEENSLAND.—The 5d has been received with numerals in the four corners and the word "Queensland" at top, reduced in size to give space for the figures. Watermarked Crown and Q. A new ½d stamp has also been issued. A small copy of the Queen's portrait is in the upper part and ½d below. Inscriptions and foliage complete the design.

Adhesives ½d deep green.
5d deep brown.

SALVADOR.—We find we have neglected to list the following values of the 1899 issue with the wheel surcharge.

2c gray green.	20c carmine rose.
3c blue.	50c orange red.
24c light blue.	100c violet.

Varieties.

5c brown orange, double surcharge.
5c " " triple "
1c bistre brown, red surcharge.

We understand that this surcharge was used to distinguish the stamps that are actually sent to Salvador from the remainders in the hands of the contractor.

The stamps bearing the surcharge "Transito Territorial" are intended to be used on a new route—via Zarapa.

SAMOA.—The 1p, 5p, 6p and 1sh stamps with surcharge "Provisional Gov't," listed in our December number, have the surcharge in blue, not red, as chronicled.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The 2p has appeared in a new color,

Adhesive stamp, watermarked Crown S. A. 2p purple.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—A five dollar stamp of the current tri-colored type is announced.

Adhesive. $5.00 orange, name and value in red.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.—A 1c of the tiger head type has been issued.

Adhesive. Watermarked Crown and C.A.
1c lilac and green.

SURINAM. — Dutch stamps are reported surcharged for this colony.

Adhesive stamps. Black surcharge.
50c on 50c bronze green and red brown.
1gld on 1gld bronze green.
2½gld on 2½gld brown lilac.

SWITZERLAND.—The color of the 15c stamp has been changed to purple.

Adhesive. 15c purple.

TIMOR.—The 31a stamp has been surcharged 20a in black.

Adhesive stamp.
20a on 31a red lilac on rose.

TONGA.—A correspondent sends us the 1d of the current issue overprinted with the surcharge "T-L, 1 June, 1899," in two lines. Concerning this he writes us that the letters "T. L." represent the names of the present king, Tubou, and his wife, Lavina. They were married on the 1st of June of this year and the surcharge is intended to commemorate the event.

Adhesive stamp. Provisional issue.
1p brownish red and black.

—A. J. of P.

URUGUAY.—The Mon. Jour. lists the Commemorative stamps of 1897, with the "Provisorio" surcharge in red, further surcharged "Official" in black.

Official stamps.
1c claret. 5c pale blue. 10c lake.

The A. J. of P. lists the 2 and 5c stamps in the new colors with the surcharge "Oficial."

Official stamps.
2c orange, black surcharge.
5c steel blue, black surcharge.

VENEZUELA.—The A. J. of P. lists the following additional varieties of the provisional official stamps listed in our December number.

It is said that the normal surcharges are 5c in violet on 50c, and 25c in red on 1b, and that the other varieties are errors.

Official stamps. Provisional issue.
Carmine surcharge.
5c on 1b violet and black.
25c on 50c yellow and black.
Varieties. Surcharge inverted.
5c on 1b violet and black.
25c on 50c yellow and black.
25c on 1b violet and black.
Double surcharge.
25c on 50c yellow and black.
Violet surcharge.
5c on 50c yellow and black.
5c on 1b violet and black.
25c on 50c yellow and black.
25c on 1b violet and black.
Vatieties. Surcharge inverted.
5c on 50c yellow and black.
5c on 1b violet and black.
25c on 50c yellow and black.
25c on 1b violet and black.

THE IRON CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY,
OF PITTSBURG, PA.

OFFICERS FOR 1899-1900.

President—Louis Bohn.
Vice President—Harry Melvin.
Secretary—Herman Lechner.
Treasurer—W. S. Coe.
Auction Manager—H. Hunt.
Sales Superintendent—M. Arnheim.

Official Organ—THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.

Monthly dues—10 cents.
Initiation fee—25 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the Iron City Philatelic Society was held at the home of Mr. M. Arnheim, Locust St., Allegheny, Pa., on Thursday evening, December 28, 1899. The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock with President Bohn in the chair. In the absence of the secretary Mr. George E. Shepard was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Applications of A. Platz and Lou O. Brosie were submitted to the society, and applicants were unanimously elected. The application of Mr. Morris Hahn, 1512 Beaver Ave., Allegheny, Pa., was referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hunt proposed that a notice of the death of Mr. C. P. Krauth, President of the Twin City Philatelic Society be published in the official organ, and that the same be spread upon the minutes of the Society. Seconded by Mr. Coe.

Motion made that a committee of two be appointed by the President to secure a room in which to hold the meetings of the Society. Seconded by Mr. Coe. Messrs. Arnheim and Platz were selected to secure a room.

Auction sale was held at which 58 lots were sold for $7.88, commission 42 cents.

A paper on the stamps of Natal was read by Mr. Hunt. It was moved and seconded that the thanks of the society be extended to Mr. Hunt for his paper.

Mr. Hunt kindly offered to allow the Society to meet at his home in January, Mr. Coe at his home in February, 1900.

Meeting adjourned at 11.15 after passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Arnheim for entertaining the Society. GEO. E. SHEPHARD, Sec. Protem.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

Conducted by CAMERON W. LAWTON, Westmiddletown, Pa.

TO OUR AMATEUR FRIENDS:—

On account of sickness and other unavoidable causes we have decided to discontinue publication of the *Pennsylvania Amateur Photography*, and have after weighing every point carefully decided to consolidate same with the ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.

Our subscribers and many friends will lose nothing by this change as all subscriptions will be filled by the publication, besides I have engaged with the Kiefer Publishing Co to take charge of a photo department in their journal and my aim in future will be same as in the past to give you the best going.

Now my friends I shall rely upon your help to make this department a success. Should you have a photo experience to any kind which you think would benefit or be of interest to others write it up mail to me at once. I shall take great pleasure in placing same in these colums. In this way we will become better acquainted with one another. Should you have any dificulties in your work, regardless of what nature, write me giving a full account of same and I shall be pleased to give you such advice through these colums as well help you through your trouble. If a reply by mail is desired five two cent stamps must be inclosed to defray expence of writing a personal letter. If convenient when seeking advice send me a print of your subject, as by so doing I will be better able to advise you where your trouble is located. Should you have any prints you wish criticised send me one propperly fixed and toned and I shall give you my advice and Criticisms through these colums free of all cost.

Remember I am here to answer any and all questions and help you in your art all that lies within my power, don't be afraid to write to me come one come all, let me hear from you often.

Yours for the advancement of Amateur Photography.

CAMERON W. LAWTON.

HOW TO GET GOOD PORTRAITS.

It may be extremely helpful to those who aspire to good work in portraiture to learn the importance of lighting and posing and the various effects which the various kinds of light have on the face of the sitter. In the normal type there may be many defect which may be softened or hightened by the method of lighting. By controlling the blinds of our studio we may elongate the head of one individual or flatten the face of another. People who sit for portraits are not always to blame when they protest gainst being figured with ungainly mouths, thick lips, flattened noses, high cheek bones or staring eyes. A portrait illuminated with strong sides lights makes the head too long, nose too short, the mouth too small and the eyes too close together, low forehead and pointed chin. A portrait made in a front top light makes the forehead too broad, the cheek bones too high, with hollow cheeks, the nose flat and the chin broad.

For people who have low foreheads, projecting eyes and decided jaw bones, we must draw the cur-

tain to the side and diminish the rource of light from that direction, and give the preponderance to the upper light. In dealing with the fleshy countenance we must shield off both front and upper lights to give precedence to the side light. A stout face is rendered less fleshy by bringing the camera near the subject, and a thin face may be broadened somewhat by removing the camera. A portrait of a stout woman should always be taken standing.

If the neck is short, as is generally the case, incline the body somewhat forward. Of course this will necessitate the subject to lean her forearm upon a chair or other support. The head is thus thrown in front of the shoulders, and face is raised and the neck apparently lengthend, and at the same time the shoulders and bust are made to look less bulky. The matter, therefore, rests with the operator, and his best judgment should always be on the alert to note the defects in the sitter and so arrange him or her as to lessen these defects and not intensify them. This will result in a satisfied customer, and will result, too, in his being advertised by his loving friends. J. R. CUSHING.

DEVELOPING CARBON PRINTS.

The usual method of developing carbon prints is by leaving in warm or hot water till the soluble pigment is washed away; but in working thus it may happen that if one wishes to retain a delicate sky, it means leaving the foreground too dark, or if the water is hot enough to clear up the foreground, the sky will have departed.

Here is a simple method by which this difficulty can be overcome:

Any single spot in the picture, provided the whole thing has not been overprinted, can be lightened or cleared up at will. Let the development of the whole print in water be only partial; in order to affect this it is best to begin in water little more than tepid and proceed tentatively. Having permitted the picture to appear pretty clearly, and having washed away most of the most easily soluble pigment, the print may be taken out of the bath and laid on a sufficiently large piece of glass or the bottom of a porcelain tray for further treatment. It will now be capable of considering further reduction by application of hotter water, but in many cases the nature of the print may be such that this application of the hotter water to clear up the darker parts will wash away some more delicate halftone or faint tint which it is desirable to retain. For this reason it is often desirable to resort to local development by this brush method. It is a very simple arrangement, and consists of nothing more than say 18 inches of flexible rubber tubing affixed to the lavatory hot-water tap at one end and at the other, fitted with a small piece of glass tubing, drawn out to a pretty fine point and broken off so as to make the arrangement like a miniature hose, with which to play on the print. If desired, several sizes of glass jets could be kept so as to regulate the fineness of the spray. A little more practice will show the use of this tool. The piece of glass or porcelain tray should be held or placed on a slant so that the water may immediately run off; thereby the parts worked on are only affected. When the print has been sufficiently developed, it is put in cold water for a few minutes and then dry as usual. The strength of the spray, of course, is regulated by the amount of water admitted by the tap, and

may be varied as required, but a little practice will teach more than pages of reading.

