

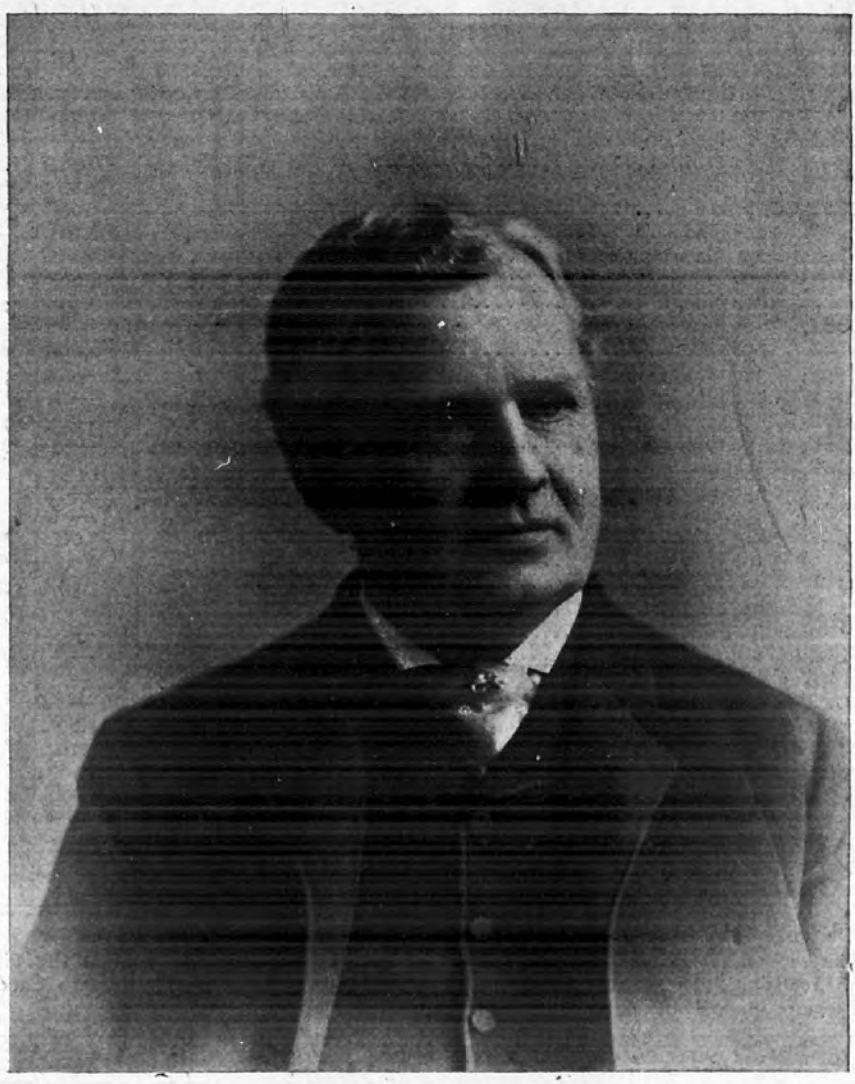
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Recent Auction Sales.

One of the features of the BAY STATE PHILATELIST will be the presentation of a series of tables which will show the prices obtained for stamps at the various auction sales held in this and in other countries. Below will be found a comparison of prices realized at sales held by the Boston Philatelic Society, B. L. Drew & Co., J. W. Scott Co., Limited, and the Baltimore Philatelic Society, placed in comparison with prices quoted in Scott's 55th Catalogue. This showing, it must be understood, is merely tentative and indicative of more complete presentations in the future. All prices quoted are for used specimens, unless otherwise stated.

DESCRIPTION.	Scott's 55th Catalogue Prices.	AUCTION SALE PRICES. Boston Philatelic Society, Feb. 21.	B. L. Drew & Co., March 25, 27.	J. W. Scott Co., Ltd., Apr. 17.	Baltimore Philatelic Society, Apr. 18, 19
UNITED STATES.					
1847, 5c brown	$ 0.75	$ 0.90	$ 1.00	$ 1.25	$ 1.15
10c black	3.50	2.85	3.75	1.25	1.40
1851-6, 1c blue, broken circle	7.50	—	6.25	—	6.40
5c brown	7.50	2.00	7.00	6.00	*29.75
12c black	1.25	—	1.40	1.80	*2.05
1855-60, 5c red-brown	6.00	—	5.75	5.00	*9.00
24c lilac	3.00	—	5.25	2.10	—
24c lilac, unused	4.00	—	3.88	—	3.75
30c orange, unused	5.00	—	4.25	4.00	3.40
90c blue, unused	12.00	—	7.75	10.70	12.25
1861, 3c pink	6.00	—	5.50	—	5.25
5c yellow	5.00	—	4.00	2.05	—
30c orange, unused	5.00	—	1.55	—	2.25
90c blue, unused	12.00	—	3.75	—	8.50
1862-6, 3c scarlet	*25.00	—	26.50	—	25.80
1868, 3c rose, all grilled	17.50	15.25	17.50	—	*18.50
1869, 15c, no diamond	2.50	—	2.00	1.80	2.40
15c, no diamond, unused	5.00	4.50	—	—	5.05
15c, diamond	1.50	1.50	1.13	—	2.40
24c	7.00	5.50	*8.13	3.00	*6.60
30c	3.00	—	2.50	2.00	*7.05
90c	12.50	—	12.00	7.50	*21.75
Periodical, 9c	10.00	8.75	8.75	—	—
Interior, full set, unused	3.60	—	3.00	—	4.00
P. O. full set, unused	4.50	—	3.30	—	4.00
War, full set, unused	4.08	3.50	3.03	—	4.51
BRAZIL: **1861,** 280 r red	2.50	2.00	1.38	—	0.85
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE: **1853,** 1sh green	3.50	2.60	1.88	1.80	1.00
DENMARK: **1863,** 16sh, rouletted	5.00	3.75	3.25	3.20	—
NEWFOUNDLAND: **1857,** 1p violet	3.50	3.50	3.50	—	—
1863, 5p red-brown	5.00	5.25	4.00	—	—
6p lake	3.00	2.75	1.00	—	2.05
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: **1872,** 6p black	5.00	3.50	4.00	—	—
ST. CHRISTOPHER: **1887,** 6p, unused	10.00	8 00	8.25	—	—
VIRGIN ISLANDS: **1867,** 1sh	10.00	9.75	8.75	6.90	—

* Unused.

The second table presents a description of the various adhesives sold at the different auctions realizing $10 or more, in comparison with the prices quoted in Scott's 55th Catalogue. Those stamps quoted in the preceding table are not repeated in the following.

NAME OF SOCIETY OR FIRM, AND DESCRIPTION OF STAMPS.	PRICES. Catalogue.	Auction.
BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.		
PROVIDENCE: entire sheet with og	—	$77.25
REVENUE: Mortgage $25, unsevered pair	—	11.00
CANADA: 1855; 10p blue, unused	$20.00	13.75
NEW ZEALAND: 1872; 2p vermilion, lozenge wmk	20.00	15.25

B. L. DREW & CO.		
NEW YORK: 3c blue, on cover	$ 17.50	$ 10.00
CARRIER: 1851; Franklin	—	17.00
REVENUE: 50c Proprietary	8.50	11.00
JUSTICE: 90c, torn, but neatly mended	25.00	12.00
STATE: $20, original gum	40.00	36.00
U. S. ADHESIVE: 1875 reprint of 1869; 3c, unused	10.00	10.50
CANADA: 1852; 12p, wove paper, og	500.00	506.00
NEW BRUNSWICK: 1851; 1sh violet	75.00	77.50
NOVA SCOTIA: 1851; 1sh violet	75.00	90.00
1sh pale violet	75.00	80.00
TOTAL SALES	.....	2,713.01
J. W. SCOTT CO., LIMITED.		
NEW YORK: 1843; 3c light blue, wove paper	35.00	35.00
3c pale blue, on cover dated Feb. 9, 1844	17.50	10.50
U. S. ADHESIVES: 1851–90; 10,500, all sorted	—	10.50
1870; 12c dark purple	25.00	33.00
24c dark purple	35.00	41.00
1893; 600, 3c to 30c	—	12.00
CONFEDERATE: Lynchburg; 5c envelope, black on amber	—	250.00
Mobile; 5c blue on white, 2 on cover	7.50	10.20
Petersburg; 5c red on white, orig. cover	15.00	17.75
Spartanburg; 5c black on white, orig. cover	—	52.00
Uniontown; 5c green on white	1,000.00	757.00
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 1865; medio real, green	25.00	26.00
MEXICO: 1867; Gothic surch, printed on both sides	—	10.00
NATAL: 1858; 1p blue	20.00	10.25
1869; 1p yellow, on part cover	—	22.50
NEW ZEALAND: 1860; 1p orange, pelure paper, rouletted	15.00	20.00
SWITZERLAND: Basle, 2½r, black on crimson and blue	30.00	20.00
W. AUSTRALIA: 1854–9; 2p vermilion, rouletted	—	15.00
BALTIMORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.		
BALTIMORE: 1846; 5c bluish paper, orig. cover	350.00	274.00
NEW YORK: 1845; 5c black, double line, orig. cover	20.00	21.30
PROVIDENCE: 10c, unused	30.00	24.00
ST. LOUIS: 10c die B, bluish paper, unused	—	54.00
CARRIER: U. S. City Despatch Post, 3c, wove paper	35.00	23.00
— another, blue glazed paper	17.50	11.50
U. S. P. O. Paid, 1c, "H," on cover, unused	30.00	27.00
1c blue (Scott No. 268)	40.00	29.30
1c red, horseman, short rays	12.00	20.25
Post Office Despatch, 1c blue, on cover, unused	25.00	14.80
— another on bluish paper	25.00	12.60
NEWSPAPER: 1865; 5c blue border, unused	12.00	12.00
JUSTICE: 90c, original gum	25.00	19.10
NAVY: 2c green, unused	15.00	11.05
STATE: $5, unused, original gum	100.00	57.00
$10, unused, original gum	50.00	46.00
U. S. ADHESIVES: 1851–6; 5c brown, unused	25.00	29.75
24c lilac	—	50.25
1870; 24c purple, good grill	35.00	40.25
1875 reprints of 1869; 24c, unused	12.00	10.75
30c, unused	15.00	14.00
90c, unused	20.00	19.80
CONFEDERATE: Baton Rouge, 2c green, on cover	500.00	352.00
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE: 1861; wood block, 1p red	15.00	16.00
CEYLON: 1857; 4p rose	60.00	46.50
NEW BRUNSWICK: 1851; 6p yellow	17.50	21.00
PERU: 1858; ½ peso yellow	14.00	10.00
ST. LUCIA: 1883–5; 1sh orange, black surch, C. A. wmk	12.50	11.15
TUSCANY: 1852; 60c brick red	45.00	30.25
WURTEMBERG: 1875; 2m orange, unused	30.00	25.00
TOTAL SALES	.....	3,268.25

ESPECIALLY FOR BOSTONIANS.

Any philatelist in the country who might have been present at the last regular meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, at the office of President Van Derlip, on the evening of April 17, would easily have determined that the Hub has the most successful organization of the kind in the country. We often read the reports of societies in other cities in which it is announced that perhaps a dozen were present and that the meeting was an unusual success. There were squeezed into the office of our genial president, on the night in question, 42 members, the highest attendance ever reached at a regular meeting. The lawyer and the doctor forgot their fees, the merchant his office, the parson his pulpit, and the business man his customers, to seek pleasure in the seductive stamp for an hour or so. President Van Derlip, as usual, was in the chair and presided with that rare grace and courteousness which so easily distinguishes him. Six new members were admitted, making the total membership 123. An informal discussion of the matter concerning a new place and time of meeting developed the fact that a majority of the members would be favorable to the third Tuesday of the month, and that they would prefer Elks Hall, where the stamp men of Boston are wont to congregate. The whole matter will come up at the May meeting, when it is hoped a large attendance will result. At the conclusion of business the usual informal auction followed and Mr. Harlow E. Woodward, who, by the way, has received a regular license as an auctioneer, took the hammer and sold nearly one hundred lots in his usual successful manner. These little auctions are a feature of the meetings and, since Mr. Kilbon was appointed superintendent of the sales department, they have been run upon a very successful basis. The members will be glad to welcome any strangers to the meetings or to help them apply for membership.

Stamp matters are very lively in and about Boston, and the town is fast becoming noted as a philatelic resort. The dealers all report good sales and many new collectors coming into the field. Mr. Drew inaugurated the auction business last month and has been very happy ever since at his success. Over 75 turned out the first night, and the bidding was lively after the collectors present became accustomed to thinking as fast as the auctioneer spoke. And, by the way, did he not make things hum, though? The great "card" of the sale was a fine 12d Canada with margins and full gum. This was reserved at $444, but under the coaxing of the auctioneer it went up quickly to $500, where it hung a few moments until two well-known members ventured over it, and then while someone dropped a pin it was knocked off to a gentleman who has the reputation of examining the ends of perforations with a powerful glass to see if they are absolutely clean cut. The price was $506. Now let New York equal the price.

The Boston stamp men have a system of telegraphy which seems a little ahead of anything in the country which we have heard of. Strange as it may seem, if it is known that a certain collector has made a great "find" or secured some especially desirable stamp, inside of two hours the fact will travel the length and breadth of the town to the utter amazement of the owner, who has spoken of the matter in "strict confidence." This all goes to show that it is useless to try to keep stamp affairs quiet.

The unterrified S. Allan Taylor, who is probably known to every old collector and dealer in the country, is still around Boston and frequently turns up when least expected. He is always ready to explain how to make blue paper stamps, put on grills, or perform any feat of the kind. He does not seem to be a particular friend of the post office people and manages to keep them guessing.

Mr. Ayer of Bangor, who is so well known to the Boston collectors, was in town lately and spent a week among the fraternity. In his inside pocket he carried some of the choicest gems which ever came to a collector's hands, and many were the interested eyes which took in the beauties of the treasures displayed. They will rest in the finest collection on the American continent without any exception. This is one of the wonders of the present day, when it is considered that only a year ago he hardly possessed a stamp, and his magnificent collection has been put together since.

Two auctions are to come off soon in Elks Hall. The first, on the evening of May 13, will be under the direction of Mr. A. L. Cassino and will comprise many choice lots, among others being a Millbury, 1s, Newfoundland, and the high value State, complete. Following it, on the evening of May 20, Mr. H. K. Sanderson will sell a choice lot of fine stamps, chiefly rarities of the United States and British Colonies and comprising a large lot of blocks and pairs. A good attendance is looked for at both sales and local collectors are expected to turn out in good numbers.

It has been suggested that if the Boston Society decides to take Elks Hall as a regular meeting-place, as it can be had from noon to midnight, it would be a good idea to start a "stamp bourse" after the style of the famous one in Paris. It is always a fact that collectors have more or less duplicates to dispose of, and if a regular meeting-place was established where they could buy, sell, and exchange without treading upon the toes of any dealer, it is thought it would be a good idea. If the fact became generally known and custom made it popular, the hall might become the meeting-place in the afternoon of probably one hundred philatelists who would undoubtedly find great enjoyment in an informal gathering. It is to be hoped that the prominent men in town will push this plan, and the result cannot but help being satisfactory.

One of the prominent English dealers some time ago sent his circular to local dealers offering them the secret of making the great discovery for taking out the oxidization of stamps for the paltry sum of $25, but the boys now wander into Woodward's and buy ten cents' worth of per-oxide of hydrogen instead. And yet if we did not "know how" the former price might be cheap.

The Boston Post Office has been a great bonanza for claret and red-brown due stamps, and the boys have astonished the clerks there by passing in packages of pig iron on which a small sum had been paid. In a short time the self-same schemers appear at the general delivery window and pay the "postage due," accepting the 30c and 50c by the sheet lightly stuck to the package. And all this must have kept the post office men in cigars and clover. The "snap" is now understood to be gone. Plenty of 5c and 10c Columbian envelopes left, though.

Next month a few more notes may appear from the one who wrote these.

CHINESE STAMPS.

Evidently the stamp fever has seized upon the Far East with a mighty clutch, for China has begun the issue of a countless variety of adhesives which bid fair to overwhelm the philatelic world with their number. Whether or not a disciple of Seebeck is interested in this venture, it is a trifle too early to assert. However, we have a little story to tell relative to the emissions of Wuhu, China, which is novel in its character.

On November 11, 1894, a letter, a copy of which is presented herewith, was mailed at the Wuhu local postoffice addressed to "President Von derlig, Philatelic Society, Boston, America," bearing on its face a Wuhu stamp, 1c value, also a 5c Columbian, which was cancelled at the U. S. Postal Agency at Shanghai, and when the letter reached Boston a 10c 1894 due stamp was affixed. The postal officials were evidently stumped in their efforts to find the person for whom this letter was intended, and, after holding it a certain length of time, it was forwarded to the Dead Letter Office at Washington. Here it was opened, then officially sealed with a post office stamp, and returned to Boston with the statement that there was a philatelic society in that city and undoubtedly the local authorities could find "President Von derlig" if they tried. They sent for President W. C. Van Derlip, and upon his calling at the post office, he was severely cross-examined and after proving identity was permitted to open the letter. He examined the contents and decided that the letter was intended for him. It contained copies of the letters which we present below, and a complete set of the Wuhu stamps. The first letter in this series is addressed to Mr. Van Derlip, and is from the local postmaster:

WUHU, China, November 10, 1894.

Sir, — It having been brought to my knowledge that certain erroneous articles have of late appeared in public print about this office and its stamps (and thinking you may see

them) I beg herewith to enclose true copy of a letter received from the Municipal Council, Shanghai, in regard to the starting of same,— also copy of a letter from H. B. M. Consul at this Port, authorizing me to open and distribute the British mails which arrive here.