J. A. WILSON.

DOUBLE COATED PLATES.

The best non-halation plates are those which are doubly coated. These are better by far than plates which have simply been backed with non-halation backing. All methods of preventing halation aim to stop the reflection of light from the back of the glass plate. The double coated plate first has a gelatine coating that is moderately rapid, and on that another coating which reaches the maximum of rapidity. The thickness of the coating prevents reflection, for one thing, and the difference in the sensativeness allows a much wider range of exposure than in the singly coated plate, for what is overexposure in the too rapid coating, is about a normal exposure for the under less sensitive coating and vice versa. The double coated plates need no backing whatever, and the only precaution in handling them is that they should be developed in weaker developer than usual. An ordinary plate that is backed in the usual way will be moderately proof against halation, but not entirely. Double coated plates cost about 10 cents per dozen more than the ordinary ones.

NOTE—We have used these plates and can say they are all that is claimed for them and would advise their use by all amateurs in preferance to backed plates.—ED.

SELECTION OF OBJECTS.

I find that surprisingly few amateur photographers really know what pictures to take and what to leave alone. I have been on tours with some who thought old in the art, revealed a curious lack of discrimination as to what views would look well in a picture, and what views would not. A landscape beautiful to the naked eye and one beautiful in a photograph (especially in a small photograph) are two widely different things. I have been sent out of my way for miles to see one of the most beautiful scenes I ever looked at. I have gone and seen really beautiful spots, but spots that were worthless as photographic material. The amature on a tour should never forget that his pictures are a very small minature of the subject, and that the reducing process always destroys much of the detail, which is perfectly visible to the naked eye. One style of picture is constantly sought for by amatures, and very rarely gotten, and it is the sweeping landscape picture—a sweep of broad meadows, broken by picturesque farm fences and a few trees, and and with cattle grazing here and there. I have seen dozens of such landscapes, but I have only one picture, because I have come to realize how impossible it is to photograph them. Such a landscape as I have described always look flat in a photograph, and with the fences gone on account of the small size of the picture, and the cattle reduced to the size of flies, you will find that you have a flat photograph that is half empty sky and half an indistinguishable mass of grey foreground, neither picturesque nor beautiful. Beware of landscapes with flat horizons, they invariably kill all the beauty of the picture. Either do not take the scene at all or shift the camera so that the horizon line will be broken up or diversified. Often this can be done by getting a clump of trees near the edge and sometimes even near the center. I have seen a flat and un-

lovely horizon line nicely broken up by a single tree near the center. Another caution I wish to make to amateurs is to look well at the background of their landscape pictures. The other day an amateur brought out for my inspection one of the prettiest little bits of woodland scenery I ever had seen. There was a rough section of fence, a rolling meadow, some trees and a brook. Yet about an inch from the edge a tall factory chimney and a painfully ugly tin roof obtruded themselves, and gone was the beauty of the picture. These details formed an incongruous element, and would never have been included had the amateur sized up his background. Nine times out of ten the camera can be shifted so as to escape such things, and if it can not they can frequently be worked out in printing or retouched from the negative. Where the main part of a picture consists of a central object, such as an old well, an exposure should never be made without sizing up the scene in the ground glass from all sides. Q. C. M.

HOW TO FIX PLATES.

The simplest photographic operation is supposed to be fixing plates, yet a great many plates are spoiled by imperfect fixing, and in most cases these failures are attributed to other causes, so easy does fixing seem, and so difficult to do wrongly. These remarks are prompted by the receipt from an amateur of a little bundle of cloudy, imperfectly fixed plates, with a request for information as to the cause of the cloudy appearance. The amateur I refer to will please accept what is here said as the answer to his questions.

The rudiments of the chemistry of fixing should be understood by every amateur. When a developed plate is placed in the fixing bath it contains hyposulphite of silver, which is not soluable in water. The hyposulphite of soda is intended to render this soluble by converting it into doudle hyposulphite of silver and soda, which is freely soluble in water which furnishes the fluid portion of the fixing bath, provided the negative is left in the bath a sufficient time. The negative should be allowed to remain in the hypo several minutes after the white appearance has disappeared from the back. If a negative is moved too soon the undissolved silver still left in the film will develop a stain, just as nitrate of silver always blackens when exposed to the light. In time the negative will be entirely ruined, simply through carelessness in fixing the simplest operation in photography. Opinions differ regarding the best fixing solution. All the photographic primers teach that plain hypo, especially if strong, is liable to fog and cloud the plate. I have used as a fixing solution a plain saturated solution of hypo, and have never had fog, but I am willing to admit that this may have been more good luck than anything else. For years my fixing bath has never varied, a pound of hypo to a quart of water. This fixes very rapidly and gives a good negative. I have used acid cleaning baths for which great things were claimed, and the negative fixed in it, placed side by side with those fixed in the above hypo solution, show absolutely no difference whatever. The straight hypo will never discolor if the plates are well washed after being taken from the developing tray. I never use hypo the second time. It is so cheap that it pays to have it fresh and vigorous at every batch

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COLLECTING PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

BY PHIL A. TELIST.

The collecting of philatelic literature is now so generally indulged in, that we often wonder how it is that so many stamp collectors still ignore this important branch of philately. For the purpose of showing some of the advantages of collecting philatelic literature this article is written in the hope that those stamp collectors who desire to be up to date in matters philatelic may find therein food for reflection. In the first place the world is moving onward, and if we desire to keep pace with the world at large we must join the procession and by our knowledge of matters stampic show the general public, that stamp collecting would be away behind in the race if it were not for the fact that the philatelic press has been ever ready to show to the world that what was erstwhile regarded as child's play is today one of the great factors in the world's progress. Now let me show by a little example why every stamp collector should take a delight in collecting philatelic literature also. Suppose you have subscribed to only one philatelic paper and your stock of philatelic literature is confined to these papers only. You chance to meet a person whom you perhaps have never met before but upon whom you desire to bestow some of your friendship, whether for social or business reasons, it matters not. You being a stamp collector will sooner or later mention that fact either directly or indirectly, and if your new friend inquires about stamp collecting what do you do? You may show him your album, or you may show him any of your duplicate stamps but you will often have to do a great deal of explaining in regard to certain matters before your new friend can be made to comprehend why stamp collecting has such a hold on you. Now suppose you get out a copy of the latest issue of the philatelic paper above referred to, and point out to your friend a well written and timely article about stamps or stampic matters in general, ask him to read it and then you will at once see that his ideas on stamps, and collecting in general are comparable to an awakening from a dream. Now follow up the point so made by showing him another matter along the same line, and in a very short time you will see that your friend has caught the "collecting fever" and is ready to join the ranks of the collector and stay there too. The writer has on various occasions induced people to start collecting by the same method. Now if this were all it would serve a very good purpose but, look and behold, there are other advantages, and such too that the philatelist who neglects to add literature collecting to his stamp collecting is indeed "penny-wise and pound foolish." Here is the reason: In order to be progressive we must learn. In order to learn we must peruse the thoughts of the brightest minds in philately and these can only be found in a collection of literature devoted to our science. To read a stamp paper and then throw it away is like eating a meal and then throwing the dishes in which the meal was served out of the window. But why should a person accumulate philatelic literature? Well precisely for the same reason that you desire to accumulate other books like the works of Shakespeare, Dickens, Longfellow, and a lot of others. You would not throw a good book away after having read it once would you?—Hardly. You would put it in your library and keep it there for future use, and for the same reason a

collection of philatelic literature should be made by every stamp collector. Do not imagine that if you have read every item contained in any one paper or a dozen different papers that you know it all now. Stop a moment, the old saying is read and reflect, and you can read stamp items over a dozen times and still find food for reflection. Why is it that some philatelists are always picking up bargains? The answer is simple, they keep posted. Their philatelic library contains literature from everywhere, and hence they know who sells cheapest, and when they want to buy they know just whom to patronize. It is the well posted collector who will get the best price for his collection if he should ever desire to sell, because he has the cream of all that goes to make a collection truly valuable and such collectors are usually the ones who are proud of their large number of philatelic papers, catalogues, descriptive books of certain countries and their issues of stamps. The late John K. Tiffany was an enthusiastic collector of philatelic literature, as was also the late C. P. Krauth, while Mr. H. E. Deats is one of the foremost of living collectors of stampic literature, and he is quoted as having said that although he valued both his stamp collection and his literature collection very highly, he would if forced to part with either prefer to part with his stamps rather than his literature, because he thinks the stamps could be replaced whereas his literature collection could not.

These are points to ponder over, and when we reflect how much can be done in the way of getting new collectors into our ranks by the aid of literature, also how we can at all times keep posted in regard to anything and everything that is worthy of note besides retaining the brightest gems of thought uttered by writers on matters pertaining to our hobby, and last but not least the good we can do by leaving such literature to posterity, then we surely ought to make it a point to make a collection of philatelic literature. And when such an accumulation of literature is donated to some library, it becomes the fruitful seed from which much good will come to philately later on.

Literature of other kinds has a certain value for a time, and thereafter it usually falls under the caption "trash," but this is not so with philatelic literature, for it is a great delight to read papers on stampic matters that were published 10 and 15 years ago, the subject matter is a good criterion for present day methods and customs, and such literature can always be sold so that the accumulator really loses nothing. In literature collecting as in stamp collecting age adds value thereto, while the space the papers occupy amounts to next to nothing.

In order to find out the value of philatelic literature we would suggest that you try to obtain some that was published ten years ago, and see at what price it is held to-day. That would convince anyone of the profit there is in collecting philatelic literature.

ADVERTISERS ATTENTION.

COHOES, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1900.

KIEFER PUB. CO., Allegheny, Pa.

GENTLEMEN:—Perhaps a few remarks upon the value of your paper as an advertising medium may interest you.

During the past year I have been advertising in your paper my U. S. mixture. Of a large packing case full of these stamps I have barely 5000 remaining, having sold practically the entire lot through my "ads" in your paper.

Have shipped as high as 13,000 of these stamps in *one day* to purchasers who saw them advertised in the A. P. (have never had a packet returned). Have turned my attention to other stamps now but find the orders keep coming in showing that your paper is reaching the buying collector. Yours truly,

JAMES SANBORN.

ST. LOUIS NOTES.

BY A. L. WISSMANN.

Dealers hereabouts report that this season is one of the most peculiar they have experienced for some time. One week orders come rushing in so lively that night work must be done to fill them all promptly, while the very next week may pass by with but few orders each day, and then the rush comes again, only to be followed by the same slacking up.

Mr. Guy Thompson, late of Northfield, Minn., is located here now and if he finds the city to his liking may reside here permanently.

The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., is now located in its new office rooms, 415 and 416 Fullerton Building, where they have more room and better facilities for handling their ever increasing trade. They have just issued their new price list, which shows that they have the "go" which is so essential to success.

The Century Stamp Club held its regular meeting at Glasows Hall on Friday, February 2, 1900, which was fairly attended. This was the Clubs 51st meeting and plans were discussed in regard to inducing every collector in St. Louis to join the Club. As there are no intiation fees and dues are only one dollar per year, which would average only about 5 cents for each meeting, it is certainly to every St. Louis colllectors interest to push philately to the front in view of the Worlds Fair to be held three years hence.

According to custom in the Missouri Penitentiary a criminal gets a rebate of 20 per cent of his sentence for good behavior. So it will not be surprising if Mr. R. P. Wolle, whose term of imprisonment would therefore be over now, would turn up again.

The great fire which destroyed several department stores and other property to the extent of about one million dollars on Sunday, February 4, also damaged the property of the Tiffany heirs to some extent although the Fire Department succeeded in keeping the flames from doing great damage to the building belonging to the Tiffany heirs and occupied by the great store, "Famous."

Mekeel's Weekly has succeeded in buying the subscription list and good will of the *Post Office*, formerly published by Henry Gremmel, and just before suspension by J. C. Morgenthau & Co.

The many friends of C. E. Stegmann one of St. Louis veteran dealers will be pleased to learn that he has entirely recovered from the stroke of paralysis which prostrated him some time ago.

Mr. H. Edgar French who some time ago located at Nashville, Tenn., has returned to St. Louis, and his many friends are urging him to stay here.

SUBSCRIBE to the A. P.

THE PUZZLERS' COLLECTION.

EDITED BY KAPPA KAPPA.

ANSWERS TO DECEMBER PUZZLES.

1. A merry Christmas to you all.
2. F / SEA / STAMP / FEATURE / AMULET / PREEN / ETNA
4. OSSA / STAMP / SALOON / AMOROUS / POOGYE / NUYTS / SESS
3. Album, hinges, stamps, catalogue, and THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.
5. Lincoln.
6. CHRISTMAS / EARTHEN / SPAIN / EMS / P
7. (1) Because it is full of pith. (2) Because he uses hinges. (3) When it is read (red).
8. Vamp.
9. Philatelic Order of Masons.

DECEMBER SOLVERS.—Bond, Yucatan, 8; B., Carla, Robert, 7; Helen of Troy, St. Julian, Titus, Yretsyma, 4; Pearlie Glen,, Primrose, 3; Drusilla, Fate, Greybeard, Kanuck, Russetina, 1.

PRIZE WINNERS.—Bond, Ohio, "Love Letters"; Russetina, N. Y., Rubber face; B., Maine, coin trick; 10 mos. sub., Primrose, Md.

MARCH PUZZLES.

NO. 1.—NUMERICAL.

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 3, 5, 12 is the universal hobby. 20, 21, 22, 23 is a record. 7, 6, 10, 8, 4, 11, 1, is very fine. 9, 10, 4, 6, 1, 2, is the state of being hale.
The whole of 23 letters names a popular magazine. THARONHIAWAGON.
Nineveh Jct., N. Y.

NO. 2.—CHARADE.

If once you're injured by my ONE
I trow, not very far you'll run.
'Twill LAST your head, of that I'm sure,
And stitches are the only cure.
The WHOLE'S a plant, and common too,
Perhaps this name will be quite new.
Philada., Pa. KING CARNIVAL.

NO. 3.—WORD HUNT.

Find in POSTAGE, three animals and a snake, a river in Italy, an American poet, a useful vine, a writer of verse, the head

and part of the foot, a well known cereal, and the house-keeper's favorite plant.
Cloverdale, Va. PALEA.

NO. 4.—DIAMOND.

1 and 7, letters. 2, to border. 3, to hang over. 4, separate. 5, value. 6, a small animal.
Pittsburg, Pa. J. K.

NO. 5.—ANAGRAM.

See men's giant!
Baltimore, Md. BINKS.

NO. 6.—CHARADE.

O Lucy, I would have you go,
And PRIME this note for me;
O prithee, do not walk so slow,
And so contrary be!

The TOTAL is not far from here,
I sure you'll not get lost,
While at the FINE, pray get my dear
Five stamps,—ten cents the cost.
Brooklyn, N. Y. RUSSETINA.

NO. 7.—DIAMOND.

1 and 7, letters. 2, a genus of ruminant quadrupeds. 3, enough. 4, cards sold by the government. 5, to kennel, as dogs. 6, only.
Hawley, Minn. CRACKER JACK.

NO. 8.—CROSSWORD ENIGMA.

In speak, not in say,
In give, not in pay,
In weak, not in stroug,
In fork, not in prong,
In red, not in blue,
In trace, not in clue.
My whole is a publisher known to you.
Chicago, Ill. JOB RAKER.

NO. 9.—CHARADE.

The TOTAL I find is a wonderful place,
A Mecca it is to me;
Oft from my FINAL with great speed do I chase—
In PRIME haste do I fast flee.
Baltimore, Md. PRIMROSE.

NO. 10.—MUTATION.

"STOP CLARA D," the postman said,
"Here's startling news, I say!
Old Skinny Boston's wife is dead;
The devil is to pay.
He wrote the news way down to York,
And sent the card today:
'Old Jenny's seen the last of work,
Her spirit's far away.
I gave her just a dose of lead
To quench her spirits gay'."
The news like wildfire seemed to spread;
The man, tho' old and gray,
Before a court held up his head,
And then went on to say:
"Old Jenny was my mare, you know,
Named for my wife in play;
Her working days were over, so
I killed her, as you say."
Write on a WHOLE, if news you'd spread,
And send it on its way.

PRIZES.—First complete, or best list if no completes are received, "Don't Worry Nuggets." Best incomplete list, 6 mos. sub. to this paper. First answer to No. 1, the big Premium Budget. Send your lists in promptly, and not later than April 20.

KAPPADOCIAN KOMMENTS.

Several solvers sent solutions to the publisher; do not do this, friends, as they have to be forwarded to the puzzle editor, and thus cause trouble and expense for the publisher. Send everything relating to the puzzle department to Kappa Kappa, Hawley, Minn.—All puzzle editors are requested to exchange with the publishers of this paper.—Palea, thank you for your cons. Hope you will become a stamp crank; it is a very enthusing sort of a fad, almost as bad as puzzling! No, Kappa Kappa hasn't time nor money to become a thorough collector. Have had spells of philatelic aberration, but one fad is enough. Your idea of hidden countries in the postal union is a good one; send them along. This is the 10th issue of the Puzzlers' Collection; if you want the complete file, write to Kiefer Publishing Co. for terms; you can probably get the lot quite cheaply.—King Carnival says, "I think A. P. grows better with every issue; and now that you have two pages at your disposal, I think you ought to have still more support." So do we, and thank you for yours and Kittiewink's.—Primrose, congratulations on your E. P. L. presidency. Am very sorry to think that your kindly support of this department should cause "top-notch" puzzlers to turn up their noses. Thank you for your help, and for copies of the Waverly.—Now don't forget that we want your help with solutions, new puzzles, and subscriptions, or in common parlance, sols., cons., and subs.—The other A. P., the *Ardmore Puzzler*, pursues its uneven way, sometimes 4 pages and sometimes 20, very successfully, and most any spirited puzzler can earn his

dollar subscription in the year in prizes, as lots are offered. Write to Edwin Smith, Box 20, Ardmore, Pa., for a copy.—Now Remardo, give us a puff in return.—This issue is sent to a large number of puzzlers, and if you are one, it is an invitation to you to join us. Try for that 6 mos. sub.—For the best original charade sent before April 20, will give the great American Puzzle Book. Anybody and everybody may compete.

We can use from 10 to 12 puzzles each month, so keep sending them in.—Rising Sun, it's too bad, but the crossword enigma you sent has accidentally got into the waste besket, and got burned. Can you write it over, or send another? Will be more careful next time.—Address all letters relating to puzzles to, KAPPA KAPPA,
Lock Box 150, Hawley, Minn.

JUNIOR STAMP DEALERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS FOR 1900-1901.

President—S. E. Moisant.
Vice-President—W. C. Doak.
Secretary-Treasurer—Cecil Rawson.
Exchange Superintendent—R. L. Doak.
Auction Manager—W. E. Beckhelm.
Advertising & Sub. Agt—C. W. Kissinger.
Librarian—T. Babcock.
Attorney—W. H. McDowell.
1900 Convention Seat—Milwaukee.
Official Organ—Allegheny Philatelist.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—It is with great pleasure that I address you in my new capacity as President and I desire to return my thanks to those whose votes so kindly elected me. Coming as the honor unexpectedly did, over others so much worthy of your support, makes it indeed something to be thankful for, and I will strive my utmost to do my full duties in a proper manner.