This office, in addition to receiving local letters, also accepts and forwards to the respective agents at Shanghai *Foreign Mail Matter*, as well as receiving and delivering same, and as there are now five Mission Societies represented at this Port (all of whom have branches in the Interior) besides our other residents, all of whose mails pass through this office, you will readily understand the necessity of having a postal department at this Port. I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) A. Knight Gregson,
Postmaster.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, Shanghai, July 25, 1894.
A. KNIGHT GREGSON, ESQ.,
Local Postmaster.

Sir, — I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., enclosing minutes of a meeting of the foreign residents of Wuhu held on the twenty-third of June, at which it was decided that you should be appointed Local Postmaster there, and handing me copy of the rules which you propose should be adopted for the office.

Your letter and the rules have been submitted to the Council, and in reply I am directed to inform you that they have decided to make the same arrangement with the Local Post Office at Wuhu as they have with the Local Offices at Hankow, and the postmaster has been instructed that the arrangement will come into force from and after the first of August. As requested I now return you the rules for the Wuhu Local Post enclosed in your letter under reply. I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) R. F. Thorburn,
Secretary.

H. B. M. CONSULATE, Wuhu,
November 9, 1894.
A. KNIGHT GREGSON, ESQ.,
Local Postmaster, Wuhu.

Dear Sir, — If agreeable to you, I should be glad if you would open and distribute the contents of mail bags and mail packets that come from the British post office at Shanghai, addressed to H. B. M. Consul, Wuhu, and you are hereby authorized to do so as long as I remain in charge of the Consulate. I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Colin M. Ford.

It is generally admitted that the new Borneo stamps were genuine works of art; and there was quite a rage for their possession when they were first issued, but they are run very closely by the new stamps from the treaty Port of Wuhu. Wuhu has a name for being a great country for sport, and the stamps are designed after its special features. For instance, the noted pagoda faces the fifteen cent stamp, and on the others there are growing corn, a flock of wild ducks, a pheasant, etc. The execution is excellent, but the extreme thinness of the paper somewhat detracts from the artistic value. The envelope containing the above correspondence also held a complete set of the local stamps. They were sold at the last meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, with the queer-looking envelope, and the proceeds turned into the treasury of the Society.

OPEN LETTER

TO PURCHASERS OF THE 5C DARK-BROWN SO-CALLED ERROR OF THE 4C STAMP, ISSUE OF 1890.

The following open letter has been issued by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., and out of respect to their injured feelings, pocketbook, etc., we refrain from any sarcastic comment, only uniting with all honorable philatelists in congratulating the Mekeels upon their handsome apology and thanking Henry Gremmel for his untiring efforts to prove this stamp an absolute and unadulterated fraud.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 10, 1895.

Dear Sir, — You have no doubt watched with interest the discussion that has taken place in the Philatelic Press with regard to the 5c dark-brown, so-called Error, issue of 1890.

These stamps were purchased by Mr. C. H. Mekeel in good faith, of Mr. Anton Amann, of Dayton, Ohio, upon guarantee that they were genuine errors in the color of the 4c stamp of 1890, and that he purchased them of the postmaster at Carthagena, Ohio, and that he sold us all of the lot. We purchased these stamps in good faith and in the belief that they were *bona fide* errors as represented, and our opinion was concurred in by a number of prominent philatelists with whom we conferred in the matter. We have disposed to date of thirty-five copies at the uniform price of $30 apiece, upon the guarantee that the stamp was as represented and that the money would be refunded in case they should prove to be more common than

we had originally supposed, or if it should be proven that a changeling could be produced of the same color as the genuine error. At our request, one of the errors has been submitted to a chemical experiment in the presence of John K. Tiffany, N. W. Chandler, and C. H. Mekeel, in which the application of per-oxide of hydrogen with a camel's-hair brush to the left hand side of the stamp restored the color to that of the ordinary 5c stamp of 1890; therefore we are convinced that the color of the 5c so-called dark-brown *error* is not a fast color, and we shall sell no more of them, and offer to return all money paid us for these stamps. The stamp you have purchased may be returned to us at once, or after reading a full history of the case, together with the full correspondence, copy of contract, etc., between Mr. Mekeel and Mr. Amann, which will be published in the next number of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and the April number of the Philatelic Journal of America, both of which papers will reach you during the week ending April 13. We have taken the earliest opportunity to notify you of the result of our investigation in this matter, and do not think it necessary for us to assure you that we have acted in good faith.

We are always ready and willing to make good any error of judgment, and it is wise for philatelists to always deal with firms that are inclined and able to take this course. We remain,

Yours very truly,
C. H. MEKEEL STAMP AND PUBLISHING CO.

PRIZES.

We have arranged a series of ten prizes to be competed for by our friends and patrons. They are as follows:

1. 10c green, die 2, on buff, original cover, 1853, $3.00
2. Scott's International Album, cloth gilt, ... 2.50
3. Mekeel's U. S. Album, cloth, ... 2.00
4. 15c brown and blue, with diamond, 1869, . . . 1.50
5. 10c green, unperforated, 1851, on original cover, .75
6. 1c blue, perforated, 1855, ...50
7. 10c green, perforated, 1855, original cover, . . .40
8. 3c red, outer line, 1855, ...35
9. 24c lilac, wove paper, 1861, ...25
10. 10c Columbian, mint state, unused, ...15

The contest will remain open until September 1, and the contestants will be listed in the June, July, and August issues. All names of subscribers and the money for subscriptions must be in our hands not later than September 1. Every 30 cents will count as one subscriber, whether in payment of one year's subscription or in extending a person's own subscription. The only other condition is that those competing for the first three prizes must secure at least five new subscribers. Now start the ball rolling and see what you can do to aid the good work.

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We assume that there are a number of collectors, dealers, and others residing in Massachusetts who are sufficiently interested in the science of philately to support a magazine devoted to their interests. We may, however, be mistaken and this venture may prove ultimately a losing one; still, we have canvassed the ground thoroughly and, finding a spirit of friendship manifested toward us, have resolved to issue this magazine. Whether we shall possess the nerve to issue the second volume entirely depends upon the pecuniary reception accorded the first. If our subscribers and our advertising patron — bless 'em! — are satisfied with our efforts and will renew, we confidently anticipate a long and prosperous existence.

There are many things about this first number which may not impress the casual observer as either original or worthy of attention; to these few let us say that we are trying to issue a magazine which *will* please all. We have succeeded in creating considerable disturbance among ourselves but cannot say that we are absolutely satisfied with the result; still, we hope that improvement will be noticed as we progress and that the crude appearance of this first issue will be refined in our next. Did you ever try to publish a paper?

We desire to call particular attention to our comparative auction sales tables on pages two and three. They are not as complete as we could wish, but they will serve to indicate what we propose to do in the future. We request all those who hold auction sales to forward us priced copies of their catalogues as soon after the close of the sale as possible, in order that we may be able to present numerous comparisons which cannot fail to be of ultimate value to advanced collectors and, in fact, to all philatelists.

We want fresh, live articles on philatelic matters and will pay for the best we can get, but they must be good and written in an up-to-date style. We want historical and statistical articles, and above all we want something no other journal has or can get. For articles of this nature we will pay the highest cash price.

We wish to extend our warmest thanks to the gentlemen who have favored us with their advertisements. We have endeavored to present their stories in an attractive manner and worthy their wares. We hope they will be as thankful as we are and come again soon.

Imitation is the sincerest flattery, therefore we beg the publishers of the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, of Denver, Colo., to accept our warmest thanks for having published, thus far, the handsomest and most attractive monthly we have ever seen that was devoted to the interests of philately.

A correspondent writes that he has in his collection an unused, unperforated New South Wales, 5 pence green, surcharged "O. S." on *stamp duty paper*, and watermarked "N. S. W." It is uncatalogued and unchronicled. Does anyone know anything about it?

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 1.

WILLARD C. VAN DERLIP.

With this issue we inaugurate a series of portraits of the leading philatelists of the United States. No more fitting person could be selected to head the list of a magazine published in the East than Mr. Willard C. Van Derlip, an able lawyer, a philatelist of renown, and a gentleman of rare culture and refinement. Mr. Van Derlip began collecting when the art was in its infancy and he remained true to it through the years which have intervened, so that to-day no other collector has as fine a collection of unused adhesives, envelopes, and essays of the United States. Mr. Van Derlip was the first vice-president of the American Philatelic Association and served three terms, being the unanimous choice at each election. When the old association was reorganized and incorporated he was again chosen to fill the office of vice-president. He is the president of the Boston Philatelic Society, the most flourishing of all local organizations, and is also the president of the New England Stamp Co.

We congratulate Brother Pinkham upon the improved appearance of the *Eastern Philatelist*. We do not doubt the phenomenal increase in circulation; we saw a specimen of the increase at the auction sale of the B. P. S.

The "Comprehensive Check List," by E. B. Jones, has at last been issued. It is handsomely gotten up and will be of inestimable value to philatelists in general and collectors of philatelic literature in particular.

R. F. Albrecht & Co. are engaged in the preparation of an auction epitome of the twenty-nine sales which they have held. This admirable work will contain all the prices secured at each of these sales arranged in a manner which will make it very easy to compare the prices for the different stamps and the advance of the same during four years. The book will be ready by September or October, when the auction season reopens.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

May 11. — Bogert & Durbin Co.'s forty-fifth sale of United States and foreign stamps, at 160 Nassau Street, New York; Henry C. Merry, auctioneer.

May 13. — A. L. Cassino & Co.'s second sale of United States and British Colonial stamps at Elks Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston; Harlow E. Woodward, auctioneer.

May 13. — Massamore & Co.'s forty-third sale of United States and foreign stamps at 334 North Charles Street, Baltimore; Merryman & Pattison, auctioneers.

May 17. — Burton's tenth sale of United States and foreign stamps, philatelic papers, etc., by mail, at Madison, N. Y.

May 18. — Bogert & Durbin's forty-sixth sale of United States and foreign stamps, entire envelopes, etc., at 722 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia; E. S. Frechie, auctioneer.

May 20. — Howard K. Sanderson's first auction sale of rare United States and foreign stamps, at Elks Hall, 24 Hayward Place, Boston.

May 22, 23. — R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s twenty-ninth sale of United States and foreign stamps, the property of a western dealer, at 25 Ann Street, New York; Henry C Merry, auctioneer.

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P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, has been compelled to enlarge his quarters. By the time this paper is issued he will be located at 181 Wabash Avenue, right in the heart of the best trading section of the city. We congratulate him, and trust that erelong even the new store will prove too small for his rapidly increasing trade.

The twenty-eighth auction sale of R. T. Albrecht & Co. occurred at 25 Ann St., New York, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 and 25. The main portion of the collection sold was formerly the property of Mr. M. H. Newark, of Los Angeles, Cal., and included 711 lots.

There is a dealer in Boston who feasts on the gullibility of the erstwhile youthful collector. His latest freak is an Irish stamp, so-called. The groundwork is green with a beautiful harp of Erin in *orange!* He claims to be the only dealer in the United States who can supply these stamps. He also has an oddity in the shape of an 1894, 2c green, an 1894, 3c black, and a $1 Columbian, which he claims is a specimen, printed in green. This he will kindly dispose of for the trifling sum of $75. Don't all speak at once.

The New England Stamp Co. was a venture which was started at a time of general business depression, but so wisely has the business been conducted and so earnest have been the efforts of the management that the company has grown slowly but surely into the favor of New England collectors until it has become one of the leading houses in the East. The president is Willard C. Van Derlip. Frederick P. Richardson is the treasurer, and Albert W. Batchelder the genial manager who claims that it is no trouble to show goods.

The Gunder Stamp Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., have moved into larger quarters at 369 Degraw Street.

The *Brooklyn Eagle* has a Stamp Department in its Sunday issue, which is conducted by Raymond L. Perry.

Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, the founder and first president of the Philatelic Sons of America, is a candidate for the office of president, and ought to be elected as such at the forthcoming convention in Denver. His efforts to establish a society powerful for good have proven successful; and his clean record, his earnestness, and love for his work demand the support of every member. We hope to be able to congratulate him, later on, upon his election.

No matter whether you subscribe to other stamp papers or not, you will want the BAY STATE PHILATELIST, because it will contain news local in its nature, and therefore such as cannot be obtained elsewhere. Our rates are 30 cents per annum, or 5 cents per copy.

The *Boston Stamp Book* will soon be issued as the official organ of the Boston Philatelic Society. It will be published by Cassino & Co. and edited by Mr. J. L. Kilbon, the affable and active auction manager of the Society. It will be gotten up in a unique manner, printed in the latest style, and will undoubtedly prove to be not only successful but thoroughly artistic.

W. F. Morgan, Jr. of Lynn, was the purchaser of the Canada 12d, wove paper, at Drew's sale, paying $506 for this rarest British-American stamp, which was listed by Scott at $500.

The majority of people whom you meet and speak to about stamp collecting, smile grimly and murmur something about child's play, the fad of "kids," etc. We had a friend afflicted in that manner some time since, and acting upon the invitation of Mr. Howard K. Sanderson, the genial secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society, we took him to the last auction sale of that body. It was really amusing to note his genuine look of surprise when he saw the people assembled in Elks Hall. His theories in regard to "kids" were suddenly

demolished, and he was completely stunned at recognizing many sedate and elderly persons of his acquaintance, among them professors in the Boston English and Latin High Schools, State Street bankers, etc. Then when the bidding began, and the prices paid for stamps were carefully noted, he leaned back in his chair and said: "My boy, there is more method in this madness than I imagined." However, he was speechless when he attacked the frozen pudding and other goodies downstairs, and I noticed his eyes were very expressive. Philately has gained another convert.

The smallest postal card is issued by the New Zealand government. It measures 74x 40 mm and is especially prepared and issued for a leading tobacco firm of Auckland, which encloses one in each of its boxes of cigarettes.

Another church society is trying to collect a million stamps; this time it is in the Episcopal diocese of Minnesota. The proceeds will be used in assisting needy divinity students at Seabury College, Faribault, Minn.

The first lot of 1c wrappers, printed under the Holyoke contract, were of a fine dark blue and rich appearance, but since the first printing the ink has been of the old, dull, washed-out color.

The best prices realized recently at English sales were $160 (£32) for a wood-block 4d red, Cape, at Ventom, Bull, & Co.'s sale of February 20, and $80 (£16) for a 1d rose, British Guiana, 1862, at Cheverly's sale, February 18.

It is not generally known that the punched specimens of Western Australia, which are occasionally met with, are really officially used stamps, and were so punched that they might indicate "no revenue" to the postal department; but such is the fact. Their use was authorized in July, 1861.

Among the rare specimens contained in a Western collection is a 3c red, 1861, perforated to the size of the 1869 issue. A sheet of this older issue, it is claimed, was so perforated, and the stamp is held as a rarity of the first water.

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The stamps will be on exhibition at the office of R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, May 13 and 14; at the office of the New England Stamp Co., Boston, May 17; and at the Hall from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on the day of sale.

Only one country was added in 1894 to the list with which the United States conducted a packet post. This time it was our northeastern neighbor, Newfoundland.

Chas. O. Jones, an alleged newspaper artist, was identified, April 19, as the mysterious George Morrison, dealer in counterfeit stamps, at Chicago. The woman under arrest at Hamilton, Ont., known as Mrs. M. T. Mack, it was alleged, was Tinsey McMillan, of Chicago. She was the principal in the stamp forgeries, and Jones was her assistant.

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BAY STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

This society was temporarily organized, March 15, as a local branch of the P. S. of A., with the following temporary officers: President, G. F. Yohn; Vice-President, C. F. Wilcox; Secretary, Nelson B. Newell; Treasurer, M. B. Clark; Auction Manager, F. H. Drown; Librarian, Evans Webster; Exchange Manager, E. F. Thayer; and Trustees, Frank S. Drown, Louis Widlestrand, and Arthur L. Drown. Collectors and others residing in Massachusetts are eligible to membership. Application blanks may be obtained of M. B. Clark, Box 26, Lynn, Mass. The initiation fee, for the first year, will be ten cents and annual dues fifteen cents. No official organ has as yet been selected. An election for permanent officers will soon be held.

NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

This society was organized by members of the Massachusetts Branch of the S. of P., in January last, with the following temporary officers: President, Edward Gowing; Secretary, Chas. E. Shaw; Treasurer, Newell W. Wood; Trustees, Horace S. Bacon, George M. Frame, and Wm. M. Stuart. Since that date a large number of Massachusetts collectors have become members. A mail election will be held during June, the polls closing June 5, when the permanent officers will be declared elected. Very wisely, the *Eastern Philatelist* has been selected as the official organ.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESS.

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The discovery of two types of the twelve-cent stamp of 1870 has stimulated collectors to a close scrutiny of the other values of this series in hopes of finding marks indicating the change of printers which took place in this issue. The results so far are that distinguishing marks have been found on the one, three, six, seven, and ten cent values, but none of them seem to us quite so decided as the variety in the twelve cent. A minor variety of the two cent envelope stamp of July, 1884, is also attracting some attention just now; the difference lies in the lower line of the bust, the back of which in the common die ends in a sharp angle while the variety ends in a curve. The majority of these fine distinctions are quite uninteresting, while others are well worth the attention of collectors.— *Philatelic Monthly.*

The receipts of the Boston Post Office for the month of April were $222,737.80 as against $195,191.70 for April, 1894, being an increase of $27,546.10, or 14.11 per cent. Considerable of the increase was due to the large amount of mail matter shipped by the Census Department of the Commonwealth. The postmaster states that the new electric car mail system is working smoothly, and will undoubtedly be extended in the near future. — *Standard.*

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"OLD GLORY" ON OUR STAMPS.