It is my ambition to see a paid up membership of at least 100 by the time we expect to meet in convention, and I most earnestly desire the co-operation of each and every member. Who will bring the most members during the present year? I promise to bring in 25, who will be next?

I hereby appoint the following Resident Vice Presidents. It shall be the duty of such officers to especially strive to introduce new members from their respective states.

Colorado, George W. Maynard.
Iowa, D. T. Eaton.
Missouri, Sydney H. Barnes.
Maine, Ray W. Stevens.
New York, Leon V. Cass.
Ohio, S. P. Lev.
Pennsylvania, Lou O. Brosie.
South Dakota, Ray I. Ellis.
Virginia, W. W. Capps.
Illinois, B. L. Voorhees.
Canada, C. E. A. Holmes.

I hope these appointments will be satisfactory to all and have the endorsements of the trustees.

A few offices were left vacant after the election, so I make the following appointments to fill them:

Trustees, A. C. Trask, R. W. Cobbe, George C. Hartung, Chicago.

Purchasing Agent, George R. Tuttle, N. Y.City.

There will be some more appointments next month.

Again thanking you for the honor you have placed upon me, I remain with best wishes,

Yours for the J. S. D. P. A.,
S. E. MOISANT, President.

SECRETARY-TREASURERS REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

22 George W. Maynard.
23 W. Hammond.
24 C. O. Eddy.
25 Lou O. Brosie.
26 George C. Hartung
27 J. W. Sells.
28 R. I. Ellis.
29 D. T. Eaton.
30 George R. Tuttle.
31 J. F. Dodge.
32 R. W. Stevens.

The above will be seut membership cards upon payment of dues.

APPLICATIONS.

33 Theodore Siddall, 35 Wall-st., New York City, age 32, Sendgrapher. Refs., Moisant, Beckhelm.
34 A. E. Barron, Tarrytown, N. Y., age 17.
35 J. W. A. de Vletter, Jzn., Jonkefranstraat No. 30, Rotterdam, Holland, age 27, Merchants Clerk. Refs., Rawson, Moisant.
36 C. B. Rice, Oswego, N. Y., age 29, Stamp Dealer. Refs., Rawson, Moisant.
37 J. W. Fleming, 4731 Center-ave., Chicago, Ill., age 16, Office Boy. Refs., Cobbe, Moisant.
38 R. C. Miller, Valley Junction, Iowa, age 16, P. O. Clesk. Refs., Moisant, J. F. Jordan.

Unless objections are recorded before March 15, the above will be admitted as members.

I am glad to be able to have such a good report. I promise to get 15 new members before September 1, 1900, who is next.

Ref. for Mr. J. F. Dodge were Rawson, Moisant.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Recepts.

Cash from Secretary pro tem	$ .38
Dues and fees	1.35
MSS	.06
Total	1.79

Expenditures.

Postage for Secretary	$ .84	
MSS	.36	
Rubber stamp	.28	
Total	1.48	1.48
Balance on hand		.31

Respectfully submitted,
CECIL RAWSON, Sec'y-Treas.

P. S.—When new blanks are printed the dues will be 25 cents per annum and name will be changed to "The Stamp Dealers Protective Association."

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS:—I solicit donations for the library of the Society. If you have any papers you can spare send them to me. Lets make the library one of the best, and I assure you I will do all in my power to make it so. Let me hear from you.

Thanking you all for your vote and kind assistance, I remain, Yours truly,
TREYMOND BABCOCK, Librarian.

To the officers of above society, we will ask you to, when sending in your report, write on one side of the paper only, as our printer refuses to accept copy when written on both sides, and the result is it causes us an abundance of trouble.

Wishing the society the success that it deserves, we beg to remain, Yours respectfully,
KIEFER PUBLISHING CO.

PHILATELIC ORDER OF MASONS.

ORGANIZED APRIL 1, 1899.

Initiation, 25c. Dues, 25c per quarter.
Quarters begin first of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

B. G. McFALL. s. c. p. o. m. **Eldred, Pa.**

Members! Nominations now in order!

RULES GOVERNING NOMINATIONS.

15.—Superintendent of Auction, Information, Examination, Fraud, Subscription and Advertising and Benefit Departments, and a Librarian shall be elected by ballot of members every year.

16.—No member shall be eligible to office until he has attained a degree, unless nomination paper is signed by at least 3 members one of which is a Degree P. O. M., or as per rule 17.

17.—Nomination of a 10th degree (or higher) P. O. M. shall be official.

18.—A Degree P. O. M. may nominate himself for any office.

19.—Nominations may be made by any member when their nominee is a Degree P. O. M.

20.—Nominations must be approved by the nominee before presentation to the S. C. P. O. M. in this form:

"I hereby nominate (nominee), P. O. M. No. ... as candidate for office of (name of office) in P. O. M. Signed.....
Degree ... P. O. M., No. ...
Approved (nominee's signature).

21.—A P. O. M. in the Primary Year, elected to office, shall have first degree, G. P. O. M., conferred upon him immediately after election.

22.—A member delinquent or suspended shall not be privileged to vote, nominate, or be nominated.

23.—Nominations must be made to the S. C. P. O. M., (form, rule 20) between January 1 and March 2.

24.—A list of nominations shall be published and sent to each member, or published in the Official Paper, not later than April 15.

Superintendent of Benefit Department shall receive lots of stamps, etc., and offer them for sale at low prices receiving 10% on sale.

Members: Successful candidates receive first degree when elected. The above rules may appear contingent now so I will nominate any member for any office to which he desires (rule 17) but as soon as several have obtained degrees this difficulty will have been overcome and except when necessary, the S. C. P. O. M., will not nominate to any office. Make out your own nomination paper (rule 20) approve and send in. Note: Because of lateness of this report, time to receive nominations will be extended to April 1. On that date they close and a published list of all nominations and ballot and voting instructions will be sent each member.

G. L. Smith, P. O. M., Limestone, N. Y., offers to pay initiation fee of five new members. Send to him for blanks.

NEW MEMBERS.

Age in (). Credit to member's No. at end.

20.—Mrs. F. W. Battles, (25), Newton Junction, N. H.—19.

21.—C. W. Brown, (34), 516 Irving-ave., Syracuse, N. Y.—18.

22.—Ted Skinner, (12), Attica, N. Y.—9.

ADVANCEMENT.

WITNESS, that Bro. Chas. W. Slack, P. O. M. 9., is hereby advanced to the first Degree of the Order. February 15, 1900.

CONTEST DEPARTMENT.

No. 1, closed December 31, Bro. D. J. Rielly, P. O. M. 7, for entering most books (value $22.89) and Bro. S. E. Moisant, P. O. M. 8, for purchasing most from books ($1.39) during December 1899, were awarded prizes as offered, $1.00 each, free selection from sales books.

No. 2.—Member sending largest list of words which spell the same either way, as eye, bob, etc., (proper names excluded) will receive $2.00 free selection from Sales Department books. 2d largest list $1.00, and 3rd, 50c. Closes May 1, 1900. Philatelists not members should join at once, and take advantage of this great offer.

SALES AND EXCHANCE.

26 books entered, value	$228.59
5 " retired "	21.84
Value of remaining	$202.25
Value last quarter "	52.58
Total.	$254.83

Amount of sales for quarter $16.77.

INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT.

17 shares. Capital $4.25. Cash invested $4.09, representing $7.78. Sales for quarter 34c, less 10% to Department and cost for reinvestment, leaves 15c for dividend plus 4c undivided from last quarter, 19c or 1c per share and 2c for dividend next quarter. Per cent. of dividend, 4. Shares sold during quarter, 1.

FIRST AUCTION, P. O. M.

NOTE.—Each lot sold as one piece. Highest bidder will be notified and upon receipt of cash, purchases will be forwarded; all charges to be paid by the purchaser. All goods guaranteed as represented. Address, S. E. Moisant, Auction Superintendent, Kankakee, Ill.

No.		Reserve
1.	25c Life Insurance (3). All little off cen.	$ 25
2.	25c Ins., W. Receipt, part perf., fine, catalogued $1.25	
3.	25c Bond, nice lot, [5]	16
4.	25c Protest, nice lot, [4]	35
5.	25c Power of Attorney, imp., [4]	40
6.	25c Insurance [14], Power of Att'y [9]	
7.	2c B. C. blue, imp., fine, [20]	33
8.	$1.50 Inland Ex., imp., one cut close	
9.	1.90 For. Ex., fine, pale lilac, scarce	60
10.	1.90 " lilac and mauve	45
11.	1.80 " mended	
12.	5.00 Third Issue, rubbed, [2]	25
13.	2.00 " [5], nice set	95
14.	2.00 Second Issue unnotic., patch at top	80
15.	2.00 " [3], all neatly mended.	65
16.	Guatemala 25c, '86-87, [16]	32
17.	" 25c, " [20] some hev. can.	35
18.	" 25c, " [10], 7 fine	20
19.	9,000 Omega Hinges	
20.	20,000 "	
21.	50 blank approval books, hold 60 stamps	
22.	100 same	
23.	1898 doc. rev., 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 25, 50c, $1, [100 sets]	
24.	Scott's 59th catalogue, never used	
25.	" " " [5]	
26.	" " " [10]	
27.	" " " [25]	
28.	" " " [50]	
29.	" " " [100]	
30.	1 page ad in Stamp Exchange, regular	2 50
31.	1000 var. fine possage stamps	
32.	2000 " "	
33.	25c Certificate, fine, [25]	
34.	$2 Con. [8], Mort. [7], P. of W. [4], nice lot.	1 90
35.	1c, 2c albino env., □ 1887, unused, fine	
36.	1c albino env. offset on back, unused ent.	
37.	1c 1899 env., half albino, entire, fine	

Bids must be in by March 20. Everyone bid! Members P. O. M. your stamps sold through this department on 10% commission. Place your reserve low.