Under the above caption a writer in the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, for April, writes in favor of a stamp upon which the flag of this country may be displayed. We beg to differ with him in his choice of a subject. The American flag is too noble to be placed upon an envelope or packet and then obliterated by many of the contemptible canceling machines used in this country. We do not want to see "Old Glory" so disfigured, and while the idea from a sentimental point of view may be, at first sight, attractive, sober second thought will make everybody object to placing a stigma upon our glorious emblem. If we had our way, the stamps of this country should be emblematical of it; we would have an idealized head of liberty, an Indian, and various other symbolic designs, but never the head of a dead and gone hero, nor of the flag. Take the miserable, dirty, North End tough caricature which (dis) graces our latest postal card and compare it with the beautiful head upon the international post card and then say is not the ideal better than the real.

It may be of interest to those who contemplate attending the '95 convention of the P. S. of A. in Denver, Col., to know that they may obtain a series of pamphlets descriptive of the vast natural resources and scenic beauty of the great State of Colorado at prices which will barely defray the expenses of postage. Mr. J. E. Zahn, one of Denver's most liberal-minded collectors, is working enthusiastically for the coming convention to be held in his city, and, in order that prospective visitors may more thoroughly realize what is in store for them, he has arranged to supply them with the descriptive pamphlets mentioned below. Samples of the same have been sent me, and a cursory glance compels me to believe that it will be to the undoubted advantage of every member contemplating the trip to Denver to secure one of these well-written little books, and thus equip himself with a reasonably accurate store of information as regards the country which he is about to visit. The lucid style of each one of the books, together with the excellence of the illustrations, serve to make them both "things of beauty" and "joys forever." The entire lot will be sent by Mr. Zahn, Room 83, Cass and Graham Block, for 20 cents. —*Pennsy.*

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AUCTION SALES.

The plan, which we inaugurated in the May issue, of presenting comparisons of prices realized at the various auction sales, has met with the unqualified endorsement of the leading philatelists of the country. In this issue we have adopted a different method of presentation, one which we believe to be of greater utility and better adapted to displaying the different values, permitting also the insertion of descriptive matter and thus avoiding the use of foot-notes. The 55th catalogue of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. is everywhere accepted as the standard, and we have used the quotations from this work except when the firms give their own market valuation.

It is absolutely impossible within our limited range to give quotations of all stamps sold, nor do we think it advisable to do so. We aim, however, to present as full a comparison as is possible of all United States adhesives, and then devoting additional space to a consideration of some of the leading countries where we have two or more auction catalogues which contain the same issues. The prices quoted are for stamps in prime condition unless it is stated to the contrary.

The quotations include results obtained from the following sales: —

R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, March 26, 27, and 28, and April 24 and 25; Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, May 11, and at Philadelphia, May 18; Massamore & Co., Baltimore, May 13; Howard K. Sanderson, Boston, May 20; and Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, Eng., May 7.

We may illustrate the proper method of reading the presentation which follows by explaining some of the lines. For instance, the 5c brown of 1847 is catalogued by Scott as being worth $2 in an unused condition. At R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s sale in New York, March 26–28, a dark brown unused stamp of this issue brought $2.90 and a red brown shade brought $3. At the same firm's sale, held April 24, three varieties of brown shades were sold for $1.80 each. At Massamore & Co.'s sale at Baltimore on May 13 an unused stamp of this variety brought $2 under the hammer. A 10c black of 1847, used, is catalogued by Scott as being valued at $3.50. On May 13 at Massamore's sale $3.25 was paid for a copy on the original cover; and at Sanderson's sale, May 20, at Boston, a copy of the same stamp on the original cover brought $3. At this sale was also sold an unsevered pair for $5 for each stamp; also an unsevered strip of three which brought $12.50 each. With this explanation, the presentation may be readily understood.

UNITED STATES. — 1847.

5c brown, Scott's catalogue, unused	$2.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, dark brown	2.90
red brown	3 00
April 24, 3 shades	1.80
Massamore's sale, May 13	2.00
5c brown, Scott's catalogue, used	.75
Massamore's sale, May 13, pair and 2	.70
Sanderson's sale, May 20, unsevered pair	.85
unsevered strip of 5	7.00
10c black, Scott's catalogue, unused	7.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26	7.60
10c black, Scott's catalogue, used	3.50
Massamore's sale, May 13, orig. cov.	3.25
Sanderson's sale, May 20, orig. cov.	3.00
unsevered pair	5.00
unsevered strip of 3	12.50

1851.

5c brown, Scott's catalogue, unused	25.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26	44.00
April 24	43.00
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11, yl-brn	23.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20	44.50
poor margin at top	24 50
5c brown, Scott's catalogue, used	7.50
Albrecht's sale, April 24	6 50
on part cover	7.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20	7.00
horizontal pair	10.00
vertical strip of 3	8 20
10c green, Scott's catalogue, unused	2.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26, light green	3.75
dark green	13.50
April 24, dark green	10.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20	9.00
block of 4	25.00
10c green, Scott's catalogue, used	.75
Albrecht's sale, April 24, block of 4	1.25
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11, pair	.40
Sanderson's sale, May 20, block of 4	3.00
vertical pair	1.00
12c black, Scott's catalogue, unused	3.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26	5.25
April 24, slight defect	3.50
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11, vert. pr.	6.10
Sanderson's sale, May 20	4.60
12c black, Scott's catalogue, used	1.25
Albrecht's sale, April 24, pair	1.90
Sanderson's sale, May 20, horizontal pair	1.75
vertical pair	1.20
strip of 5	1.40
block of 6	3.25
24c lilac, Scott's catalogue, unused	60.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26	65.00
April 24	75.25

1855-60.

3c red, outer line, Scott's catalogue, unused	10.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26	11.00
April 24	11.50
Sanderson's sale, May 20	12.25

24c lilac, Scott's catalogue, unused $4.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 3.25
April 24, grayish violet . . 2.40
violet 3.25
dark violet 4.25
Massamore's sale, May 13 . . . . . 3.80
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 3.50
unsevered pair . . 4.25
30c orange, Scott's catalogue, unused 5.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, light shade . . 4.60
dark shade . . . 4.20
April 24, light shade . . . 3.75
dark shade . . . 4.05
bright color . . . 3.75
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 4.55
90c blue, Scott's catalogue, unused 12.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 12.00
superb copy 16.10
April 24 . . . . . 17.10
unsevered pair . . 22.05
used (Scott $15) 15.25

1861.

3c pink, Scott's catalogue, unused 15.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 15.25
April 24 . . . . . 16.25
unsevered pair . . 19.00
3c pink, Scott's catalogue, used 6.00
Massamore's sale, May 13 . . . . . 3.05
slight defect 1.25
Sanderson's sale, May 20, bright color . . . 6.00
on full letter 7.50
3c scarlet, Scott's catalogue, unused 35.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 51.00
April 24 . . . . . 52.50
dark shade 55.50
5c yellow, Scott's catalogue, used 5.00
Albrecht's sale, Mar. 26 (unused Scott, $20) 14.25
April 24, used 4.40
light shade 4.25
B. & D. Co.'s sale, May 11, slight tear . . . 2.40
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 5.75
another shade . . . 4.00
5c chocolate, Scott's catalogue, unused 5.00
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 5.25
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 4.25
At Albrecht's sale of March 26 was sold a 5c red-brown unused for $7, and at Sanderson's sale, a fine red-brown, lightly cancelled, for $12.
24c mauve, Scott's catalogue, unused 5.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 4.00
greenish slate . . . 3.25
brownish violet . . 1.70
April 24 . . . . . 6.35
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 5.25
30c orange, Scott's catalogue, unused 2.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 1.60
Sanderson's sale, May 20, yellowish 3.50
reprint, used . . 8.50

1868.

3c rose, grilled all over, Scott's cat., unused . . 25.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 26.00
3c rose, grille 13x16, Scott's catalogue, unused . 20.00
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 13.25
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 20.50
5c brown, grille 9x13, Scott's catalogue, unused . 5.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 4.50
April 24, red-brown 4.50
dark brown . . . 4.25
Massamore's sale, May 13 . . . . . 3.10
24c violet, grille 9x13, Scott's catalogue, unused . 7.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 7.75
dark shade 8.00
April 24 . . . . . 6.50
30c orange, grille 9x13, Scott's catalogue, unused 5.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 7.00
April 24 . . . . . 5.50
another 10.25
90c blue, grille 9x13, Scott's catalogue, unused . 20.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 18.10
April 24 . . . . . 18.10
90c blue, grille, 9x13, Scott's catalogue, used . . $12.00
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 8.25
not centered 7.25
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 12.00

1869.

15c, no frame, Scott's catalogue, unused 5.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, fair centre . . . 3.00
fair centre . . . 3.10
good centre . . . 4.80
15c, no frame, Scott's catalogue, used 2.50
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 2.25
Massamore's sale, May 13 . . . . . 2.00
24c, Scott's catalogue, unused 10.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 8.00
April 24 . . . . . 10.25
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 7.70
24c, Scott's catalogue, used 7.00
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 5.75
reprint 8.50
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 4.70
May 18 . . . . 5.25
Massamore's sale, May 13 . . . . . 4.85
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 5.75
reprint 10.50
30c, Scott's catalogue, unused 10.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 7.50
April 24 . . . . . 10.10
30c, Scott's catalogue, used 3.00
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 2.50
Sanderson's sale, May 20, block of 12 . . 2.75
90c, Scott's catalogue, unused 17.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 17.10
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 22.36
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 18 . . . . 16.50
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 13.50
90c, Scott's catalogue, used 12.50
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 10.00
bright color 13.10
unsevered pair . . . 12.50
B. & D. Co.'s sale, May 11, slight tear . . . 8.25
Massamore's sale, May 13, slight split . . . 9.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 12.00
Ventom, Bull & Cooper sold, May 7, pairs of the 2c and 10c, and two specimens of the 30c, all unused with gum, for $17.90; and a complete set except 1, 10, and 90c, all unused for $9.38.

COLUMBIAN ISSUE. — **1893.**

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 29.26
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 20.80
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 27.30
$1, Scott's catalogue, unused 8.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 4.75
April 24, brick red 5.20
$3, Scott's catalogue, unused 4.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, yellow green . . 3.30
April 24 . . . . . 3.20
$4, Scott's catalogue, unused 5.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 4.50
April 24 . . . . . 4.30

DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

AGRICULTURE.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 19.15
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 15.84
April 24 . . . . . 16.20
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 18.00

EXECUTIVE.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 30.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 28.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 32.50

INTERIOR.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 3.60
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 2.95
April 24 . . . . . 3.60

JUSTICE.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused $49.60
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 40.00
April 24 . . . . . 46.50
90c, Scott's catalogue, unused and used 25.00
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 22.35
used 20.35
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 33.50
Sanderson's sale, May 20, used 30.50

NAVY.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 21.65
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 17.60
April 24 . . . . . 20.35

POST OFFICE.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 4.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 3.60
April 24 . . . . . 3.50

STATE.

1c to 90c, Scott's catalogue, unused 21.70
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 18.15
April 24 . . . . . 19.80
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 18 . . . . 21.01
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 16.50
$5, Scott's catalogue, unused 100.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 91.50
April 24, mint state 92.00
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 18 . . . . 110.00
$10, Scott's catalogue, unused 50.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 47.00
April 24, mint state 42.00
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 18 . . . . 55.00
$20, Scott's catalogue, unused 40.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 35.25
April 24, mint state 38.00
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 18, with imprint 50.00

WAR.

Complete set, Scott's catalogue, unused 4.08
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 2.97
April 24 . . . . . 3.52

NEVIS.—1861.

1d lake rose, grayish p., Scott's cat., unused . . 2.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 3.40
April 24 . . . . . 2.20
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 2.75
4d dull rose, grayish p., Scott's cat., unused . . 15.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 17.00
no gum 11.25
April 24 . . . . . 12.10
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 12.50
6d lilac gray, grayish p., Scott's cat., unused . . 12.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26, milky gray . . 12.25
dark shade . . . 12.10
darker shade . . 12.10
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 16.10

1867.

4d yellow orange, white p., Scott's cat., unused . 8.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, bright color . . . 12.00
lighter, no gum . . 8.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 9.00
6d olive, lithographed, Scott's cat., unused . . . 45.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 41.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 40.50

1882-3.

6d green, crown and C. A., Scott's cat., unused . 30.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 34.50
April 24 . . . . . 34.25
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 31.00
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 40.50

GREAT BRITAIN.—1882.

5£ orange, Scott's catalogue, used $13.50
Albrecht's sale, April 24 . . . . . 10.05
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 18.55

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

10c rose, perf. 12½, Scott's catalogue, unused . . 15.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 15.60
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 14.25
50c violet, perf. 12½, Scott's catalogue, unused . 12.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 10.30
April 24 . . . . . 10.25
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 7.00

NEWFOUNDLAND.

6½d scarlet-vermilion, Scott's catalogue, unused 40.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 58.00
April 24 . . . . . 38.25
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 (used $45) 69.58
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 56.50

TRINIDAD.—1852.

1d blue, litho., Scott's catalogue, used 16.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, light blue 13.25
gray blue 17.00
greenish blue . . 8.25
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 14.22

1851.

1d red on blue p., Scott's catalogue, unused . . 7.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 5.60
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 5.50

1859.

6d, green, imperf. Scott's catalogue, used . . . 12.50
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 15.50
Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 7 . . . 16.14

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—1866.

6d rose, perf. 12, Scott's catalogue, unused . . . 5.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26, dark shade . . . 3.30
light shade . . . 3.30
April 24 . . . . . 3.30
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 3.80
May 18 . . . . 3.10
Sanderson's sale, May 20, horizontal pair . 5.00
used (Scott $7) . 8.00

1867-8.

6d rose, perf. 15, Scott's catalogue, unused . . . 25.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 26.75
B. & D. Co.'s sale, May 18, small hole . . . 16.50
Sanderson's sale, May 20, slight speck . . . 24.50
1sh car. and blk., blank border, Scott's cat., unused 15.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 10.50
April 24 . . . . . 12.50
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 11.25
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 17.50
used (Scott $20) . 19.75
1sh carmine and black, double-lined frame, Scott's catalogue, unused 20.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 16.75
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 17.50
1sh car. and blk., col'd border, Scott's cat., unused 5.00
Albrecht's sale, March 26 . . . . . 3.50
extra lines N. & E. 3.00
extra lines S. & W. 3.10
April 24 . . . . . 5.50
Bogert & Durbin Co.'s sale, May 11 . . . . 4.15
Sanderson's sale, May 20 . . . . . 4.00
horizontal pair . . 4.00
sheet of 20, each . 5.50
used (Scott $6) . 4.00

OTHER AUCTION PRICES.

Below we give a description of the various adhesives, envelopes, etc., sold singly, in pairs, blocks, and strips, at the various auctions, realizing $25 or more, placed in comparison with the present market valuation. The stamps quoted in the preceding presentation are not repeated below.

The use of the asterisk (*) indicates "unused."

R. F. ALBRECHT & CO., MARCH 26–28.

ST. LOUIS, 10c black, die A, used, slight tear at bottom $75.50
U. S. 1857–60, set of reprints 48.80
1861–66, set of reprints * 62.00
1869–75, set of reprints * 77.50
NEWSPAPER, $48 brown,* Scott's catalogue, $30 26.10
$60 violet,* Scott's catalogue, $40 . 32.25
CONFEDERATE: *Athens*, 5c purple, used, cat., $75 60.00
Baton Rouge, 5c green and carmine, used, catalogue, $60 . . . . . 41.00
5c green and carmine, rare type, cat., $100 . . . . . 77.00
——, same, error, McCormick 80.00
Fredericksburg, 5c blue, used, cat., $25 . . 25.00
Lenoir, 5c blue on yellow, used, cat., $100 . 82.00
Macon, 5c black on yellow, used, fancy frame 63.50
——, same, plain frame 171.00
Mobile, 2c black, used, catalogue, $35 . . . 42.50
Nashville, 5c brown, bluish p., cat., $20 . 26.00
5c gray, bluish p 29.00
BRITISH GUIANA, 1850, 12c dark blue, circular, with curled tail to 2, not cut evenly, used, catalogue, $60 . . . . . 50.00
1856, 4c magenta, used, catalogue, $75 . . . 86.00
1862, Prov., 4c blue (hearts), used, no roulette 35.25
ST. CHRISTOPHER, Prov. 1d on 2½d blue,* small surch., cat., $75 . . . . . 75.00
ST. LUCIA, 3d blue, red surch., used 36.00
ST. VINCENT, 5sh rose-red,* star, cat., $30 . . . 33.00
TOBAGO, 1883, 6d brown,* catalogue, $35 . . . 37.75
TRINIDAD, Lady McLeod stamp on orig. cov. . . 75.25
TURK'S ISLAND, 1867, 1sh violet,* cat., $75 . . 101.00
BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1861, 2½d red,* imp., catalogue, $125 . . . . . 125.00
CANADA, 6d gray-slate,* imp., smooth white p. . 31.00
10d blue, imp.,* catalogue, $20 . . . . . 31.50
NEW BRUNSWICK, 1851, 6d yellow,* cat., $20 . 76.00
—— —— same, used pair, cat., $35 . . . 42.00
1sh violet,* catalogue, $100 . . . . . 226.50
NEWFOUNDLAND, 4d orange * 36.00
6d orange * 76.00
1sh orange, used, slightly damaged 87.00
4d scarlet-vermilion * 100.00
6d scarlet-vermilion * 194.00
1sh scarlet-vermilion * 282.00
NOVA SCOTIA, 6d yellow-green,* catalogue, $15 26.00
6d dark green,* catalogue, $20 . . . . . 45.00
1sh bright violet,* catalogue, $100 . . . . 102.00
1sh dark violet, used, catalogue, $75 . . . . 80.00
1sh mauve, used, catalogue, $100 . . . . . 142.00
BUENOS AYRES, 1858, 4p vermilion, used, cat., $75 47.00
5p orange, used, catalogue, $75 . . . . . 51.00
COLUMBIAN REP., 1862, 20c red, used, cat., $45 . 26.00
ANTIOQUIA, 1868, 2½c blue, used, catalogue, $65 50.00
5c green, used, catalogue, $75 . . . . . 29.00
MEXICO, 1864, 3c brown,* surch. district name, number, and date, catalogue, $50 . . . . 27.00
PERU, 1858, ½p rose-red, used, catalogue, $75 . 34.00

R. F. ALBRECHT & CO., APRIL 24–25.

NEW YORK, 1842, 3c black,* on blue wove p. . . 25.20
ST. LOUIS, 1845, 10c black, die B, used 61.50
U. S. 1855–60, 5c red-brown, ornaments, cat., $20 26.50
CONFEDERATE, *Athens*, 5c purple, used $38.00
BR. HONDURAS, 1891, 6c black on 10c mauve and 6c red on 10c mauve, inverted surch., used 40.50
CEYLON, 1857, imp. 4d rose, used, catalogue, $60 27.00
GREECE, complete set of 112 stamps arranged according to the Glasewald ref. list . . . 26.88
NEW BRUNSWICK, 6d yellow,* no gum 53.00
NEWFOUNDLAND, 4d orange,* catalogue, $30 . . 25.25
ST. VINCENT, 1880, 5sh carmine, star, used . . . 37.80
SWITZERLAND, *Basle*, 2½r., used, catalogue, $30 28.10

BOGERT & DURBIN CO., NEW YORK, MAY 11.