THE IRON CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, OF PITTSBURG, PA.

OFFICERS FOR 1899–1900.

President—Louis Bohn.
Vice President—Harry Melvin.
Secretary—Herman Lechner.
Treasurer—W. S. Coe.
Auction Manager—H. Hunt.
Sales Superintendent—M. Arnheim.

Official Organ—THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST.

Monthly dues—10 cents.
Initiation fee—25 cents.

The regular monthly meeting of the Iron City Philatelic Society was held at the home of Mr. Henry Hunt, Forest Place, Pittsburg, Pa., on Thursday evening, January 25, 1900. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 o'clock with President Bohn in the chair; in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Geo. E. Shepard was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The application of Mr. Morris Hohn, 1512 Beaver avenue, Allegheny, Pa., was favorably recommended by the Executive Committee, and Mr. Hohn was unanimously elected to membership. The application of Mr. Chas. Pahl, 625 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, Pa., and Mr. Richard Townsend, 5526 Grand Place, Oakland, Pittsburg, Pa., were referred to the Executive Committee.

A memorandum, dated November 20, 1899, from Mr. Lechner, stating he had called on Mr. Victor T. Reed and collected $1.50, the amount of his dues for 15 moths, was read; the Treasurer reported he had never received this money from Mr. Lechner, and the Secretary pro tem was instructed to take the matter up with him and secure the money.

An auction sale was held, at which 49 lots were disposed of for $5.58, commission 36c.

The Treasurer reported

Cash on hand	$13.25
Dues and initiation fees	2.20
Commission from auction sale	.36
Total	$15.81
Paid to Kiefer Publishing Co., for mailing notices of meeting of December and January and two subscriptions to the Official Organ	1.70
Balance	$14.11

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 after passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Hunt.

GEO. E. SHEPARD, Sec'y pro tem.

The regular monthly meeting of The Iron City Philatelic Society was held at the residence of Mr. W. S. Coe, 2127 Webster avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., on Thursday evening, February 22, 1900.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 o'clock, President Bohn in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Committee on securing a room for the society to hold its regular meetings in, reported were unable to secure room which will suit society's purpose unless they could secure same room as other society was at present using, viz., Royal Arcanum Hall, location 6th avenue. The society recommended that unless another room could be secured before the next meeting that it should be leased for one year, giving Mr. Platz full power of signing lease, and also ordered Treasurer to pay over to Mr. Platz a sufficient amount to pay the first quarter in advance, should committee be unable to secure a more favorable hall.

Mr. Arnheim then read a letter from Mr. Mustin, who is at present attending school at Chester, Pa., in which he offered his residence as next meeting place, the society accepted the invitation and ordered the Secretary to send Mr. Mustin a letter thanking him for the invitation also stating that the society will gladly hold the next meeting at his residence.

Nominations were next in order.

President: Louis Bohn, Jr., A. Platz, declined.
Treasurer: W. S. Coe.
Secretary: Geo. Shepard, Emil N. Kiefer.
Exchange Supt.: Max Arnheim.
Auction Manager: Henry Hunt.
Counterfeit Detector: A. Platz.

Nominations were then closed.

The applications of Mr. Chas. Pahl and Mr. R. Townsend were favorably recommended by the executive committee and unanimously elected.

Mr. Geo. Shepard recommended that dues should be raised to 15 cents per month, on motion of Mr. Arnheim was held over for next meeting.

Mr. Coe moved that the exchange books be sold to the members at one cent each, seconded and passed. All desiring books can secure same at the next meeting, the money to be put in the treasury.

Application of Mr. Geo. H. McCoy was read and held over till next meeting.

Auction sale was next. In the absence of Mr. Hunt, Mr. Arnheim was appointed auctioneer pro tem. The commission on the lots offered and sold amounted to 41 cents.

Treasurer's report:

Balance as per last report	$14.11
Dues collected	2.00
Mr. Resd's dues turned over by Secretary	1.50
Auction commission	.41
Initiation Fees	.25
Total in treasury	$18.27
EXPENDITURES.	
Meeting notices	$ .38
Balance in Treasury	$17.89

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 after having passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Coe for the amiable manner in which he entertained them.

BOSTON NOTES.

The printing of the $1, $3, $5, $10 revenue stamps in outline colors will effectually prevent their being cleaned and used a second time. The washing or cleaning process would make the colors run and thereby render further tampering with the stamp an impossibility.

Our oldest stamp dealer, not of Boston but of the whole United States, is about to collect a complete collection of every stamp listed in Scott's catalogue, ever issued by the United States Post Office Department. He has been dealing in stamps since 1847 and never had a complete collection, but now has contracted the stamp craze and before many months will have a complete collection. To those who have not heard about this

dealer will say that his principal office is in Washington and his branches are all over the United States. His name is Uncle Sam.

Frank P. Brown held his second auction sale of postage stamps on January 25th and 26th. The Stamps were United States, British North America, Leeward and Windward Islands only. The stamps were in fine condition and brought good prices.

The Soudan surcharged on 1 and 2 mil Egypt with the surcharge inverted are reported to be forgeries.

It is a noteworthy fact that the prices obtained at Boston stamp auctions are much higher than those obtained at the New York auctions.

The collection of F. W. Hunter, which was sold recently in New York, brought at auction nearly $27,000. One stamp, the 2c British Guiana first issue, brought $1700, which is the highest price ever paid at auction for a single stamp. It is thought that the stamp was bought for one of the English nobility.

The valuable Thorne collection has returned to Boston after its trip through the United States and is now being broken up. The rarities have been eagerly sought for and the investment has proved a good one for the New England Stamp Co.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s 43rd sale was held on January 31st, 1900, at Elk's Hall. The prices brought were good. Over $1000 was realized.

The death of Mr. C. P. Krauth was a great blow to his many Boston friends. His many sterling qualities endeared him to all who knew him, and to know him was to love him. He was as one in ten thousand.

The latest information from England is that the stamp business thus far this season has not been good. High priced stamps not being in demand, except at rediculously low prices. Very few dealers have been able to report a good business even in the line of medium grade stamps.

This dullness of trade is partially accounted for in the fact that money is very scarce and high.

B. L. Drew & Co. hold their 46th sale on March 13th and 14th, which sale they characterize as their Limited Special, selected stamps only in fine condition.

DENVER NOTES.

BY WILLIAM ARNOLD JACOBS.

The New England Stamp Co., of Boston, Mass., had a very large and valuable collection of stamps here on January 1st. According to all reports it was the finest collection seen here for several years. We hope they will come again.

The D. P. A. Handbook is a "peach." It contains the names and addresses of all paid-up-members of the D. P. A., portraits and biographies of its officers, and a directory of Canadian collectors. Taken all in all, it is a fine little book.

There is one philatelic advertisement that is growing tiresome. It is that chestnut: "A man in St. Louis recently found a stamp for which we paid him $$$$! $$$? $$?! $." To my knowledge I have seen this in advertisements of four or five companies. They don't tell us whether it is the same man or whether there are a half dozen of him. Oh! how we wish that we were him!!

Local news is scarce this month. There is nothing going on, and at the time of this writing, business has fallen off. The boom we hear so much about has not as yet struck Colorado.

One of the funniest things I have seen in a long time is the burlesque on H. A. Chapman which appeared in *The Collector* for December 20. It is headed "Roulettations," "By A. Hoosier Chap" and is supposed to be written at "Stony Mountain." It is as good as a side show, and just like Chapman.

Not long ago I saw in a philatelic paper a description of an envelope that had made a tour of the world, and a description of how it was done. I thought I would do it myself so I fixed up an envelope, like this:

If not delivered return to
W. A. JACOBS,
1133 Josephine-st., Denver, Col.,
U. S. A.

F. H. J. BURNS,
Foo Chow, China,
via New York.

If not there, forward to
Honolulu, Hawaii.

If not there forward to
Constantinople, Turkey.

Well, first it went to New York, and then (owing to a mean postmaster) it was sent to San Francisco. From there it went to Shanghai, thence to Foo Chow, from there it went to Constantinople,

from there to Port Said, Egypt, thence to Hong Kong, thence to Shanghai once more, and then back across the Pacific Ocean, through San Francisco to Denver. So it went two thirds of the way around the world, then turned and came back. And I have been swearing (to myself) ever since.

CHICAGO CHAT.

BY A. C. TRASK.

Mr. P. M. Wolsiefer has been elected president of the Chicago Philatelic Society vice Samuel Leland who resigned the office for lack of time.

The new board of officers of the C. P. S. are showing considerable enterprise by sending circulars to Chicago collector's explaining benefits derived from membership, etc. It is to be hoped that these circulars will result in a material increase in the membership.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter of the New England Stamp Co., Boston, has been in the city the past month exhibiting the Thorne collection.

The C. P. S. Auction Sale which occurred on January 27th was very successful, nearly 400 lots being disposed of at fair prices. Mr. Massoth makes an ideal auctioneer. There were 40 or 50 collectors in attendance which filled the societies room to its full capacity. Boxes (not private boxes, but dry goods boxes) were at a premium during the evening. U. S. 1857 90c, brought $7.75. The $5 Canada Jubilee brought $2.45 and the $2.00 Jubilee brought $1.05. The final lot, a collection of 2870 varieties catalogued at $185 by the 59th, brought $40.

If the Buffalo Exposition stamps are issued in two colors they will leave the Columbians and Omahas in the shade. This issue, like the many other commemorative issues, will result in many new collectors.

The *Stamp Exchange*, a quarterly published by S. E. Moisant, Kankakee, Ill., has made its appearance. The first number consists of but four pages, but the publisher promises a larger and better paper in succeeding issues.