CARRIER, N. Y., 2c red, used 160.00
LOCAL, Broadway P. O., gold, used, creased . . 35.00
BOLIVAR, 1879, 20c green, error 35.00

BOGERT & DURBIN CO., PHILADELPHIA, MAY 18.

BUCHANAN, 5c on orig. cov., catalogue, $350 . . 385.00
NEW YORK, 3c pale blue on wove p., cat., $35 . 30.50
ST. LOUIS, 10c die A, orig. cov., catalogue, $125 . 130.00
U. S. 1847, 10c cut vertically and used on orig. cov. 30.00
1857–60 10c env. on buff, used, catalogue, $75 72.50
CHARLESTON, 5c env., white p., used, cat., $25 . 31.00
5c env., orange p., used, catalogue, $25 . . 36.00
U. S., 1869, 15c * orig., without grille, full brown gum, catalogue, $50 . . . . . 50.00
24c,* same conditions, catalogue, $50 . . . 50.00
30c,* same conditions, catalogue, $50 . . . 50.00
90c,* same conditions, catalogue, $100 . . . 75.00
REVENUE, Proprietary used, catalogue, $45 . . 39.50
MOBILE, 2c, cut close, used, catalogue, $30 . . 25.00
AUSTRIA, Newspaper, 1850, 10kr.,* yellow on ribbed p., catalogue, $30 . . . . . 35.00
ANTIOQUIA, 1868, 1p used, catalogue, $35 . . . 36.00
BOLIVAR, 1873, 10c green, used, catalogue, $45 . 50.00
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 10d on 9d inverted surch., used, catalogue, $100 . . . . . 70.00

VENTOM, BULL & COOPER, LONDON, MAY 7.

GREAT BRITAIN, 6d octagonal,* block of 4 . . . 22.33
FRANCE, first issue, strip of 6—1f, first stamp being Tête-Béche, used, part orig. cov., dated June 21, '52 . . . . . 29.82
CEYLON, 4d rose, imperforate 79.52
8d brown, imperforate 64.61
LABUAN, Prov. 6c on 16c red and blue 52.15
PORTUGUESE INDIES, 1873 error, red, without value in centre, used on part orig. cov. . . . 20.86
NATAL, first issue, 1d blue, rose, and yellow, 3d red, 6d green, 9d blue, and 1sh buff; all penstroked, cut to shape; reserve, £20 . 99.40
CANADA, ½d rose, imp., 2 strips of 3 . . . . 22.33
½d rose, imp., strip of 6, ribbed p. 44.73
6½d green * 27.30
NOVA SCOTIA, 1d red-brown, strip of 3 . . . . 24.85
PRINCE EDWARD IS., 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6c, all used 20.84
PACIFIC STEAM NAV. CO., 1 real, blue * 22.82
QUEENSLAND, 1869–76, pair 10sh brown * . . . 29.82
VICTORIA, 1850, 2d brown-lilac * 24.85
Queen on Throne, 2d lilac-brown, complete, reconstructed plate of 50, and 2 duplicates . 24.85
1863, 2d violet, error, block of 4 * 24.85

H. K. SANDERSON, BOSTON, MAY 20.

PROVIDENCE, 1846, complete sheet of 11 5c and 1 10c. o.g. 72.00
CARRIER, Franklin, 1851, used 39.00
1851, 1c blue,* fully defined broken circle . . . 25.50
1855–60, 30c orange, block of 56 canceled and used on one cover, postmarked San Francisco 280.00
1869, 24c inverted medallion 140.00

1872, 12c deep purple, reprints,* pair $31.00
1857–61, Env. 6c red on white* 37.50
Env. 6c red on buff* 52.50
1884, Env. 2c red on White, Kellogg*; only about 25 known to be in existence. Scott No. 809 . . . . . 47.50
1887, Env. 1c blue, Tiffany die* 75.00
Env. 2c manilla, die A.* Scott No. 862 . . 87.50
DANVILLE, 5c black on buff. Scott No. 17 . . . 59.00
BRITISH COLUMBIA, $1 green, perf. 14* 28.00
NEW BRUNSWICK, 6d yellow* 51.00
1sh violet* 109.00
1sh violet and 6d yel. on one cover, used . 105.00
NOVA SCOTIA, 1sh violet* 112.00
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1856, 6d green, complete sheet of 30 . . . . . 30.00
NEVIS, 1869, 4d orange, lith. block of 4* 108.00
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IN AND AROUND BOSTON.

The season is about ended with most of our collectors, and soon the favorite albums will be placed on the shelf until the hot season is over. The Boston Philatelic Society will probably meet, for the last time before fall, the third Tuesday of June. The last meeting was held in Elks Hall, and by the unanimous vote of those present the night of meeting was changed to the third Tuesday and the place of meeting to Elks Hall. The society has long since outgrown the space offered in Mr. Van Derlip's office, and a change had to be made. With few exceptions all now seem to be satisfied. The last meeting was not up to the standard as regards attendance, but it is easily accounted for from the fact that the auction the night before kept everybody up late. Five more new members were admitted, making the total in good standing to date 127. We are waiting to hear of the society which can hold a candle beside us.

The event of the week has been the auction sale of Mr. Sanderson, which came off in Elks Hall, Monday evening, May 20. Nature smiled and presented one of those cool, pleasant evenings when it was a pleasure to "go somewhere." As a result the hall was uncomfortably packed with a representative gathering of Boston philatelists to the number of over 100. The auctioneer, who was entirely new to this class of sales, was at a disadvantage and in addition had used his voice so much during the day that it was badly in need of repairs. Notwithstanding this the stamps in auction probably brought, on an average, the highest prices ever realized before at any auction in the world. In another column will be seen a list of some of the lots, comments upon which are unnecessary. The buyers were scattered from one side of the world to the other, not a few of the finer lots going across the water to English collectors. The chief interest centered upon a fine copy of the more common type of the 13c. Hawaiian "Missionary," now listed at $350. It was finally sold to a Boston gentleman who is new in the field but who is supposed to be laying the foundations of a very fine collection. The sale passed off without delay and was over at about ten o'clock.

Dealers report trade falling off somewhat, but almost any pleasant day will find their offices the centre of attraction. A Bromfield-street merchant displays a superb envelope upon which rests a grand strip of three 5c. 1851 with great margins. If you ask him the price, he shakes his head and winks.

One of our local collectors found lately an envelope on which were three 90c. 1861 and some other stamps. This cost $4.50 and had been in a dealer's window for some time with no takers. Now they are all wondering why they had not seen it before. A beautiful unused block of four 3c. 1857, with outer line, was sold lately for $20 to a local dealer and at once changed hands again for $50.

Notices have appeared in all directions lately of a philatelic reception held at the residence of Mr. W. K. Mix, in Bridgeport, Ct., and also the copy of a menu used at the time, the names of the dishes being interspersed with philatelic phrases suitable to the same. They seem very appropriate and would no doubt be extremely interesting to Boston men were it not for the fact that nearly all of it was copied bodily from the menu of the banquet tendered Mr. Van Derlip by the Boston Society a year ago.

Just now the Boston dealers seem to be turning their attention to unique advertising, and the result is that the boys are getting out of the old ruts. At the same time they cannot help "cribbing" a little in style and subject-matter from each other.

A number of the local members of the A. P. A. will go to the convention at Clayton, N. Y., and the general sentiment is for an Eastern man like Mr. Davison for president.

Mr. John N. Luff and Mr. J. B. Kerfoot, of New York; Mr. George P. Boynton, of Baltimore; and Mr. C. P. Krauth, of Pittsburg, have been among the visitors the past month. Each reports a good time among the local fraternity.

Druggist Woodward now has on tap carmine vermilion soda at one shilling per glass. Have you tried it? J. L.

Roxbury.

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THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST is printed by SAMUEL USHER, 171 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Coupon Music Publishing Co., entitled "Filatelic Fusic." Under this system of philology it would be proper to state that this firm deals in fusic for the fiano, fanjo, fuitar, fandolin, fiolin, and other fusical finstruments! There are a number of pretty, taking melodies among the list given, and the inducement offered of "half off" ought to secure large orders.

SEEBECKS, REPRINTS, ET ALS.

We are heartily in sympathy with the attempt to stamp out of existence the philatelic incubi known as Seebecks. We have read carefully the testimony given in this and in foreign countries against the purchase and sale of these stamps, but until the action of the London Philatelic Society and the Stanley Gibbons Company, the proceedings have resembled the Indian's idea of a Republican political convention, "too much heap talk — no fight." We believe that if a concerted movement is made to suppress the sale of all speculative issues, government reprints, etc., the result will more than compensate for the trouble taken. But no one concern can fight the evil alone; it must be supported by every reliable house in the world. We know of a few establishments having the courage to refuse the purchase or sale of Seebecks, but they are few, indeed. While on this subject, we wish to call attention to another miserable feature in the present era of stamp-collecting, that is, the cancelling of entire sheets of foreign stamps to order. This may be a perfectly legitimate transaction from a dealer's standpoint, but from the philatelic point of view it seems to be an unadulterated fraud. We have seen these stamps, together with Seebecks and reprints, in the exchange books of the American Philatelic Asssociation and have wondered why the capable manager of this department permitted them to be issued, for there, so it seems to us, is the place where a sure and telling blow might be leveled at these frauds. We earnestly suggest that the American Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Sons of America, representing the old and the young among collectors, declare in positive terms at their coming conventions against the evils we have mentioned and which, we believe, threaten the life of Philately. Let all album publishers refuse to these stamps space in their works and let all dealers refuse to sell either the stamps, catalogues, or albums. If the dealers will not move in a matter which threatens to affect them financially and which interests them much more than it does the collector, let the latter take the initiative and stamp the evil out without mercy.

NOTES.

We have to apologize for the non-appearance of a portrait this month. The "Auction Sales" matter has crowded our columns more than we had anticipated. The series will be resumed with the July issue.

One matter we wish to emphasize: THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST is not a "house organ." Every dealer in the country is welcome to use its columns and will be sure of courteous treatment and the best space available.

In regard to our auction reviews, we desire to state that no prices are quoted for stamps which are not in the best condition, unless in the case of rare issues, and these are noted as given in the printed catalogues. No one need feel that we are "stuffing" the returns or giving an indication of job lots or slaughter sales. The prices realized are for specimens in the best possible condition, unless otherwise stated.

We wish to call the attention of advertisers to the fact that, beginning with the September issue, the advertising rates will be advanced. We were willing to quote reduced prices during the summer, but as soon as business begins to quicken we shall enlarge our magazine and present a list of subscribers that will create a demand for the best goods which our advertisers can put forward. The time to make your advertising contract is now.

The dull season is upon us, and stamp-collecting suffers from the effects of the heated term. We do not know why this should be so, unless it is because the original gum is apt to be too moist to handle successfully, but the fact remains that from now until the first of September business will be quiet. We propose, however, to do all we can to keep alive the interest in our science, so that when our collectors return from beach or woods with sun-browned faces and hearts as light as air, they will find a renewal of their interest one of the pleasantest things to look forward to.

It is customary for the publisher and editor to accept all the praise conferred upon a magazine for its neatness and general typographical appearance, etc. We are deeply grateful for the hearty expressions of good-will, but we feel that our printer deserves the lion's share, and we propose to give it to him; for without the aid of the valuable services and admirable resources of Mr. Samuel Usher, the artistic printer, we fear that the magazine would have been a doleful spectacle. We can cordially recommend him and his establishment to all our friends who desire fine printing of any and every description.

The reception accorded THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST has been most encouraging. We have received from our advertisers and subscribers the very highest praise, and had we space at our command we would like to repeat in print the cheering words. We sincerely thank every one whose interest in our success has led him to advertise and subscribe, and hope that their attentions will not be misplaced. The preparation and publication of a magazine of this character may appear simple to many, but those who have tried it realize that there are easier things in this world. We have set a pace which it will be difficult to equal, and we shall use every effort to retain all the characteristics which have made the initial effort such a complete success.

IN PHILATELIA.

The current one-cent newspaper wrapper of Canada is now issued on yellow paper.

There are fifteen varieties in each sheet of the new Natal ½d on 6d, provisional issue, perforated 14, watermark, Crown, CA.

A deal was consummated in New York recently, whereby 250 of the 90c adhesives of 1890 changed hands at one dollar each.

The contract for supplying the Post Office Department with registered package envelopes, tags, and dead-letter envelopes for the next fiscal year was awarded, May 11, to the Plympton Manufacturing Co. of Hartford, Conn., and the Morgan Envelope Co. of Springfield, Mass.

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Peru, surcharged, 2c rose	0 05
Guatemala, surcharged, 1c on 2c	0 07
Mexico Officials, blue	0 04
Straits Settlements, 1c green	0 08
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The announcement is made of the early appearance of a Serbian unpaid letter stamp, with eagle and value in centre. The values will be 5p violet, 10p blue, 20p brown, 30p green, 50p rose; all perforated.

A NEW CATALOGUE.

We have received from R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, a copy of a "Complete Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of British North America and the West Indies." It is bound in a neat and attractive manner, vest-pocket size, and is a handy reference list, giving date of issue, color, perforation, watermark, value (used and unused), and other necessary description to distinguish every known stamp of these Colonies. The quotations are the very latest and are intended to supplement the prices which are published but once a year and which do not, as a rule, accord with the real condition of the market. We note a few of the variations since the publication of Scott's 55th Catalogue. The first prices quoted are those of Scott's, in parentheses, and the second those of the new catalogue: BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1861, 2½d pink, imperforate, used ($125.00), $140.00. VANCOUVER ISLAND, 1865, 5c rose, imp., used ($60.00), $75.00. CANADA, 1851–7, 12d black, laid paper, unused ($300.00), $350.00; same, on wove paper, used ($400.00), $450.00; 1856, 6p lilac, perf. 12, wove paper, unused ($45.00), $60.00; same, used ($30.00), $25.00. NEW BRUNSWICK, 1851, 1sh violet, unused ($100.00), $200.00; same, used ($75.00), $150.00; same, mauve, unused ($125.00), $250.00; same, used ($100.00), $175.00. NOVA SCOTIA, 1851–3, 1sh violet, unused ($100.00), $125.00; same, used ($75.00), $80.00; same, mauve, unused ($125.00), $200.00; same, used ($100.00), $150.00. Many other radical changes are to be noted and it is advisable for every collector to secure a copy of this catalogue at once. The first edition was exhausted the day of issue, but we are informed that the second is ready and will be mailed upon receipt of advertised price. It is the intention of the publishers to issue a series of these catalogues as often as the demand warrants.

THOSE WUHU STAMPS.

In the Year Book of the American Philatelic Association, Mr. L. G. Quackenbush derides the recent issue of Wuhu stamps, concerning which we gave a history last month, and claims that these stamps are "undoubtedly the most barefaced frauds that have yet come to light in China. Those who include the recent issues of the Chinese seaports in collections of ordinary postage stamps must certainly be laboring under a misapprehension as to their status." He then quotes Major Evans, and apparently coincides with that doughty warrior in declaring that "they (the stamps) occupy the same position in the Philatelic world as the Russian rurals." This on page 3. On page 4, Mr. Quackenbush further says: "The Russian rurals are perhaps as little collected

by Americans as any class of stamps extant, yet in intrinsic interest they are excelled by very few. . . . The Russian rurals, now so despised by many, will very likely become the height of fashion after they are succeeded by the regular Russian stamps; or, perhaps, their time will come even sooner." This leaves us in a pitiable condition. We don't know just what we ought to do with our China Wuhu's and our Russian rurals! Shall we consign both to the flames? Please enlighten us, brother.

PRIZES.

We have arranged a series of ten prizes to be competed for by our friends and patrons. They are as follows:

1. 10c green, die 2, on buff, original cover, 1853, $3.00
2. Scott's International Album, cloth gilt, ... 2.50
3. Mekeel's U. S. Album, cloth, ... 2.00
4. 15c brown and blue, with diamond, 1869, . . . 1.50
5. 10c green, unperforated, 1851, on original cover, .75
6. 1c blue, perforated, 1855, ...50
7. 10c green, perforated, 1855, original cover, . . .40
8. 3c red, outer line, 1855, ...35
9. 24c lilac, wove paper, 1861, ...25
10. 10c Columbian, mint state, unused, ...15

The contest will remain open until September 1, and the contestants will be listed in the June, July, and August issues. All names of subscribers and the money for subscriptions must be in our hands not later than September 1. Every 30 cents will count as one subscriber, whether in payment of one year's subscription or in extending a person's own subscription. The only other condition is that those competing for the first three prizes must secure at least five new subscribers.