The new registration scheme, whereby private families can have mail matter registered by handing same to the carrier, is meeting with success.

The *Chicago Tribune* gave an interesting notice of the great Hunter auction sale held in New York recently. Articles of this kind in the daily papers do much good to our hobby and should be encouraged.

OUR CANADIAN DEPARTMENT.

BY FINDLAY I. WEAVER.

Mr. E. A. Giller, one of Berlin's prominent stamp dealers has left Berlin for Paterson, N. J., where he has secured a lucrative situation in a leading drygoods establishment. He has sold his stamp business to the writer of these notes. Mr. Giller has for some months past, been Canadian correspondent for the *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

The Philatelic Spectator is appearing in enlarged form since second class mailing privileges have been extended it.

Energy is now devoted entirely to philately. *The Youths' Realm* is filling out the subscriptions of the former paper's non-philatelic subscribers.

The Canadian Philatelic Press Association is now without an official organ, *Energy* having resigned. The ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST is mentioned as the paper likely to be the next organ of this society.

Alexander M. Muirhead the founding member of the Dominion Philatelic Association has recently sent in his resignation. He was several times president of the D. P. A., and his withdrawal from the ranks is regretted by all the members. Alex. seems to be waning in matters philatelic. He has ascended, or shall we say degenerated, to the position of a political leader, being chief of the Socialists in Nova Scotia. Whatever his field he is bound to be a leader.

A movement is on foot in Toronto to have the postal rate on drop letters reduced from 2c to 1c.

In my opinion the editor of the *Virginia Philatelist* deserves the censure of the philatelic press for his Pro-Boer utterances in his journal. Being a Canadian, such writings are naturally, more offensive to me than they are to Americans, but the latter, I am sure, will agree with me when I say that such matters should not be given space in the columns of a stamp paper, excepting in as much as they bear on philately. I think Mr.

Johns was perfectly justified in cutting off his subscription to the *V. P.*

The D. P. A. has a representative in the ranks of the brave soldier laddies who compose the Second Canadian Contingent, in the person of James F. Irwin, the well known dealer of St. Catharines.

In Capt. E. F. Wurtele the D. P. A. has a president of the right calibre. I think a great deal of the remarkable progress of the society is due to its able presiding officer.

The League of Canadian Philatelists is similarly blessed in having as its president Mr. W. K. Hall.

Friend Chapman seems to resent what I said about him, as a joke, regarding the letters J. P. which follow his name at the head of the Review Department of the *Jubilee Philatelist*. I'm sure no offense was meant. He speaks of jag proof-reading and jag plate-matter. Of course he was driving at my journal, *Energy*, but the former would apply just as well to the *Jubilee Philatelist*.

GRAND CONSOLIDATION.

The many friends and patrons of the *Herald Exchange* of New York City, will no doubt be surprised to learn that its existence ends with the March number, its name, good will, and subscription list having been sold to the publishers of this paper; Mr. Tausig having found that other business needed his time, and could no longer run it, and do justice to the paper and his work both.

You will not lose Mr. Tausig altogether as he will be assistant editor, having charge of the German department.

We will not promise a larger paper or anything else but we will say it will be kept up to its former high standard. A slight change in name will take place, as hereafter the publication will be known as "The Allegheny Philatelist," and "Herald Exchange."

Advertisers will profit largely by this deal as the subscription list is given a boost of almost 1000, giving us one of the largest paid up subscription lists of any philatelic paper in existence. Our rate will remain the same, viz.: 50 cents per inch. Subscription, 25 cents per year.

Our rate of 50 cents per inch is only temporary, so would be well for all advertisers to contract for space while rate is low.

IT IS NOT EPHEMERAL.

C. H. WATTS.

The tide of prosperity now flooding the country is not of a day's duration. There is nothing ephemeral about it. It is the fruitage of the inexorable law of supply and demand. The prosperity is affecting almost every trade and business, large and small. Railroads and steamboats are taxing their capacity in order that the supply might catch up with the demand. Business contracts date far into the future.

What has this to do with stamps. Just this. When people are prosperous they have more money than when times are close with them. Having more money than in the past those who "were once collectors always collectors" will find a little time and cash to give to their collections. When times are good, interest in sports and hobbies increase. Prosperity is reaching to every business and the stamp business is no exception; dealers report business good and every one who cares to observe a little close will see how the prices of stamps are slowly but surely climbing the ladder they so rapidly descended a few years ago.

I do not desire to be called optimistic in my opinion but I am certain in my own mind that on a general collection the advance in one year from now will average nearer twenty-five per cent than it will twenty. Prices on commodities in many cases have gone up one hundred per cent, and in but few cases has prices remained as they were a year ago. Stamps are starting on a great boom. Look about you, ye business men. Can't you see a golden future for your business? Commodities generally boomed in 1899, and as stamps are about a year behind commodities in feeling the effect of panic or boom, stamps will boom in 1900 I feel sure. This year will see another issue of the Standard Catalogue. The publishers, I am informed, are already planning for another issue the coming fall as the stamp market has already shown them that their catalogue will soon cease to be a guide owing to the rapid advances that are sure to follow the general prosperity so prevalent throughout the land. Buy the stamps you want now before it is too late. You may miss it in one or two cases, but if you ever intend to get those wants, I hope you will see things as I do and save money by getting them now.

CURRENT ISSUES.

BY EDWIN L. PORTER.

In collecting stamps we naturally each follow our bent. The disposition as to age of stamps perhaps is to acquire first the old issues and later add the new. This is probably due to antiquarian taste primarily, but largely from a financial motive the things being that the old issues will speedily increase in value and be harder to obtain later for that reason while we can later at our leisure add modern issues. Whether he knows it or not, the collector is influenced largely by mercenary motives. He is bound by a limited purse and within that limit he enjoys following his bent so that when he is obliged to realize on his assets he may hope to have returned to him the largest per centage of cost possible if not of profit. He likes to think, too, that this that and the other stamp was wisely bought, and that if he is a crank he can show business wisdom in the manner in which he has indulged himself.

Personally I prefer to purchase current issues of standard countries,—fine copies, well centered and unused. There is a basal value in such case of the face of the stamp and a fair margin paid of from 10% to 50% over this for the dealer's trouble in laying before you for choice, the specimens should be money judiciously invested. If we always are buying past issues we as a rule are paying for standard countries much more than such a price with interest at current rates. This is especially true of the higher denominations say from 6d to £1. inclusive. There is so much more disposition to buy cheap stamps to add to the number of our collections numerically that as a rule low values are common and high ones relatively more rare than the ratio of value. The further advantage, aside from the financial one, of collecting new issues is that it tends to keep one abreast of current events, which is no mean advantage.

To what extent a purchase of current issues will redound to future profit as against older ones as a line I cannot well tell as yet. Later I may be a monument of error or wisdom. Mr. Burgoyne's idea of keeping record of cost of specimens is certainly to be commended to those who feel they can find time for it. If he can find time, who of us cannot?

If past experience were of much use in changed conditions I might point to my U. S. purchases of the 1856, 1869 and 1875 issues. The specimen issues of Agriculture, Executive and State Departments. The 1865, 5, 10 and 25c, and 2c to 9c 1875 newspapers as instances of where stamps bought at face are now worth less than costs with compound interest, and in some cases notably the 9c newspaper 100 times cost. The future depends so much on the much large stock of specimens now preserved and the number of collectors there will be in 10, 20 or 30 years that it would be daring to say that the record of purchases made now would be as satisfactory as those mentioned. I cannot, however, but think that the plan of adding to our collections first the current issues of countries we collect and later the older ones will give us the advantage that we are always going in on the ground floor instead of being the market on which the dealers of whom mostly we buy are unloading at a profit.

As to the best method of purchasing current issues I can add nothing with a recommendation as entirely satisfactory. I secured my Greek Olympian set by direct correspondence with the postmaster at Athens. It is always advisable in such case to select the chief city of a country, as you can be sure of the stamps being in stock there. A letter received in such manner and the expectation of it is a very pleasurable incident to a collector. I have imported from Canada and New Foundland also, and with satisfactory success. The experience of my friends in the Mekeel importation arrangement at cost and 10% was disastrous and I have avoided myself such shoals. I would fear also that in such a plan I would be loaded up for at least my share of the mutilated, bad centered, part perforated and otherwise faulty copies received. There can be little hope of the future appreciation in value of such stamps as we constantly are becoming more exacting in such matters. At present after trying F. P. Brown, Bogert & Durbin, and New England Stamp Company, in the latter two of which I have standing orders for new issues on approval I am trying Scott Stamp & Coin Co. My only commentary on all is that you must be vigilant yourself and invite the specimens you seek, specially of the dealers or the odd stamps issued singly and for this reason no work for our thought will be overlooked. As to the result of such collecting I can only add that its financial

results are problematic as yet, but for an attractive collection that is a comfort to yourself and a pleasure to your stamp collecting friends it is a success. At a stamp club meeting recently held at my house the members seemed interested and pleased at the attractiveness of the small collection I have which is cast on the line for the most part of unused United States and its colonies including Cuba and Great Britain and her colonies.

REMINISCENCES OF SIX DECADES.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

The majority of stamp collectors have "come to town" since 1870, and the number of those who came ten years before that are not very numerous, while those who were in existence when Uncle Sam first issued stamps are in a decided minority. How many people are there who can remember some circumstance connected with stamps in each of the six decades in which our stamps have been issued? Well, not very many. Although I was quite young at the close of the forties, I can remember a stampic incident in 1849, and in each period covered by ten years' time thereafter.