CONTESTANTS.

Up to the day of going to press, the following is the standing of those who are contesting for the above prizes:

Bessie Hilton, Boston	21
Frank S. Drown, Boston	19
Irving G. Ellenwood, Malden	8
Wm. G. Grundy, Roxbury	7
H. G. A. Kilborne, Boston	6

A new 3p violet, perforated, has been issued by the South African Republic.

Every stamp collector in New England should join the New England Philatelic Association.

The *Post Office* asks: "Who can poss the impossible or scrute the inscrutable?" and suggests as an answer: "So-called experts."

The second jubilee issue of Portugal is soon to be on the market. The ascension of Santa Antonius de Padua is the title of the horrible caricature on the stamp.

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REPORTS OF PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

[Brief reports of the meetings of Philatelic Societies will be inserted in this column, if furnished us by the proper official before the 20th of each month.]

BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The forty-sixth regular meeting was held in Elks Hall, Tuesday evening, May 21, President Van Derlip in the chair. Four candidates were, under a suspension of the rules, duly elected members, raising the total membership to 127. A communication was read from Mr. Every Paget, secretary of Chicago Branch No. 1, American Philatelic Association, enclosing a ticket for officers to be voted upon at the coming convention at Clayton. This ticket was headed by the name of our honored president, Mr. Willard C. Van Derlip. Mr. Van Derlip stated that, while appreciating the honor thus thrust upon him, he was compelled to state that his name was used without his authority, and, while he would not dictate to any member the course to pursue, he should not enter into a contest for the office. A communication was also read from Mr. C. P. Krauth, enclosing a ticket for officers, headed by Mr. Alvah Davison, of New York. No definite action was taken. It was declared, by vote, to be the unanimous desire of the members that all future meetings be held on the third Tuesday of each month, and they will be so held in Elks Hall. The idea suggested in these columns last month, of establishing a "stamp bourse," was broached and received with considerable favor. The president stated that as chairman of the trustees of Elks Building he could guarantee the use of the hall to the society from 2 P.M. till the close of the evening meeting, on every third Tuesday of each month. Stamp collectors may now meet and talk, exchange stamps, and transact any business connected with our calling in a central location and without offending any of the Boston dealers. Mr John N. Luff, of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., was present, and when called upon for a few remarks stated that had he been aware a speech was desired he would have prepared a nice little scriptural story, but he could talk "plate numbers" if the members desired. Still, he thought that after the brilliant fireworks of Mr. Sanderson's sale anything he could or would say in relation to stamp matters would have a hollow and dismal sound. He agreed to make it genuinely pleasant for any of the members should they visit New York and call upon him; that portions of the Elephant still remained (despite Parkhurst), and a few gallons of vermilion were still on sale. An informal auction was then held, Messrs. Batchelder and Phelps

officiating as auctioneers. The meeting closed at 10 P.M.

BAY STATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Under this heading, in the May issue, we noted the birth of a branch of the P. S. of A. in this State, called the Bay State Philatelic Society. It appears as if the announcement was premature and that matters were not all open and above board. Temporary officers were chosen, as noted last month, and we were asked to print for the society application blanks and membership cards, which was done, and samples of each were sent to the president and treasurer during the first week in April. The president wrote as follows: "Blanks and cards rec'd, and present a very neat appearance. N.B. Newell, the Sec'y, has informed me that, on account of his going away to work, he will be unable to attend to the duties of Sec'y. I have therefore appointed as Sec'y Mr. M. B. Clark, of Lynn, who also holds the office of Treas. I have just mailed the letter to Mr. Clark and expect to hear very soon whether or not he will accept the office. Therefore hold the blanks until I can secure a Sec'y; then you can mail them to him. As soon as I hear of Mr. Clark's acceptance, I will let you know, and you can mail the blanks to him. The cards you may send to me. We are at present waiting for your publication in order to accept it as official organ, so we can have our reports published monthly." This was on April 18. Hearing nothing further from either president or secretary-treasurer, we on May 12 wrote to the former, hinting at the printing bill and asking if anything had been done in regard to establishing the society upon a permanent basis. This is the gentlemanly reply: —

"TURNER'S FALLS, Mass, May 14, '95.

"*Dear Sir,* — Your letter hand. I wish to say that I have severed my connection with the society and also will resign from P. S. of A. You can run the society if you wish, and ask for cash from Mr. M. B. Clark. Wishing you success, I remain,

"Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) "G. F. YOHN."

We immediately forwarded a request to friends in Turner's Falls to investigate the standing of Mr. Yohn and were informed that he had none. Mr. Clark informed us he had $2.25 which was available for the payment of bills. Other members stated that they knew nothing about either Mr. Newell or Mr. Yohn, and thus the matter stands. The writer has been approached by others to carry on the society, as there seems to be room for one here. We therefore take this means of bringing the matter to the attention of Massachusetts philatelists and would welcome an expression of opinion.

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Letter to his Dad	.40
Last Message to his Mother	.50
Letter from the Old Folks at Home, A	.40
Message to Genevieve	.40
Message from the Stars	.35
Old Letter Box on the Tree	.40
Old Love Letters	.40
Papa's Letter	.50
Send Back my Letters	.40
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New Brunswick 10c or 17c each		.18
New Brunswick 1c 1860, 5cts.; 2c 1861		.04
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PHILATELIC CRIMINALS.

Philatelia is a world by itself. It has its own inhabitants who dream and talk stamps, it has its own literature which is little better than Greek to all outsiders, and now it is getting its own criminals. Dishonest people are to be found in all grades of society and among all nations, therefore it is not possible for our world to escape. But we can all aid in punishing these criminals, and it is the duty of every honest philatelist to expose every attempt at deceit and fraud. The Portland Philatelic Association, at a recent meeting, expelled one of its members, E. C. Farnsworth, for the alleged fraudulent perforation of the imperforate issue of Canada and offering the same for sale as genuine. "By means of a marked sixpence stamp he was caught, and on being confronted with positive proof he confessed. He was expelled and steps taken to have him deprived of his membership in the American Philatelic Association. . . . So far, three fraudulently perforated 3p stamps, three 6p, one 18or Brazil, and two Portland Star Match stamps rouletted (a unique variety) can be laid at Mr. Farnsworth's door."

We believe in giving the fullest publicity to matters of this kind, and shall esteem it a favor if all persons having knowledge of fraudulent transactions will notify us, and we promise to make a thorough investigation with the end in view of ridding our world of its criminals.

Anent this we heartily second the effort inaugurated by the *Eastern Philatelist* to prevent the unsolicited mailing of approval sheets. The writer has been a victim, but has heretofore remailed the sheets to the senders and taken the precaution to register all packages. Our attention has been called to a recent case by one of our subscribers, who under date of May 11 received the following notice: "Please let me hear from you about sheets sent you April 1, or I shall complain to P. O. officials." As no stamps were ever received our subscriber refuses to let him hear, and has placed the matter in our hands. We shall be pleased to hear the stamp man's complaint, and will promise to investigate it thoroughly, and award him his price if he proves his case and exposes the guilty party to the transaction.

While we agree with Mr. Albrecht that the best way to stop this petty system of blackmail is to keep the stamps until a sufficient amount is forwarded to cover cost of time and postage, we think that if the recipients of these unsolicited consignments would return the sheets to the sender by express, the charges would so thoroughly affright him that he would hesitate to try the plan of blackmail again. This system we have adopted and while we have made a number of enemies by so doing the results more than compensate for the trouble entailed.

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ALVAH DAVISON.

AUCTION SALES.

The review for this month includes comparisons of prices obtained at London, on May 23 and 24, by Ventom, Bull & Cooper, and at New York on the same dates by R. F. Albrecht & Co., and on May 27 and 28, by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. The Albrecht sale is not a guidance for a collector, it was simply a sale of wholesale lots.

The greater portion of the Scott sale consisted of the famous collection of the late Gilbert Harrison of Yorkshire, England. Mr. Harrison divided all his envelopes in accordance with Dr. Horner's catalogue with its subdivisions of dies, watermark, knife, etc., and in consequence he accumulated what under ordinary conditions would be considered a large number of duplicates. The same system was followed by the Scott Company in arranging them for sale. In preparing his collection for his reference list Mr. Harrison covered the stamps on some of the envelopes with a white powder, known as Chinese white, and as this adhered rather strongly to the paper, the removal of this powder resulted in removing the glaze from that portion of the envelope which was nearest the stamp. In most such cases the envelopes and the stamps themselves were not injured in any particular by the application of this powder.

As a matter of history and for future reference we repeat here the history of the Harrison collection of envelopes. It was originally the collection of Dr. Horner, who sold it a number of years ago to the well-known dealer, Mr. L. W. Durbin, of Philadelphia. The latter in turn sold it to Mr. E. L. Pemberton, the celebrated English philatelist, through whom it passed into the hands of an English collector. This English collector sold out to Stanley Gibbons, Limited, who transferred the entire collection to Mr. Gilbert Harrison, who in a few years brought it to the completeness and perfection which it had attained at the time of his death. The collection was placed in the hands of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Limited, for disposition by Stanley Gibbons, Limited, of London, who are disposing of all the philatelic property left by Mr. Harrison.

As usual, in comparing values, we have adopted the 55th catalogue as the standard. The prices quoted are for stamps in prime condition unless otherwise stated, and the use of the asterisk (*) indicates unused.

COMPARATIVE PRICES.

1851.	5c brown, unused, Scott's cat.	$25.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	34.00
	Scott's sale, May 27	36.00
	another, pale yellow brown	16.00
1855-60.	5c brown, unused, Scott's cat.	7.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	5.10
	Scott's sale, May 27	10.25
	red-brown* (cat. $20).	28.00
1856.	30c orange, unused, Scott's catalogue,	$5.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	4.55
	Scott's sale, May 27 (oxidized)	4.50
	reprint	5.25
1856.	90c blue, unused, Scott's catalogue	12.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	16.80
	Scott's sale, May 27, no gum	12.70
1861-66.	3c scarlet, unused, Scott's cat.	35.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23, (perf. clip'd)	39.50
	Scott's sale, May 27, perfect	57.00
1861-66.	5c yellow, unused, Scott's cat.	20.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	15.25
1868.	3c rose, entire grille, used, Scott's cat.	17.50
	Albrecht's sale, May 23, not perfect	8.00
	Scott's sale, May 27	11.00
1868.	90c blue, grille 9 x 13 unused, Scott's catalogue	20.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	17.55
	Scott's sale, May 27	20.50
1869.	24c unused, Scott's catalogue	10.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	9.25
	used copy	5.00
	Scott's sale, May 27, per. centered,	18.00
1869.	30c unused, Scott's catalogue	10.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	8.00
	Scott's sale, May 27, no gum and uneven	8.75
1869.	90c unused, Scott's catalogue	17.50
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	16.75
	(used, Scott $12.50)	13.20
	Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 23, (used)	8.92
	Scott's sale, May 27, perfect	27.50
1875.	30c unused, Scott's catalogue	15.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	15.75
	Scott's sale, May 27	15.00
	no gum	13.75
1875.	90c unused, Scott's catalogue	20.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	18.75
	Scott's sale, May 27	26.00
	another, not centered	20.25
NEWSPAPER,	1865, 5c blue, blue border, Scott's catalogue	12.00
	Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 23	4.46
	Scott's sale, May 27, slightly damaged	5.25
JUSTICE,	30c, unused, o. g., Scott's catalogue	10.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23	10.50
	Scott's sale, May 27	14.00
JUSTICE,	90c, unused, o. g., Scott's catalogue	25.00
	Albrecht's sale, May 23, slight defect	20.25
	Scott's sale, May 27	28.50
MAURITIUS,	1858, 2d blue, type A5, used, Scott,	100.00
	Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 23, slight defect	57.25
	Scott's sale, May 27, slight defect	49.00
SPAIN,	1865, 12c blue and pink (rose) with inverted centre, Scott's catalogue	75.00
	Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, May 23,†	42.13
	Scott's sale, May 27	73.00

† Passed upon and registered by Expert Committee.

VENTOM, BULL & COOPER, LONDON, MAY 23, 24.

U. S., 1855, 90c blue, used, slightly creased, Scott $15	$10.41
1861, 5c mustard (?) unused, perf. cut at sides	6.69
1868, 90c blue with grille, creased, Scott $12	5.45
C. S., Memphis, 5c red, Scott $7	3.97
Mobile, 5c blue, Scott $7.50	5.20
Nashville, 5c rose on bluish	2.48
New Orleans, 2c blue on white	3.72
BARBADOES, 1d on half of 5sh., damaged, Scott $20	9.93
½ of 1sh violet 1874, used as 6d on part cov.	26.64
BR. BECHUANALAND, £5 black and lilac, used postally	14.87
BR. EAST AFRICA, first issue 1 anna	4.96
BR. GUIANA, Prov. 2c border of grapes, large margins all round showing roulettes, error POSTAGE, No. 24 on plate	47.09

BR. GUIANA, same border of rosaces cut close, No. 24 on plate $7.44
BR. HONDURAS, perf. 12½, 2c on 6d rose, small type,* Scott $12.50 . . . . . 8.43
CANADA, 6d green, imp. small margins on two sides 9.91
Same, no margins and skinned at back 5.70

These two stamps are catalogued under Canada, but we think it is a mistake, either in value or country.

1870, 1c red-brown on laid paper, Scott $14 17.35
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, 1d red, wood blocks, Scott $15 . . . . . 17.35
Same, cut in side 9.46
Triangular 6d lilac, rouletted 2.97
Error THREE pence on 4d blue, Scott $6 . 7.44
CASHMERE, ½ anna, green 9.91
CEYLON, first issue 6d violet brown on bluish p* Scott $20 . . . . . 27.26
Same, 8d brown, imp. Scott $50 . . . . . 78.13
Same, 1sh 9d green, fair, Scott $14 . . . . 7.44
Same, 6d violet brown, rouletted 4.46
Wmk. star, perf. 8d brown, Scott $22.50 . 22.31
CUBA, 1883, surch. in fancy border, error 10c on 20c brown 8.43
FRANCE, 1853-60, 1f carmine,* Scott $3 . . . 5.45
1877-78, 1c black on indigo, error,* o. g. 8.92
GREAT BRITAIN, 1854, 6d violet on yellowish,* o. g., slightly skinned on face, Scott $7 . 4.96
1850, perf. 16 (Archer) 1d red, damaged on entire letter sheet 3.72
Perf. 16, wmk small crown, 2d blue,* Scott $15 . . . . . 12.39
Same* 10.41
2d blue, perf. 14, wmk large crown,* Scott $8.50 . . . . . 9.42
1d red, plate No. 225* 5.20
Small 3d with spotted spandrels, surch. specimen 3.72
9d bistre,* plate 4, wmk, 4 flowers 7.47
2sh brown, wmk spray 13.01
£5 orange, Scott $13.50 . . . . . 13.63
5sh carmine, I. R. Official, 2 pin holes, Scott $25 . . . . . 24.79
10sh blue, I. R. Official, Scott $35 . . . . 30.98
£1 green, I. R. Official 44.61
Mulready 2d envelope, postmarked "Preston Penny Post," Scott $15 . . . . . 8.43
GUATEMALA, 5c red and green with inverted centre, Scott $40 . . . . . 17.35
HANOVER, 1-10 thaler,* o. g., Scott $20.00 . . 19.83
10gr green,* good margins and o. g., Scott $13.50 . . . . . 15.61
Another, used, Scott $13.50 . . . . . 9.42
HAWAII, 1853, 5c blue with fine before five * . 4.21
Similar stamp on thin blue paper 3.22
5c blue on thin paper, Scott $5 . . . . . 1.98
Another used specimen 2.97
Provisional, 5c in black on 13c vermilion, used: this stamp was purchased from Mr. Giwelb, who bought it in 1889 from Mr. C. H. Brock of Philadelphia, and it is believed to be absolutely genuine, Scott $25 . . . . . 26.11
1859-65, 1c light blue,* "Inter-Island," Scott $12 . . . . . 7.45
Same, 2c light blue,* Scott $15 . . . . . 7.45
HONG KONG, 96c yellow-brown, Scott $4 . . . 4.21
INDIA, first issue, no wmk, 1 an. brown on bluish, slightly torn and scarce 6.44
Same, 2 an. green,* Scott $15 . . . . . 12.39
LABUAN, 12c carmine, wmk, C. & C. A., sideways, Scott $40 . . . . . 39.66
LUBECK, entire envelope, inscription to *right* 4sch brown 8.92
MALTA, ¼d buff on bluish, Scott $6 . . . . 5.45
MAURITIUS, 1d red, Greek border, damaged at corner but mended neatly, Scott $15 . . 6.94
2d blue, Greek border, Scott $7 . . . . . 5.20
MECKLENBURG STRELITZ, 1 sch mauve, Scott $22.50 . . . . . 11.90
MEXICO, gothic surch. 4r red on white p* . . 6.94
Same used, with impression at back . . . 5.95
Same, fine used specimen 3.47
MEXICO, 1863, 2r blue, on part cov., Scott $35 $10.41
Guadalajara, 1867, med. 1 white, part cov. Scott $35 . . . . . 11.96
Same, 1r white, part cov., Scott $25 . . . 6.46
2r green, quad. p., entire cov., Scott $5 . 3.97
2r green, wove p., orig. cov., Scott $5 . . 2.48
Another on entire cov. 2.48
Another, quad. p., entire cover. 2.48
Another, *batonné*, entire cov. 2.97
Another, slightly torn, entire cov. 1.49
Another, quad. orig. cov. 2.73
Another, *batonné* orig. cov. 3.22
Another, wove p., orig. cov. 2.48
4r white,* but damaged 3.22
4r blue on orig. cov. 2.97
1 p. lilac, quad. entire cov. 4.46
2r green, laid p. perf., part cov. 5.47
Another, quad. p., part cov. 3.72
1868, 2r lilac, wove paper, entire cov. . . 2.48
2r lilac, laid p., orig. cov. 2.48
Another, wove p., part cov. 1.73
NAPLES, 50 gr. lake,* slight rust spot, Scott $15 21.81
NATAL, first issue, 1 sh buff, cut close, fair . . 9.46
6d violet, inverted surch 1.73
NEVIS, first issue, 4d rose,* Scott $20 . . . . 23.55
Same, pale color 10.91
6d gray on bluish, Scott $20 . . . . . 14.87
6d gray, Scott $20 . . . . . 10.41
NEWFOUNDLAND, 6d orange-red, cut close . . 6.94
1sh orange-red, damaged and mended . . 11.90
6d carmine-vermilion, slight damage, fine color and margins, Scott $22 . . . . . 26.02
NEW SOUTH WALES, *Sydney Views*, 3d green, fine impression in the olive green shade, good margins 7.45
8d orange, no margins on three sides, heavily postmarked, good color 6.21
1856, 3d light green, Scott $3.75 . . . . . 6.21
1860, violet, double line wmk 12,* o. g., Scott $12.50 . . . . . 12.41
NEW ZEALAND, 1d vermilion, blue p., no wmk, Scott $12.50 . . . . . 11.92
Another, cut close at left 7.95
2d blue, wmk N. Z. rouletted, fair, Scott $15 . . . . . 2.73
4d yellow, perf. no wmk, fine 4.71
NOVA SCOTIA, 1sh cold-violet, slightly torn, Scott $75 . . . . . 41.64
8½ green, Scott $7.50 . . . . . 5.70
OLDENBURG, first issue, 1-15th rose,* Scott $25 23.55
Second issue ⅓rd. gr. black on green,* with o. g., a trifle skinned at back, otherwise good with grand margins all round, Scott $35 . . . . . 39.66
—— 3 gr. black on yellow, Scott $20 . . . 11.40
Third issue, ⅓ gr. green,* Scott $10 . . 7.44
—— ⅓ gr. yellow, Scott $25 . . . . . 14.87
PACIFIC STEAM NAV. CO., 1r blue 24.79
Another slightly damaged and mended . . 13.65
PERU, med. peso yellow, slightly creased but* Un din green, inverted centre, Scott $17.50 9.44
PORTUGAL, first issue, 100r., superb, Scott $12 10.91
PORTUGUESE INDIES, first issue, 20r. red on thin yellowish paper, rare 9.46
1882 1½r. black, twice printed* 2.73
ST. HELENA, 3d violet,* imperf. 4.96
6d blue,* perf. 12½ 3.97
6d blue,* perf. 12½ x 14 . . . . . 2.97
SAMOA, 2sh brown,* with o. g., Scott $2.50 . . 1.24
SHANGHAI, first issue, 1 can blue, part cov. . . 3.47
SO. AUSTRALIA, 1859, 2d carmine, rouletted, with impression at back, fair 3.97
1867-72, 4d purple, perf. and rouletted, Scott $15 . . . . . 6.21
—— 9d gray-lilac, perf. and roul. Scott $25 8.45
—— 3d in red on 4d blue, Scott $7 . . . . 5.97
1871, 2d orange,* with o. g., wmk V and Crown, Scott $3.75 . . . . . 3.97
Departmentals, O. S. in black, on 9d violet, variety without dot after S . . . 4.21
SPAIN, 1850, 10r green,* with part gum, Scott $20 . . . . . 23.55
1851, 2r red,* with good margins all round; this stamp has been registered by the