I have little to tell of what happened in the first decade. In the year just mentioned I well remember stubbing my toe on the kitchen floor of the parsonage in Deep River, where my reverend father preached nearly twelve years. I was barefooted, and the stubbing of said toe "made the bleed come," and "saltic tears" also. A salve was in order in the shape of a bowl of soapsuds, as I was then a "soap-blubber" crank. After the "claret" had been smothered, a look around for a plaster was fruitless and the only thing with "stickum" at hand was a postage stamp, which was slapped on. Probably it was an unused specimen, with o. g. attachments, but I can't say. How effective it was is also beyond my memory, but the fact that it was a "remedy" was enough for my ideas of getting speedily cured. I never owned another 1847 stamp till two or three years ago.

Coming to the fifties, I remember the 3c red imporate and 1c blue, and those are all I do remember. I was sent to the posteffice, as usual, along in 1856, I think, and discovered something unusual on the red stamp in the corner. I called it "scolloped." Perforation had just commenced, but I thought some girl had been trying to be smart and "skewgeed" around the stamp with her scissors.

Early in the sixties, I remember when the pink 3c stamp came along, and along in 1869, when I was mail clerk for a leading newspaper, the cute square stamps were issued. I had free access to the waste basket, but never thought in those days of stamp collecting. What quantities of 1c yellow, 2c brown and 3c blue (thousands of them), I saw go up in smoke! And the 6c, 10c, 12c and 15c were quite plenty. I am certain I saw one or two of the latter issue with the inverted centre, and I never thought of such a thing as their being valuable.

In the seventies, well, I had become a benedict before that. One day I received a Trifet catalogue from Boston. Used stamps were offered for sale and unused also. I thought I'd buy one. This must have been about 1876 or 1877. I wanted a nice clean one, and sent for a 12 Kreuzer Baden rural. When it came the madam and I both pooh-poohed at it. We were sure it was made to sell and no stamp at all, but I tucked it away and although one side is gone, I have it yet. An used one is catalogued at $30.

I don't remember so much about the eighties, but the junior came to town then, and early in the nineties he was the means of getting his "pop" to think of stamp collecting. "Pop" got caught under a descending elevator, the result of which was a broken shoulder and shattered fingers. I was laid up, as far as work was concerned, for ten months. My niece, who by the way, is double cousin to the junior, was bookkeeper in a store where many foreign letters were received, especially from Turkey, and she brought home stamps for him. At first he tried putting them in almanacs, or something of that sort, with "home-made stickers." As I was confined to the house, I witnessed a good deal of the perforances, but still I was not converted.

However, in November, 1896, I procured an International Album from the Mekeel's for his birthday present. It had a fifty-cent Columbian on it for postage, and that was taken care of. I fished out 250 varieties from two or three thousand conglomerate duplicates, and—well I've been an old stamp crank ever since. There are about 4500 in the col-

lection now. I've done all the work, but the junior constantly says "they're all mine!" Well, that's so, but I enjoy them most, and stamp worship is thoroughly imbedded in my noddle. In March, 1897, I started a stamp journal, disposed of it, wrote for others besides continuing as contributor to my first love, which love has died out, but having the publishing "bee in the bonnet," I have started another journal. Read about it elsewhere. As Adolphus Herbst says, "It's a bird!" It has birds on its cover and inside, which are the cause of much inquiry. One person asks if they are the "philatelic birds which whisper that—," while another asks if they are Great Barrier birds. The designer evidently placed them there with an eye to the fitness of things.

SOME EXTREMES.

CHARLES E. JENNEY.

It is a well-known algebraic formula that the product of the means equals the product of the extremes and vice versa. The great mass of general collectors who in the present case represent the means are balanced by the intense enthusiasm with which a few collectors pursue the very extremes of philatelic possibilities. Even a philatelist of the staid, catalogue-following type looks upon such as the cranks which the non-collecting public very indiscriminately dub all stamp collectors. A few of these free-lances or guerrillas of philately have come under my observation.

There is the English bookseller who collects the one penny black stamp of Great Britain with postmarks showing each day of the year during the time they were in use. He lacks only a surprisingly few and the prices he would pay for any of these would cause the general collector's lower maxillary to droop in wonder.

Another fiend of the deepest dye has a collection of entires starting in 1847 showing a letter mailed every day in all the years to date with the few exceptions he is still looking for. They are from all parts of the world but no two letters mailed on the same date. It is quite evident that in his case the postmark is held in higher esteem than the stamp although the latter is necessary. The reasons he gives why certain of the dates he lacks are hard to get would make an ordinary collector have some fears for his sanity; and he displays certain letters mailed on the date of certain historic events and from historic places with a pardonable pride.

A certain well-known New York collector (and there are doubtless a number of others) recently found vent for his surplus enthusiasm in collecting entires from Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines showing the postmarks of all the different military stations established during the late war and since in our new dependencies. This we consider an interesting and instructive fad and only regret our opportunities were deficient for acquiring a similar collection.

There is another collector of such perverted tastes that he has dropped his collection of genuine issues and now collects only the counterfeit stamps of the world. Probably his knowledge would also be useful to collectors generally but we would advise no one to follow in his steps and thus put a premium on dishonesty.

The fiscal collector is much in evidence of late. He has branched out from United States revenues to Canadian and Mexican, then to English, and finally the whole world has come within his scope. He talks of telegrafos, customs, and cigarettos in an off-hand way that excites some curiosity in the postage collector and displays stamps a yard and a half square which equally disgust him.

From the collector of die varieties of the first issue Hawaiian Islands and the plater of St. Louis locals to the Dutchman who goes into raptures over a new variety of picture card postal card, these extremists are full of the enthusiasm of collecting, and though they are not the stability of philately they are a part which we will do well not to ignore, for though they will probably never be able to divert it to their own peculiar channels, we can gain much of profit and knowledge by studying their weaknesses and their strength.

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SOME FACTS NECESSARY TO REMEMBER.

There is a vast number of important items in photography which must be observed in order to make your business a success. I do not claim that this article contains all which is worth knowing in making first class work, but it has a few points to which I call you attention, they have proven very satisfactory from my personal experience, and may be some help to the seeker after knowledge in Photography.

CONDITION AND QUALITY OF NEGATIVES.

There is however a great difference in the opinions of amateurs as to what points are considered in a first class negative. The first point to be carfully observed is, plate should be clear and clean from spots of dirt and dust before it is placed into the developing tray. Very often negatives are spoiled in developing by not being developed far enough. Many amateurs think a half developed negative is meant when a soft negative is spoken of. No rule can be applied as to the length of time to allow a plate to remain in the developing solution, simply allow it to remain until it is developed, as every plate has its own law. When the image has come up and then faded away again, or very nearly black, the development is complete. When Metol-Hydro or any other developer containing hydroquinone, the plate should be taken from the solution more qnickly than with certain other developers, as the hydroquinone adds density very rapidly. A negative should be developed far enough to hold the soundness and brilliancy under the printing light. The best negative I've found to do the best work had been developed with Pyro; there may be others just as good but I've never found them. In making a negative the ability and printing capacity of the same should be the question, for it is not the negative you are going to sell to your customers but the prints from the negative. The negative is only the beginning of your work and if it is a poor flat one your accomplished end will not be very desirable.

PRINTING.

All prints should be printed either in shade, under tissue paper, or ground glass, and not in direct sunlight, as printing in the sun produces a quick surface print with no depth or brilliancy when finished. Weak negatives can be very much improved by printing in the shade under green tissue paper, or if in the sun put a white tissue paper over the green. Poor and weak prints often come from their weak negatives, or from being printed in the cold, chilling the paper and negative. This can be prevented by printing in a warm place.

WASHING.

Prints should be washed in at least eight or ten changes of water before toning to thoroughly remove every particle of free silver, prints should be handled over in each wash water. Letting prints lie in running water for half an hour without handling is not as good as handling them through eight changes of water in half the time. In many places water is impure and red spots make their appearance, although red spots on paper can come from a number of causes. If the spots appear round or oblong they are caused from bubbles and can be easily avoided by knocking them off in the water. This trouble can be easily overcome by adding 2oz saturated solution Sal Soda to each gallon of water the prints are first placed in, handling over about five minutes. This will only work or remove all of the free silver successfully from the prints.

TONING.

In toning with the gold bath it is important to watch several points. One is to see that the high lights and shadows are both toning equal. It is a very good plan to look through prints by transmitted light with toning side towards you and you find a clear flesh color and the same tone as appears on the surface the toning is about completed. Should the prints look purple on the face and the shadows look red, you can depend you are only getting a surface tone and when you place your print in the hypo solution the surface tone will be cut out and you will have the tone you saw when you observed the red shadows by transmitted light. The reason of this is you have not washed all the free silver out of your print. The gold naturally deposits in the free silver

and when the print goes in the hypo bath the free silver cuts off and takes your tone with it. I would therefore call your attention back to what I have previously said in regards to using the saturated solution of Sal-Soda in your first wash water. These difficulties can also be avoided by the use of a little salt in your toning bath which restrains the high lights from over-toning and allows the shadows to tone up at the same time. There is no better single toner on the market than the plain gold bath. The formula which I use and can recommend as the cheapest to an amateur. I use a consentrated solution of chloride of gold, adding 15oz of water to 15 grains of gold. I then make a saturated solution of borax. The question may arise to the mind of many amateurs what a saturated solution is. A saturated solution is made up by placing about 3 oz of pulverized borax into a 16oz bottle, filling the bottle with boiling water. After it is cooled you will observe the excess of borax will crystalize leaving a saturated solution; these solutions are separated. In making up a toning bath I use 1oz of gold ¾ oz of borax to 14oz of water. To this formula I use as a fixing bath 13oz of hypo to 4 quarts of water and fix for twenty minutes, or one ounce of saturated solution of hypo to every 16oz of water, fixed in same time. To insure perfect results prints should be constantly moved while in fixing bath or washing. After all your prints are through with the hypo bath it is necessary to handle them through three or four waters by hand before placing them in running water or washing box. By so doing it will wash off the surface hypo and little air bubbles that sometimes fasten themselves on the print and hold the hypo under them, which will allow them to go on bleaching, making little white spots on the prints after they come from the wash water, that you did not notice before they were fixed. After washing by hand I place them in running water one hour, or 10 to 12 changes by hand will sufficiently wash them. J. L. MILLER.