Expert Committee; Scott $150 . . . . $148.71
SPAIN, 1851, 6r blue,* Scott $17.50 . . . . . 16.73
1852, 2r red, cut close on right hand side, otherwise fine, Scott $60 . . . . . 48.33
1852, 5r green,* Scott $11 . . . . . 10.41
1853, 2r red,* with good margins all round; registered by Expert Committee; Scott $50 . . . . . 58.24
Madrid, 1c bronze,* Scott $10 . . . . . 11.15
3c bronze, Scott $50 . . . . . 64.44
1854, 2c green, Scott $8.75 . . . . . 10.41
11 light blue, superb, Scott $45 . . . 74.36
1855, 2c green,* wmk loops, Scott $12.50 . 5.20
1865, 4c blue,* imperf., Scott $6.25 . . . . 5.20
19c brown and rose,* Scott $5 . . . . 5.20
1868–9, 19c brown,* slightly damaged . . 7.93
Surch. in oval, 25m de Esc. blue and rose 4.96
SWITZERLAND, *Basle*, 2½r,* Scott $35 . . . . 24.79
Another, used 21.69
Vaud, 5c black and red with red postmark, Scott $6 . . . . . 7.93
Another, with ordinary postmark . . 6.44
Winterthur, 2½r red and black,* Scott $30 . . . . . 34.70
Another, used, cut close, Scott $15 . . 6.44
Zürich, 6r black, hori. lines,* Scott $20 . 22.31
Another, used, part cov., Scott $8.50 . 6.44
Another, vert. lines, Scott $8 . . . . 5.95
TASMANIA, first issue, 1d blue, heavily post-marked but fine, Scott $16 . . . . . 7.95
1867, 4d blue, fine serrated perf., fair, Scott $12 . . . . . 2.73
TRINIDAD, 1852, 1d blue, litho., cut close on three sides and slightly torn, Scott $16 . 5.95
TUSCANY, first issue, 1 soldo yellow, Scott $5.50 5.20
Third issue, 80c pale red,* Scott $8 . . . 9.91
VICTORIA, 1861, 2sh green,* perf. 6.46
1860, 4d rose, no wmk, imperf. Scott $8.50 3.72
1861–6, 6d orange, beaded oval, uneven centre, Scott $28 . . . . . 26.11
1864–66, 10d slate* 5.47
1868–70, 5sh blue on yellow, Scott $25 . . 20.88
1876, 8d on 9d blue on brown,* Scott $4 . 2.73
W. AUSTRALIA, first issue, 2d brown on red* . 14.27
—— 6d bronze with metallic lustre, slightly torn at left 6.46
—— —— on orig. cov., fine color but slightly damaged and creased 7.95
—— —— cut close on three sides, fair . . 8.94
—— —— on orig. cover, fair 9.93
—— 1sh red brown, fair, Scott $7.50 . . . 3.97
—— 4d blue, rouletted 4.98
—— 6d bronze, rouletted, orig. cov., slight stain, Scott $32.50 . . . . . 21.87
—— 1sh brown, rouletted, Scott $25 . . . 26.11
1860, 2d vermilion, rouletted, Scott $9 . . 3.10
4d blue, imperf. 8.45
WURTEMBERG, first issue, 18kr lilac,* Scott $10 6.44
—— Another* with gum 6.69
1857, with thread, 6kr green,* with o. g., Scott $6 . . . . . 10.41
—— —— 18kr blue, Scott $10 . . . . . 7.44
1859, without thread, 1kr brown,* with o. g. 4.46
—— —— 3kr yellow,* o. g., Scott $20 . . 13.63
—— —— 9kr rose,* o. g., Scott $8 . . . . 9.91
—— —— 18kr blue,* o. g., Scott $20 . . . 21.81
1862, 9kr claret, perf. 10* with o. g. . . . 14.13
1865, 7kr dark blue,* o. g., rouletted . . . 5.70
70kr,* o. g. 16.73

R. F. ALBRECHT & CO., NEW YORK, MAY 23, 24.

NEW YORK, 5c black, signed, lightly cancelled, Scott $7 . . . . . $6.40
BALTIMORE, 1851, Horseman, 1c black * o. g., slight cut at E., Scott $7 . . . . . 3.70
Another, used 3.20
1c red,* o. g., Scott $15 . . . . . 9.50
1 *sent*, scarlet shade,* Scott $50 . . . . . 26.00
BOSTON, 1845, Penny Post Paid, 1c blue,* . . . 9.50
NEW YORK, 1849, U. S. Mail Prepaid, 1c black on buff glazed p.* 9.10
—— —— 1c black on yellow glazed, p . . . 6.80
1851. 5c brown, used, Scott $7.50 . . . . . $7.05
24c lilac,* good margins, Scott $60 . . . . 69.25
1857–60. 5c brown, type 1,* redder shade, Scott $7 . . . . . 5.25
5c red-brown, fine color, damaged, Scott $6 3.90
Another, fine condition 5.10
24c lilac,* o. g., Scott $4 . . . . . 3.50
1861–6. 3c pink, Scott $15 . . . . . 18.25
Another, slight tear at bottom 10.50
1869. 15c *inverted centre*, Scott $125 . . . 80.25
1870. 10c brown* no g., Scott $15 . . . . . 15.60
24c purple, Scott $35 . . . . . 32.00
30c black,* o. g., Scott $12.50 . . . . . 23.00
90c carmine,* o. g., Scott $17.50 . . . . . 18.50
Another, perfs. touch design at bottom . . 11.00
NEWSPAPER, 9c* Scott $10 . . . . . 8.10
$9,* o. g., Scott $12 . . . . . 10.60
$12,* o. g., Scott $15 . . . . . 10.05
$24,* Scott $20 . . . . . 16.50
$48,* o. g., Scott $30 . . . . . 26.25
$60,* o. g., Scott $40 . . . . . 30.75
NAVY, 2c green, the so-called error,* Scott $15 11.40
STATE, $2,* o. g. mint state, Scott $12 . . . . 9.10
$5* o. g. mint state, Scott $100 . . . . . 98.00
$10* o. g. 3 perfs. gone, S. E. Scott $50 . 31.25
$20* o. g. mint state, Scott $40 . . . . . 31.25
CEYLON, 1857, 4d rose, imperf., Scott $60 . . . 33.00
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 2d rose, rouletted, one of the rarities of B. N. A.; only 3 or 4 copies known to exist; minute piece of the white marginal paper missing at S. E. just touching the design of the stamp . . 40.00
3d blue, imperf. on orig. cov. 30.00
Upper left diagonal half of 4d black used as 2d on orig. cover 15.00
Another bisected 4d used as 2d on orig. cover 15.00

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO., LTD., NEW YORK, MAY 27, 28.

HARRISON ENVELOPE COLLECTION.

(*The numbers following the description correspond with those in Dr. Horner's catalogue.*)

1853.

3c red on white, curved label, die 2a, ladies' note, No. ⅛* $116.00
Same, used 50.00
3c broad straight label, die 1, note, No. ¾ . . 7.25
Narrow curved label, die 2a, note, No. 1 * . 6.75
Narrow straight label, die 2c, note, No. 1¼ 3.00
Broad straight label, die 1, full letter (H. No. 4) 9.50
3c red on buff, narrow straight label, die 1, full letter, No. 5 . . . . . 11.00
3c red on white, narrow curved label, die 2a, full letter, horizontal vergures No. 6½* . 12.50
3c red on buff, narrow curved label, die 2a, full letter, No. 7* 2.50
Same, but albino, used 2.00
3c red on white, octagon ends, die 2b, full letter, No. 8 . . . . . 27.50
3c red on buff, narrow straight label, die 2c, full letter, No. 11, albino 1.70
3c red on white, curved label, die 2d, full letter, shape C, No. 14* 52.00
Another, fine, used 2.00
3c red on buff, curved label, die 2d, full letter, shape C, No. 15, envelope addressed, but stamp unused and full gum 4.50
3c red on white, curved label, die 2d, full letter, shape D, No. 16* 2.00
3c red on buff, curved label, die 2d, full letter, shape D, No. 17* 1.90
10c green on white, narrow label, No. 22* . . 30.00
Another, used, env. opened at side 5.25
10c green on buff, narrow label, No. 23* . . . 8.00
Another with W. F. & Co.'s frank* 3.75
10c green on white, broad label, No. 24* . . . 6.50
10c green on buff, broad label, H. No. 25* . . 2.75

1857-60.

1c blue on pale orange, full letter, shape D, no water mark, No. 29½ * $16.50
1c blue on orange, full letter, shape G, No. 30½,* stamp covered with Chinese white, but removed 20.00
Another marked "Specimen" * 8.50
1c blue on straw, no dot after "Postage," full letter, shape G, die 13a, No. 31 * 5.00
1c blue on dark buff, full letter, shape M, die 12a, No. 31½, ungummed * 76.00
—— same, flap removed but pasted on again, used 19.00
—— another, very fine 37.00
3c red on white, ord. note, shape A, die 9c, No. 33 * 60
1 x 3c on white, ord. letter, shape N, dies 9c and 12a, No. 37 * 34.00
—— same, used 17.50
—— same, dies 9a and 12b * 24.00
1 x 3c on buff, ord. letter, shape N, dies 9c and 12a, No. 37½ * 15.00
1 x 3c on white, full letter, shape A, dies 9c and 12a, No. 40, stamps had been covered with Chinese white * 7.50
—— same, very fine * 11.25
—— dies 9d and 12a, with W. F. & Co.'s frank, envelope has two ink stains * . . . 22.00
1 x 3c on buff, full letter, shape A, dies 9a and 12b, No. 41 * 8.50
—— dies 9a and 12a * 9.00
—— dies 9c and 12a * 7.50
—— dies 9d and 12a * 14.50
—— same, but with W. F. & Co.'s frank * 16.50
1 x 3c on white, full letter, shape M, dies 9a and 12c, No. 42 * 52.00

NOTE: The envelopes with combinations 9d and 12a and 9a and 12b are not listed in the recent work on U. S. envelopes, and the latter one in particular is doubted. However, the envelopes present every appearance of being regular and genuine.

10c green on white, full letter, shape A, No 44, the stamp has been covered with Chinese white, which has been carefully removed, otherwise the specimen is a magnificent copy of this absolutely unobtainable envelope. Perhaps the greatest rarity in U. S. envelopes * 111.00
10c green on buff, ord. letter, shape A, No. 45,* 33.00
6c red on white, official, shape B, No. 46 * . . 27.00
6c red on buff, official, shape B, No. 47 . . . . 35.50
1c blue on yellow, wrapper, No. 48¼, die 12c, unwatermarked * 6.00
—— another, die 12a * 1.60
1c blue on white laid paper, wrapper, No. 48½, die 12c, watermarked * 18.00
1c blue on orange, wrapper, No. 49¼, die 12c, on laid paper, unwatermarked * 14.00
—— same on wove paper* 12.00

1861.

3c pink on white, ladies' note, shape L, No. 51, inscription, "Pat. November 20, 1855," reading downwards * 2.50
—— same used 65
2c black on straw, very thick paper, "U. S. Postage," full letter, shape A, No. 55 * . 3.60
—— ordinary thickness of paper, die 2, shape G * 24.00
2c black on orange, "U. S. Postage," full letter, shape G, die 2, No. 58 * 52.00
3c pink on white, full letter, shape H, No. 59, has in addition an impression of the die of the 25c W. F. & Co. stamp * 9.00
3c pink on orange, full letter (not in Horner), unwatermarked 76.00
3c pink on white, extra letter, No. 67 . . . . . 15.00
—— No. 67¼ unwatermarked * 51 00
—— on buff, extra letter, No. 68 * 21.00
—— envelope slightly torn, used 4.50
3c pink on orange, extra letter (not in Horner), unwatermarked * 86.00
6c pink on white, shape K, No. 70½ * $51.00
—— env. marked "Specimen," stamp has slight pen stroke 18.25
10c green on white, full letter, No. 71½, shape D * 61.00
—— shape M, No. 75 * 4.50
—— on buff, shape M, No. 76 * 2.00
12c bronze and red, No. 77 * 4.25
—— with Lamping & Co.'s frank * 4.25
—— with Bamber & Co.'s frank * 4.25
20c blue and red, No. 78 * 10.50
24c green and red on straw, No. 79 * 8.00
—— with Bamber & Co.'s frank * 5.00
24c green and red on salmon, No. 80 * 33.00
40c red and black on straw, No. 81 * 12.50
—— on salmon, No. 82 * 6.10
3c pink on blue, note sheet, No. 83 * 3.50
2c black on manila, "U. S. Postage," wrapper, No. 85 * 2.25

1864.

3c pink on white, note, No. 87 * 3.25
2c black on straw, full letter, die 1, No. 88½ * 26.00
2c black on buff, extra letter, die 1, No. 96½ * 5.50
9c canary yellow on buff, No. 115 * 4.25

1870. — *Reay.*

3c green on white, note, blue lined, No. 124 * . 6.75
1c blue on white, ordinary letter, shape S, No. 127 * 26.00
—— same, blue lined, No. 129 * 8.25
—— same, on amber, No. 130 * 9.25
2c brown on amber, ordinary letter, shape S, No. 134 * 11.25
3c green on white, ordinary letter, shape S, No. 139 * 26.00
—— same, blue lined, No. 142 * 9.00
3c green on amber, ord. letter, blue lined, No. 143 * 9.00
—— same, paper almost 3d quality, (not in Horner)* 10.50
3c green on cream, ord. letter, blue lined, No. 144 * 17.00
2c brown on amber, full letter, No. 148 * . . . 6.00
3c green on white, full letter, shape S, No. 154 7.00
3c green on amber, full letter, shape S, No. 155 * 6.75
—— same, used 2.75
3c green on white, full letter, blue lined, No. 157 15.00
—— on amber, No. 158 . . . . . 8.25
—— on cream, No. 159 * 8.00
10c black on white, full letter, No. 165 * 12.50
—— on amber, No. 166 * 7.35
10c black brown on amber, full letter, No. 166 * 34.00
3c green on white, extra letter, shape R, No. 169½ 15.50
—— on amber, No, 170½ 19.50
—— on white, shape S, No. 173 * 17.00
—— on amber, No. 174 * 7.25
—— on cream, No. 175 * 18.00
—— on cream, same, horizontal laid lines * 15.50
—— on cream, blue lined, No. 178 * . . . 4.00
—— on cream, official, horizontal laid lines, No. 186,* envelope slightly damaged . . 0.60
6c red on white, official, env. somewhat smaller than usual official * 2.25
12c purple on white, official, No. 190 * 2.50
—— on amber, No. 191 * 2.50
—— on cream, No. 192 * 1.90
15c orange on white, official, No. 193 * 1.75
—— on amber, No. 194 * 2.10
—— on cream, No. 195 * 2.10
24c purple on white, official, No. 196 . . . . . 4.00
—— on amber, No. 197 * 3.10
—— on cream, No. 198 * 2.00
30c black on white, official, No. 199 * 1.70
—— on amber, No. 200 * 2.90
—— on cream, No. 201 * 2.75
90c carmine on white, official, No. 202 * 2.75
—— on amber, No. 203 * 2.60
—— on cream, No. 204 * 2.50
12c purple on white, extra official, No. 207 * . . 1.75
—— on cream, No. 208 * 1.80

15c orange on white, extra official, No. 209* . $2.10
24c purple on white, extra official No. 211* . . 2.25
—— on cream, No. 212* 2.25
30c black on white, extra official, No. 213* . . 1.80
—— on cream, No. 214* 2.75
90c carmine on white, extra official, No. 215* . 2.50
—— on cream, No. 216* 2.16

War Department.