From the many very gratifying reports I have had I can predict a very bright future for this department, and I am pleased it is so. I am glad amateurs are taking such an interest in the work, and I hope you may continue to do the same, tell your friends about it, push the good work to completion. If you receive this number as a sample copy send in your subscription at once. Ten months for only 10c. Surely you can't help but see where it is to your advantage to be a subscriber. Even if you don't subsribe write and tell us all your difficulties in the line of photography and we will help you out to the best of our ability. We will now proceed to answer a few questions that have been asked us.

John C. asks:—Several times of late I have had negatives start frilling while in the developer. Can you suggest any way to prevent this?

Answer.—Take a piece of bees-wax or paraffine and rub around about one eighth of an inch on the edge of the plate (film side) before placing in the developer. Another way is to mix developer with formaldehyde solution instead of plain water—1 dram formaldehyde to 10oz of water. We have tried both on very hot days and they are effective. Do not fail to use an acid fixing bath in all cases during the warm weather. You will not need to use this formula this time a year, but when warm weather comes again try same and let us know with what success. We are always pleased to hear of your success.

Photo asks:—Please give me a formula for using pyro in a dry form?

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Take one ounce each Nos. 1 and 2, add eight ounces of water; then add 15 grains of dry pyro.

Amateur asks:—Can you advise me if there is a method of saving a fogged plate. I have several that I cannot get again, but they are badly fogged.

Make a solution as follows:—

Chromic acid, 30 grains.

Bromide of potassium, 60 grains.

Water, 10 ounces.

and immerse the plates for five minutes. Afterwards wash very thoroughly. Or instead of the above make the following:

Bromide of potash, 1 ounce.

Hydrobromic acid, 2 drams.

Water, 10 ounces.

If hydrobromic acid cannot be obtained, use hydrochloric acid or a soluble bromide; in the last case a few drops of sulphuric acid being added to the solution. Use same as before.

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MEMORANDA.

CHAS. E. JENNEY.

I wish to commend the philatelic spirit of those collectors and dealers of Buffalo who are opposing the issue of a commemorative set for the Buffalo Exposition. Personally it would mean considerable money in their pockets with their advantages of securing larger numbers than outside persons, of getting desirable plate numbers, and of buying on commission for outside dealers and speculators. But some of them have laid aside all thought of personal profit and have raised their voices in favor of the general good of philately and purity of the postal administration. I am glad to pay tribute to the far-sightedness and public spirit of these collectors and dealers.

Already foreign collectors are adding in their postscripts to their letter to us, "I see you are likely to have a Buffalo issue so we do not see that you are any better than any of the little speculative countries you condemn," and what can we say to them? We are covered with shame with the thought of our Omaha issue, of our Guam and our Buffalo schemes. We can only tell them that the most of our intelligent collectors protest as vigorously as they could wish against these petty schemes of the post-office department and try to have them understand that it is the work of some petty officials with only a gleam of philatelic light in their brain, or who have been put up to it by some would-be philatelists who have not yet learned the A B C and do not understand what they are doing. And the worst of it is that we who condem so heartily such issues must remain forever silent while other countries go and do likewise, if indeed any important country shall fall so far. According to the terms of the last postal convention these proposed Buffalo stamps cannot be used in the international mails and therefore are only for interior use. It is a good sign that American collectors, however hopeless in this matter, are raising everywhere their voices in protest as loudly and more so than if it were a foreign country offending.

There is a large amount of doubt in our mind about this newly discovered current 2c envelope in an orange shade. If any of the ordinary shade envelopes are placed in strong sunlight, covering all of the envelope except the stamp to prevent the white paper being changed at all, the stamp will gradually change through all the known shades of orange to a pale yellow. We will guarantee to duplicate any shade of orange by this sunlight method that holders of these envelopes can produce.

On the other hand, there is a shade of the current two cent documentary stamp which appeared about a year ago, and which we have never seen mentioned in the philatelic press, which cannot be produced by this method of fading. It is the two cent in the color or nearly the color of the four cent documentary. We bought it in sheets from the bank and outside of what we ourselves bought we have never seen any. We still hold a few, perhaps a dozen, for examination by anyone curious on this point. We repeat, it is not a shade that the two cent stamp takes under chemical or other processes and is as marked as, more so, than the three cent pink postage of 1861.

ROCKY HILL PENCELINGS.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

A Valuable Work.--It was the good fortune of the writer to meet many of the "big guns" of philately at the convention of the American Philatelic Association, held in New York City in August, 1898, and the occasion will long be be remembered as a "hot old time," when a person could wilt down six linen collars during the waking hours of a day. Among those present were Messrs. Toppan, Holland and Deats, who have since issued a work of almost incalculable benefit to the collector of United States Revenue Stamps. It is next to impossible for anyone to set forth its excellence in an ordinary paragraph, but it may be said that no collector of revenues can consistently do without it. It covers a period of over 35 years, and as far as possible all data bearing upon the subject of revenues is made use of. But for this work many things which have been the source of doubt and vexation would still be a worriment to the flesh.

A Nuisance.--It is hardly necessary for the writer to say much on a subject which all publishers of philatelic journals are familiar with. Having published two journals, the writer has had

his fill of the solicitations of "cheeky" beggars. The majority of publishers of philatelic literature are very liberal in exchanging with others, and send their journals often where there is little prospect of receiving a return. There is no sense in their being called upon to exchange a 16, 24, 40, or 50 page journal of large size for a piece of paper, 6x8, folded into eight measly little pages, called a philatelic journal, and the sooner the respeciable publishers band together and sits down on the "beats," and sit down hard, the better. The mission of the publisher is not to give away his edition for the benefit of the auctioneer.

Hetty Green's Brattleboro.--Hetty Green is said to own a handsome copy of the Brattleboro stamp, which cost her nothing. These rarities, like the twenty-five pound turkey in the anti-Thanksgiving raffle, generally fall to the lot of those who can afford to pay, but who generally get "something for nothing," or next door to it.

Small Post Offices.--Recent statistics of the post office department show that the revenue derived by some postmasters is very small indeed. The post office of Center Hill, Connecticut, helped out the living expenses of its custodian to the tune of $15.36 in 1899. It isn't always the size of the place, however, that determines the revenue. The postmaster of Moodus, Connecticut, a small village, receives a salary of $2600, owing to the large business of one man. This is the place where some handwriting was fished out which figured in the late poisoning trial in New York city.

Second Class Matter.--At Washington, February 16, the "Loud bill," relating to second-class matter, was favorably acted upon by the House committee on post offices and post roads. The uniform rate of one cent per pound is fixed, the two cent proposition for long distances being omitted. A new provision was made as to sample copies, which shall not exceed over 50 per cent. of the bona fide subscription list, and never over 500 of any one issue. This is certainly fair enough.

Fads That are Curious.--The postmark faddest has been considered cranky enough, but that individual "isn't in it" for nonsensical collecting with some folks. We hear of those who wear postage stamps on buttons, of collectors of application blanks, and of menus used at philatelic banquets, and some people get all the signatures possible of those who are in any way connected with philately. The writer once saw a scrap-book made up of headings of newspapers, and wonders that he has not yet seen this idea carried out by some one in the line of philatelic journals.

Receptacles of Postage Stamps.--Of course the majority of collectors keep their stamps in albums, but everybody does not. The writer saw quite a respectable collection about two years since, kept under the counter of a country store in cigar boxes, but recently a letter was received from a queer individual who said he "heard you bought stamps," and wished to dispose of some. On investigation it was found that these stamps had been thrown into anything which could be hung up on the wall, salt bags, stockings, wall-pockets, paper bags, etc. There was scarcely anything, however, of very high value, either face or catalogue —wise.

Will Be Convenient.--An idea, which it is said will be put into practice by the post office department, ought to be a successful and taking one. For 25c the purchaser of stamps can procure 24c worth of stamps in a little book prepared so as to prevent the stamps sticking together. Many people will hardly begrudge the extra cent in summer time, when excessive humidity is often the cause of spoiling many a stamp, resulting in naughty word attachments.

AN HISTORICAL REFERENCE LIST OF THE REVENUE STAMPS OF THE U. S. ETC.

COMPILED BY G. L. TOPPAN, H. E. DEATS AND A. HOLLAND.

After waiting a long time for this long heralded work, it is at last to hand and from the beginning to the end it is a disappointment. We think it was generally understood that it would contain amongst other useful information a price list of the stamps, a list that was to represent real price of the stamps and not an absurd one as in some cases of Scott's 59th. It is real hard for the authors when they claim that every stamp printed

is mentioned, that the first stamp sold at auction after the list was fairly out should be one that is not mentioned and that it fetched $80.00. The book itself is a disgrace. Fancy a book that is designed as a reference book put up in a paper cover and paper so flimsy that is torn at the first handling. This is the first comment we have heard on every side; the binding is a disgrace. The very information we long waited for and expected, and in fact almost the only use we had for the book is missing, namely the quantity of each kind printed. When a watermarked stamp cat. $20.00 and the old 5c, we naturally wanted to know how many watermarked were issued but to our disgust we find the two bunched together, old and watermarked, so at once the value of the work is missing.

As regards the $5000 Revenues—the work claims that they were never issued. We heard Mr. Straus of San Francisco say in our presence that he has one in his collection and we think we know where there are four on a document in Washington, D. C., and if any one thinks he has sufficient influence to get at them we will tell where they are. We will endeavor in our future notes to give a few points on the different values of the M. and M. stamps. What they are cat. at now and what they should be cat. at.

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