1c dark red on white, ord. letter, No. 219* . . 2.75
—— bright red, No. 219* 2.25
2c dark red on white, ord. letter, No. 220* . . 4.25
—— slightly paler shade* 4.00
—— bright red, No. 220* 4.25
3c bright red on amber 3d, full letter, No. 223* 3.25
3c dark red on white, extra letter, No. 225* . . 5.25
—— bright red* 5.25
3c dark red on amber, extra letter, No. 226* . . 42.00
—— on cream, No. 227* 44.00
6c dark red on white, extra letter, No. 228* . . 3.00
6c bright red on white, official, No. 231* . . . 1.10
—— dark red, used 1.20
—— dark red on cream, No. 232* 3.90
6c bright red on cream, official, No. 232,* ungummed 5.50
—— same, marked "Specimen"* 4.05
10c dark red on white, official, No. 233,* the rarest war env. 30.00
—— another, lighter shade to stamp . . . 27.00
10c bright red, without "Specimen," No. 233* 30.00
12c dark red on white, official, No. 234* . . . 0.90
—— bright red* 4.00
15c dark red on white, official, No. 235* . . . 1.05
12c dark red on white, extra official, No. 238* 1.05
—— bright red* 0.60
15c dark red on white, extra official, No. 239* . 1.10
—— bright red* 1.25
24c dark red on white, extra official, No. 240* . 2.50
—— bright red* 1.70
30c dark red on white, extra official, No. 241* . 2.75
—— slightly paler shade 2.10
—— bright red 2.10
2c bright red on manila, wrapper, No. 243* . . 5.60
—— another marked "Specimen" 4.00

Post Office Department.

2c on 3d quality paper, full letter, not in Horner, scarce, used 1.50
6c full letter, No. 246, marked "Specimen" . . 0.10
2c official, no wmk., not in Horner 0.60
3c extra official, No. 253 . . . . . 0.55

1874. — *Plimpton.*

3c green on white, die B, note, cen. wmk., No. 258 . . . . . 8.00
1c die A, on amber, ord. letter, No. 261* . . . 8.75
2c die B 2, on white, ord. letter, No. 266* . . . 4.25
—— another, light brown* 3.50
2c die B 3 on white, network in O, ord. letter, No. 266* 3.25
2c die B 2, on amber, No. 267* 2.50
2c die B 3, on amber* 2.30
3c die B, white, ord. letter, cen. wmk., No. 276 8.50
3c die A, white, full letter, round gum, No. 280½* 4.75
—— on amber, No. 281½* 13.00
—— on cream, No. 282½* 12.75
3c die B, white, full letter, cen. wmk., No. 287* 1.30
—— on amber, No. 288, albino* 0.30
—— on amber 3d, not in Horner* 6.00
5c die C, full letter*; this is a die not mentioned in Horner, in which the left 5 is similar to die B and the right 5 to die A 6.50
—— on amber* 6.50
5c die B, blue, full letter, not in Horner* . . . 7.00
7c on amber, full letter, No. 301* 9.50
—— on amber 3d, No. 303* 2.50
1c dark blue, die A, on orange, shape U, ungummed, not in Horner* 5.75
3c green, die B, com., cen. wmk., No. 321* . . 0.55
—— another, used 0.50
3c die A, white, extra letter, No. 334½* $6.50
—— on cream, No. 336½* 8.50
—— on amber, No. 335½* 3.25
3c die B, cream, extra letter, No. 336½ 7.50
—— on white, cen. wmk., No. 338* . . . 0.90
1c die B, on orange, extra letter, No. 351, albino* 1.00
5c die C, on cream, official, not in Horner* . . 15.50
6c on white, official, cen. wmk., No. 358, damaged 5.00
15c orange on white, official, No. 336* 1.15
—— on amber, No. 367* 3.00
—— on cream, No. 368* 5.25
24c lilac on white, official, No. 369* 3.00
—— on amber, No. 370* 3.75
—— on cream, No. 371* 3.75
30c black on white, official, No. 372* 1.10
—— on amber, No. 373* 1.75
—— on cream, No. 374* 4.50
90c carmine on white, official, No. 375* . . . 1.50
—— on amber, No. 376* 5.50
—— on cream, No. 377* 7.00
6c on white, extra offi., cen. wmk., No. 379* . 6.25
6c red on amber, extra official, no wmk., not in Horner* 7.75
12c plum on white, ext. offi., No. 381* 1.80
—— on amber, No. 382* 2.30
15c orange on white, ext. offi., No. 383* . . . 1.00
—— on amber, No. 384* 2.80
24c lilac on white, ext. offi., No. 385* 3.25
—— on amber, No. 386* 3.40
30c black on white, ext. offi., No. 387* 0.75
—— on amber, No. 388* 1.70
90c carmine on white, ext. offi., No. 389* . . 1.10
—— on amber, No. 390* 7.00
2c vermilion, die A, on manila wrapper, No. 395* 55.00
—— die B, marked "Specimen," No. 396½ 41.00

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3c die A, amber 3d, ordinary letter, No. 399* . 14.00
—— same, used 1.80
—— full letter, shape T, No. 401* 12.00
—— —— shape U, No. 401½* 16.00
die B, amber 3d, full letter, shape U, No. 402, square gum* 1.60
—— same, used 1.30
—— same, round gum* 1.20
—— same used 0.80
die A, amber 3d, extra letter, No. 406* . . 16.50
die B, amber 3d, extra letter, No. 407* . . 17.25
6c on amber 3d, extra letter, No. 408* 2.00

War Department.

3c on blue, ordinary letter, No. 426, round gum* 1.50
—— same, square gum* 0.60
—— same, round gum, "Specimen"* . . 0.50
1c on amber, full letter, No. 426½, flap marked "Specimen" and erased 26.00
6c on amber, full letter, No. 435* 1.30
—— on amber 3d, No. 435½* 2.20
—— on cream, No. 436* 8.25
10c on white, full letter, No. 437* 5.75
—— on amber, No. 438,* rare 49.00
2c on white, com., No. 438½, round gum, "Specimen" 2.25
3c on amber, extra letter, No. 440* 0.25
on amber 3d, No. 441* 1.30
on cream, No. 441½* 0.60
6c on amber, extra letter, No. 444* 1.80
on amber 3d, No. 444½* 1.80
on cream, No. 445* 6.50
2c on orange, extra letter, no. g., No. 446* . . 0.25
3c on amber, official, No. 448* 1.00
on cream, No. 449* 0.25
6c on amber, official, No. 451, square gum* . . 1.80
12c on amber, official, No. 456* 19.00
15c on amber, official, No. 458* 28.00
30c on white, official, No. 459* 3.25
6c on amber, ex. official, No. 462* 2.00
12c on amber, ex. official, No. 465* 20.50
15c on white, ex. official, No. 466* 3.10
on amber, No. 467* 25.00

30c on white, ex. official, No. 468* $3.50
on amber, No. 469* 40.00

Post Office Department.

2c official, No. 485* 2.60
3c ex. official, No. 488½, stamp used and dam. 2.00
3c on amber, ex. official, No. 491½ 2.00
—— No. 492½ 0.60
6c extra letter, No. 493½ 8.50

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3c green, No. 542½* 0.50
3c red, No 545a* 1.80

1878. — *Plimpton & Morgan.*

3c green on fawn, ord. letter, No. 555, "Specimen" 4.50
—— used 4.00
—— on amber, full letter, not in Horner* . 5.25
—— on white, com'l, No. 568* 5.75
—— same, with Bates & Coates' imprint surrounding the stamp* 3.00
—— on fawn, com'l, No. 570 . . . . . 2.50
—— on cream, com'l, No. 575 . . . . . 0.50
—— on blue, com'l, no wmk., not in Horner* 12.50
—— on cream, ex. letter, No. 577 . . . . 6.00
—— on fawn, ex. letter, No. 578 . . . . . 5.25
5c blue, die B, on white, com'l, not in Horner* 6.00

War Department.

3c on blue, ord. letter, No. 593, "Specimen" . 0.35
on fawn, full letter, not in Horner, "Spec." 3.00
on blue, ex. letter, No. 596* 1.20
on white, No. 597, "Specimen" 6.00
on amber, official, No. 598, "Specimen" . 5.50
on cream, official, No. 598½* 0.80
6c on amber, official, No. 600, "Specimen" . . 1.90
on cream, official, No. 601* 7.00
10c on white, official, No. 602* 5.30
12c on white, official, No. 603* 1.00
on cream, official, No. 604* 11.00
15c on white, official, No. 605* 2.75
on cream, official, No. 606* 12.75
30c on white, official, No. 607* 3.90
on cream, official, No. 608* 21.00

Post Office Department.

3c full letter, No. 612* 3.50
—— used 0.25
6c ex. letter, No. 617* 3.00
2c official, No. 618 . . . . . 5.00

1879. — *Star Watermark.*

1c on amber, note, No. 625½* 21.00
2c red on white, die C, ord. letter, No. 629, no impression on face, and partial impression of stamp on lower flap* 0.60
—— die D, ord. letter, No. 629½* 21.50
—— another, addressed but* 17.00
3c green on blue, ord. letter, No. 634* 0.25
—— same, star wmk. but old knife, uncatalogued, "Specimen" 3.00
5c blue on white, die A, full letter, No. 639½* 2.10
—— on blue, die B, full letter, No. 640½* 1.00
brown on blue, full letter, No. 643* . . . 3.60
3c green on white, com'l, No. 646,* stamp printed in lower right cor., caused by error in folding 0.70
—— same, albino 0.90
—— on amber 3d, com'l, No. 647½* . . . 3.00
5c brown on blue, com'l, No. 656½* 3.75
6c red on fawn, com'l, No. 658½,* "Spec." . . 10.50
3c green on white, ex. letter, No. 661, albino* . 0.70
—— —— die C, No. 662,* env. is cancelled 20.00
—— on amber 3d, ex. letter, not in Horner* 3.75
—— —— die C, ex. letter, No. 664* . . . 5.50
10c brown on amber, ex. letter, No. 668½, "Specimen" 9.00
3c green on amber, official, No. 671,* "Spec." 2.20
5c blue on fawn, die B, official, No. 672* . . . $1.50
—— die A, No. 672½* 7.00
—— same, used 2.25
90c on white, ex. official, No. 679½, "Spec." . 6.50
2c on manila, die D, wrapper, No. 681½* . . 8.00

War Department (Specimens).

3c on white, ord. letter, No. 682 . . . . . 3.00
1c on white, full letter, No. 684 . . . . . 1.75
2c on amber, full letter, No. 686 . . . . . 0.30
3c on amber, full letter, No. 688 . . . . . 5.00
2c on white, com'l, No. 692 . . . . . 2.50
10c on white, official, No. 696 . . . . . 5.00
12c on white, official, No. 697½ 0.80
—— ex official, No. 698 . . . . . 0.90
6c on white, ex. official, No. 697¾* 9.00
30c on white, ex. official, No. 698½ 3.50
2c on manila, wrapper, No. 700 . . . . . 2.60

Post Office Department.

3c on white, ex. letter, No. 706* 38.00
6c on white, ex. letter, No. 708* 38.00

1883. — *With 82 Watermark.*

3c green on blue, full letter, No. 729* 13.50
3c on white, com'l, No. 749, no impression of stamp on face, ¾ impression on lower flap, soiled* 0.30
—— ex. letter, No. 765, albino* 0.45
5c brown on fawn, official, No. 774* 7.25

October, **1883.**

2c on blue, ord. letter, 82 wmk., No. 787* . . . 2.75
on fawn, full letter, star wmk., No. 790½* 1.50
on white, ex. letter, No. 798, ⅛ of stamp has color, rest albino* 1.60
3c on white, ex. letter, No. 798, on paper of quality used for official size* 2.10
2c brown on white, ex. letter, No. 799* 20.00

June, **1884** — (*retouched dies*).

2c claret on amber, ord. letter, No. 857* . . . 1.20

July, **1884.**

2c brown on amber, ord. letter, newly discovered die with bust cut away* 3.00
red on blue, ord. letter, No. 910* 13.75
brown on white, full letter, linen paper, uncatalogued* 3.00
red on white, com'l, No. 916* 32.00
lake on white, com'l, No. 917* 11.00
brown on manila, wrapper, newly discovered die with bust cut away* 8.50
brown on white, ex. letter, No. 921, a curiosity — the env. having the stamp both on the inside and on the outside; it was originally printed for the Exchange Bank of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and appears to have been refolded and printed again for W. & J. Sloane of New York; the flaps are gummed on both sides* 1.50

October, **1886.**

2c brown on white, com'l note, 82 wmk., No. 933* 0.60
—— on manila amber, com'l note, wmk., small P. O. D., not in Horner* 6.50
30c black on oriental buff, full letter, No. 951* 1.70
—— on blue, No. 952* 1.70
—— on manila, com'l, No. 970* 1.90
—— on manila amber, No. 971* 1.90
2c brown on white, ex. letter, no wmk., not in Horner* 3.25
5c brown on oriental buff, ex. letter, No. 985* . 3.60
—— on blue, No. 986* 3.70
10c brown on amber, ex. letter, wmk. F, not in Horner* 5.00
yellow on white, official, not in Horner* . 13.50
—— on amber, official, not in Horner* . . 21.00

10c choc. brown on manila, legal, wmk. U. S., not in Horner* $6.00
choc. on manila amber, legal, wmk. U. S., not in Horner* 6.50
30c black on oriental buff, 82 wmk., not in Horner* 1.50
—— on manila amber, ex. official, wmk. small P. O. D., not in Horner* 8.25
90c carmine on amber, ex. official, 82 wmk. not in Horner* 5.00
—— on blue, ex. official, 82 wmk., not in Horner* 10.50
—— on manila, ex. official, wmk. small P. O. D., not in Horner* 7.50
—— on oriental buff, legal, No. 1038* . . 6.00
—— on blue, legal, No. 1039* 6.10
1c blue on manila, circular, wmk. small P. O. D., not in Horner* 5.25
—— on white, large baronial, square gum, No. 1043* 2.20
2c brown on white, baronial, square gum, No. 1045* 1.25
4c green on oriental buff, legal, not in Horner* 13.00
—— on blue, legal, not in Horner* 13.50

September, 1887.

2c green on oriental buff, die A, full letter, No. 1056* 7.75
—— on manila, die A, No. 1058* 80.00
—— on manila amber, die A, No. 1059* . 85.00
—— on oriental buff, ex. letter, No. 1085* 6.50
—— on blue, die A, No. 1086,* 26.00
—— on white, No. 1087, 2 env. folded together, outer one with stamp in color, inner one without color 0.90
1c blue on white, rejected or so-called Tiffany die, com'l, not in Horner,* (one similar to this was sold at H. K. Sanderson's sale, Boston, May 20, for $75) 26.00
Official manila envelope, ex. letter size, U. S. wmk., without stamp but with printed address* 1.60
90c purple on white, ex-official, No. 1132* . . 2.10
—— on amber, No. 1133* 2.60
—— on oriental buff, legal, No. 1148* . . 3.90
—— on blue, No. 1149* 4.50

SALE OF SINGLE STAMPS.

1845. St. Louis, 5c black, die C, fine margins, lightly cancelled, paper of the stamp was creased before printing 160.00
—— 10c black, die A, large margins, light cancel 80.00
1846. Providence, 10c black, with full margins on both sides, o. g.,* Scott, $30 22.00
1847. 5c brown, o. g.,* Scott $2 . . . . . 4.25
10c black, part o. g.,* Scott $7.50 . . 13.00
1851. 10c green, o. g.,* Scott $2.50 . . . . 12.50
12c black, o. g.,* Scott $3.50 . . . . 6.25
1861. 3c pink, used, Scott $6 . . . . . 4.50
1868. 5c brown, grille 9 x 13,* Scott $5 . . 3.60
24c lilac, grille 9 x 13,* Scott $7.50 . 7.75
30c orange, grille 9 x 13,* poor centre, Scott $5.50 . . . . . 5.00
1869. 15c, no frame, no gum,* Scott $5 . . 5.50
15c with frame, o. g.,* Scott $2.50 . . 3.10
1875. 3c o. g.,* Scott $10 . . . . . 9.60
6c o. g.,* Scott $5 . . . . . 5.10
10c o. g.,* Scott $5 . . . . . 5.20
12c o. g.,* Scott $5 . . . . . 5.50
15c o. g.,* Scott $8.50 . . . . . 10.25
24c o. g.,* Scott $12 . . . . . 10.25
1870. 7c vermilion, embossed, o. g.,* Scott $6 . . . . . 11.50
1872. 24c purple, o. g.,* Scott $2.50 . . . . 3.65
1842. Carrier, 3c blue on glazed paper, fine, Scott $17.50 . . . . . 13.00
1853. Penny Post, 1c blue on bluish, type A 24, orig. cov., Scott $15 . . . . 8.00
NEWSPAPER, 1865, 10c green, o. g.,* Scott $7.50 6.00
—— 25c red, orig., poor centre,* Scott $7.50 2.00
1867, 5c blue, white border,* Scott $2 . . 1.60
1875, 9c black, o. g.,* Scott $10 . . . . . 7.50
EXECUTIVE, 1c, fair centre, o. g.,* Scott $5 . . $4.70
2c o. g.,* Scott $5 . . . . . 5.20
3c o. g.,* Scott $4.50 . . . . . 4.60
6c o. g.,* Scott $9 . . . . . 8.70
10c o. g.,* Scott $6.50 . . . . . 6.50
TREASURY, 24c o. g., fair centre*, Scott $5 . . 3.90
MEDICINE, Fleming Bros., 1c black, Liver Pills, slightly scraped along upper margin, Scott $30 . . . . . 30.00
CONFEDERATE, Baton Rouge, 2c green, lightly cancelled, Scott $500 . . . . . 240.00
BUENOS AYRES, 1858, 4p vermilion, damaged but repaired,* Scott $100 . . . . . 15.00
—— 5p orange, in same condition,* Scott $125 . . . . . 15.00
CANADA, 1858, 6p lilac, perf., fair,* Scott $45 26.00
1859, 17c blue, imperf. 7.50
LABUAN, 1880, 6c on 16c blue, type A 2, Scott $90 . . . . . 72.00
MONTSERRAT, 1884, wmk. crown and C. A. 4p blue, used, Scott $25 . . . . . 21.00
NEWFOUNDLAND, 1857; 4p orange, repaired,* Scott $30 . . . . . 24.50
ROUMANIA, 1858, 54pa blue on green, Scott $45 . . . . . 47.00
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1867, 2p orange, type A 2, perforations 11½ x rouletted, orig. cov. . 3.25
TUSCANY, 1852, 60c brick red, Scott $45 . . . 50.00
1860, 3lire ochre, light cancel, slight mend at bottom, imperceptible, Scott $160 . . 131.00
TOTAL VALUE OF SALES 8,569.95

NOTES.

At Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sale, a complete set of the U. S. Columbian issue, together with a Special Delivery 10c orange and small 8c lilac, unused, was sold for $24.16 and similar stamps, used, brought $27.26. Among the other lots included in this sale which brought good prices were a horizontal pair of 6d violet, 1854, of Great Britain, unused with gum, $69.40; block of 4 of the same, unused with gum, $143.75; an entire unused sheet of 100 2baj light green, Roman States, $64.45; and a horizontal pair of 4 annas red and blue, India, with blue dividing lines, and showing 6 rosettes, $52.05. The total value of all the stamps disposed of at this sale was $7,163.49.

Among the lots sold by R. F. Albrecht & Co., which realized $20 or over, were the following: 1875 set of reprints of the 1861 issue, U. S., from 1 to 30c all unused, $45; a horizontal strip of 4 used 90c blue, 1868, $22.40; complete set of 16 Columbians, perforated on all sides and unused, $20.80; complete set of newspaper 1c to $60, surcharged "Specimen," with original gum, $31.25; complete unused set of Executives with original gum, $24; 50 copies of the 1847 5c brown, all possible shades and all on the original covers, some fine, good, and creased, $21; 14 entire envelopes — 2 30c puce brown on white, 2 on amber, 3 on oriental buff, 3 on blue, 2 on manila, 2 on amber manila, all unused, $28; block of 8 "Dos Cts," vertical surcharge, Costa Rica, unused and with original gum, slight nick on one of the stamps, otherwise very fine and almost unique, $24; entire sheet of 20 Newfoundland 8d lake on watermarked paper, original gum, $25; 125 miscellaneous Queensland stamps.

1860 to 1882, all varieties of watermarks, etc., $20.64; 430 stamps of Greece, old issues only, including 55 Paris print, amongst which were 7 copies 1e, mostly used, $28.50; 245 stamps of Modena (32), Naples (44), Sicily (22), Tuscany (127), Roman States (12), and Parma (8), $26; and 198 stamps of Switzerland including Rayons, 18 copies of 1f 1854, and other varieties, $22.50. The total value of stamps, etc., sold was $4,429.47.

The auction sales record of R. F. Albrecht & Co. is certainly unprecedented on both sides of the Atlantic, as a glance at the following table will indicate:

Seasons	Amount of Sales	Percentage of Increase
1892,	$4,053.60	-
1892–3,	19,007.48	36.89
1893–4,	23,793.53	25.18
1894–5,	44,035.91	85.08

That is to say, the realized prices for the season of 1892–3 increased 36.89 per cent over those of 1892; 25.18 per cent in 1893–4 over 1892–3; and 85.08 per cent in 1894–5 over 1893–4. The aggregate percentage of increase for the season of 1894–5 over 1892 was 986.34. In order to indicate the increase in average value per sale, the following table is given:

Seasons	No. of Sales	Average per Sale
1892,	4	$506.70
1892–3,	10	1,900.75
1893–4,	7	3,399.08
1894–5,	8	5,504.49

THE ADVANTAGES OF AUCTION SALES.

These big auction sales are wonderfully useful, and not only that, but they are very interesting to all classes of philatelists, especially those advanced. . . . They are very much superior to private sales, or to the frequently printed dealer's lists and even catalogues, because, occurring frequently as they do, and drawing buyers from far distant points, the figures realized indicate with greater precision the *market* value of each of the individual stamps. — *Nage, in Mekeel's Weekly.*

THIRTY-ONE STAMPS FOR $16,310.

Though not so numerous as formerly, there are still those wiseacres who insist that stamp collecting is a folly and that "stamps ain't no good — ain't worth nothin'." To be sure, canceled stamps have no intrinsic value; neither has the average conglomeration of rubbish known as bric-à-brac. Stamps have, however, as all philatelists know, a market value, constantly realized at private sales and public auctions. The actual money value is no less than that of real estate.

There are not far from a hundred postage stamps which list at over $100 each, in one condition or another, that is, used or unused. They are all regular government issues, and the following list is not filled up with freaks, errors, or other accidents of manufacture. I have not included certain valuable locals, such as the Brattleboro', New Haven, St. Louis, etc., Confederate provisionals, and the like, but only National emissions, unless it be one exception in the case of the Switzerland Geneva cantonal. Neither have I mentioned the high-priced "embossed all over" 5 and 30c values of the 1868 issue of the United States. Taking it for granted that the embossing is genuine and authentic, I consider these stamps, though used, to be essays. My idea is that the government experimented on a few sheets, including the 3, 5, and 30c values, possibly others, and decided that a small grille would serve the purpose aimed at as well as a "grille all over," and would leave the stamp in better appearance. No two catalogues seem to quite agree on the valuation of those stamps for which no known sale has established a figure.

Most of the prices used here are from the 55th Standard. No price is given for the British Guiana one cent value of 1856. One specimen (used) is known, and is valued at $4,000. The Natal 3d stamp of 1860 herein listed is priced by "Our Catalogue" at $250. The 55th does not price it. Of the B. G. 2c stamp noted, six copies are known to be extant. This is the stamp of which a poor copy sold for $1,010 in the De Coppet sale in New York city, April, 1892. Just four are known of the Hawaiian 2c. Missionary stamp.

Afghanistan, 1 rupee mauve, 1871	$100.00
Antioquia, 10 cvos lilac, 1868	125.00
British Guiana, 2c black on pink, 1850	1,200.00
4c black on yellow, 1850	200.00
8c black on green, 1850	100.00
1c black on red, 1856	4,000.00
4c black on blue, 1856	350.00
4c black on blue, 1856, paper colored through	450.00
Canada, 12p black, laid paper, 1851	250.00
12p black, wove paper, 1852	400.00
Cape of Good Hope, 1p blue, wood block, 1861	250.00
4p red, wood block, 1861	250.00
Hawaiian Islands, 2c blue, 1851-2	1,500.00
5c blue, 1851-2	500.00
13c blue, 1851-2, type 2	350.00
13c blue, 1851-2, type 3	350.00
Mauritius, 1p orange, 1847	1,750.00
2p blue, 1847	1,750.00
2p blue, 1858	100.00
Moldavia, 81 parale, blue on blue, 1858	500.00
27 parale, black on rose, 1858	175.00
108 parale, blue on rose, 1858	125.00
Natal, 9p, embossed, without color on blue paper, 1857	125.00
3p blue, *perforated*, 1860	250.00
New Brunswick, 1sh mauve, 1851	100.00
Nova Scotia, 1sh mauve, 1851	100.00
Reunion Island, 15c black on blue, 1852	250.00
30c black on blue, 1852	300.00
Spain, 2 reals orange, 1851	125.00
Switzerland, 10c black on green, 1843	125.00
Tuscany, 3 lire ochre, 1860	160.00

Thirty-one stamps for $16,000, or £3,300, or 62,000 rupees, or 81,000 francs, or 40,000 German florins, or 32,000 Austrian florins, or 65,000 German marks, or 82,000 lire, or 22,000 roubles in Russia, or about 30,000,000 reis in Brazil. L. H. BENTON.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 2.

ALVAH DAVISON.

Mr. Alvah Davison, whose portrait honors the first page of this issue, was born in New York city in 1863, and became a collector at the age of fourteen. This first collection, like many others gathered by the embryo philatelist, was sold before its real value was understood; but a renewal of the fever was experienced in 1885 when he began the publication of the *Youth's Ledger* at Helmetta, N. J., a journal devoted to general reading and collecting. The title of the publication was afterward changed to the *Collector's Ledger* and Mr. Davison edited it for about four years, at which time he sold out his entire interest to a New York collector. From 1885 to 1894 he was a constant contributor to the philatelic press, his articles appearing in a large number of publications. He edited the *Post Office* for several years, and conducted a stamp department in *Harper's Young People*. Mr. Davison is a charter member of the American Philatelic Association, being No. 3, and he places the welfare of that society above every consideration. In 1893 he was nominated for secretary and elected by the largest vote cast; and again in 1894, when nominated for vice-president, this record was repeated. Mr. Davison is now a candidate for the office of president, and he will certainly be elected. From personal knowledge we can state that while he is not desirous of official preference and has only accepted the various nominations at the earnest solicitation of friends, he will bring to the office of president an earnestness and a spirit of progressiveness that is demanded at this time. His motto is that a public office is a public trust, and all his actions have borne out the spirit of integrity which is contained in that maxim. He has a largely increasing business and it is a sacrifice on his part to accept office in the Association, and only his great interest in its welfare leads him to do so. Mr. Davison's specialty is United States adhesives, including oddities, pairs, strips, etc., his collection averaging about six of each stamp, and aggregating over 2,000 specimens. He takes two shades of each stamp and then adds everything in the line of odd perforations, grilles, colors, etc. Mr. Davison is a married man, having three children, and will attend the next convention accompanied by his charming wife.

A UNIVERSAL COLOR CHART.

Considerable discussion has been indulged in lately concerning the necessity of a color chart which shall be accepted by everybody as being absolutely reliable, and which shall be used throughout the world in recording and cataloguing all stamps. We can find scarcely a dozen people who will agree on colors or shades. One of the most deceptive colors is what is misleadingly termed "mauve." We have seen at least eighteen different stamps which were catalogued as mauve, each being of a different shade. We do not see how this difference can be avoided, the color being an aniline production, and all aniline colors being subject to change under varying conditions. Stormonth says that mauve is "a purple dye obtained from aniline"; the American Dictionary of Printing and Bookmaking, that "mauve is produced by printing violet over magenta," and gives a specimen of it that is deeper and richer than anything ever catalogued by any stamp dealer. In philately, painting, and textiles, mauve is a shade which is fearfully and wonderfully made. In the June issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST the varieties in colors were brought out in a number of cases. For instance, the 24c mauve of 1861, U. S., was noted and under it was spoken a "greenish slate" and a "brownish violet;" the 5c chocolate, same issue, was noted as chocolate, red-brown, and fire red-brown The 24c lilac of 1855–60 was noted. as grayish violet, violet, and dark violet. The Trinidad 1d blue 1852 was catalogued as light blue, gray blue, and greenish blue, and so on.

Now why should not the A. P. A., at its coming convention, appoint a committee to investigate the subject of colors from a scientific standpoint, and decide upon a color chart and have it accepted by dealers and collectors generally? We feel confident that something of this kind must be done soon, for the oddities in colors bid fair to be too numerous for cataloguing or classifying.

In this connection we would refer our readers to an illustrated article, entitled "A Mechanical Color Test," by Marcus Benjamin, Ph.D., and published in the *Scientific American*, February 23. We quote a few of the salient points:

Early in 1894, the question of the possibility of analyzing various colors and shades in terms of certain standards having been referred to the present writer, he sought the advice of Professor Thomas C. Mendenhall and Professor John K. Rees, of the American Metrological Society, concerning the feasibility of appointing a committee to fix such standards. This action resulted in the naming of a committee, and, what has since proved of much importance, the taking up of the entire matter as a special investigation by the Physical

Department of Columbia College, under the immediate supervision of Professor William Hallock and Mr. Reginald Gordon.

The investigation thus begun was to be developed into a system. It was decided to attempt the determination within reasonable limits of the composition of the many colors, shades, and hues on the market. Thus, for instance, what is the composition of the once popular color known as crushed strawberry? For this purpose over 6,000 named samples of colored articles were collected from various sources all over the United States. These included about 3,500 silk threads, ribbons, plushes, and other silk fabrics; 1,300 printed specimens of colored inks used in printing; 300 samples of colored woolens and cottons and some 400 paints, stains, pigments, etc. From these all the different specimens named "crushed strawberry" by their respective manufacturers or dealers were collected together, and an analysis of each was made. From the results a formula for a color approximating to that which agreed to the average was deduced. To be specific, it consisted of 32 parts black, 24 parts red, 26 parts orange, and 18 parts blue. Out of this collection of samples there has been prepared a table giving the exact composition of more than 500 colors, beginning with absinthe and ending with zulu.

This investigation is of the utmost practical value to the community. For the first time it fixes with exactness the composition of most known colors. For a long time the nomenclature has been very confusing. Amber, Havana brown, mazarine blue, and sea green give some suggestion of what they are like by their names; but such colors as Admiral, Charles X, luciole, and Pullman car, are not readily appreciable. If, however, the composition of Admiral is given as 13 parts of green, 37 parts of blue, and 50 parts of black, we can see at a glance that the color is of a dark greenish blue. So likewise when the composition of Pullman car is said to be 86 parts of black, 4 of yellow, 5 of orange, and 5 of green, it is apparent that it is dark greenish yellow.

Turning to another phase of its utility, let us assume that we desire to match a piece of wall paper of the shade known as Pompeian red, of which we have a sample on hand. In order that the match shall be exact, we analyze the sample, and find it to consist of 89 parts black, 5 parts red, and 6 parts orange. Accordingly, our order should demand a paper that will agree with the foregoing composition. Besides wall papers, various fabrics can be easily duplicated by this process. Samples of cloth used in bookbinding can be matched with an exactness far beyond the usual commercial practice.

Will the two leading societies take definite action in this matter?

THE EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

The exchange department of the American Philatelic Association is conducted upon business principles and consequently is successful. The pricing of stamps is done intelligently and reflects credit upon the members participating. When conducted as this department is, in a spirit of integrity, no objection can be made to an exchange system, but when the owners of books enter ordinary stamps of no great commercial value at full catalogue price it is time an earnest protest was offered. We recently received a series of sheets, which came unsolicited, containing ordinary stamps valued at figures which were, to say the least, appalling. We were amused at some of the comments made by others on the list and quote a few. "Don't send any more of these; can buy cheaper, and as good." "Don't care for any except U. S.; can buy below your figures 25 per cent." "I consider it an insult to offer such stamps at such prices." "I see no advantage to a purchaser in this arrangement. It might be to sell by, but not to buy by. I am not a millionaire, so do not send me any more to register." "I think it the height of absurdity to expect anyone to pay full catalogue value for stamps which can be purchased from any dealer at one-third and one-half the price set upon these stamps."

DOWN WITH THE SEEBECKS.

There is a great stir, of which the rest of the community is quite unconscious, going on in what is called the philatelical world. The dealers in old postage stamps have been taking counsel together, and it is proposed to suppress the circulation of the numerous stamps known to collectors as Seebecks. It is one of the recent developments of stamp collecting, which can no longer be regarded as mere child's play, that such stamps are not now recognized in high philatelical circles, any more than the "reprints" of stamps, which have had their day. It is only a short time since that dealers resolved to sell no more "reprints." It may give the general reader some idea of the present importance of stamp collecting to know that a clause exists in the Post Office Protection Act, which was inserted at the suggestion of a famous philatelist, for the purpose of suppressing the issue of counterfeit stamps. — *Morning* — London, Eng.

We wonder if all the dealers are laying in a stock of the issues of Newfoundland. It may not be long before this unhappy country will be using either the stamps of Canada or, what would be more profitable, those of the United States. There is also a bare possibility that Cuba will be in the market with a provisional issue soon.

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Two numbers of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST have been issued, and despite the fact that this magazine was launched at the worst possible time of the year, its reception has been most hearty, and the indications point to a permanent success. We have received assurances from many of the leading dealers in the country that THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST is a magazine which is worthy of their support, and we anticipate that beginning with the issue of September our columns will be crowded with the richest and the choicest material.

This number is dated "July–August" and is issued on July 15. The next number will be issued August 25, and will be dated September. The change in our date of issue is necessitated by the contemplated increase in the number of pages to be devoted to the strictly statistical and historical side of the science of philately, and in order that we may be able to present the very latest local news up to the hour of going to press. Advertisers will kindly take notice that no changes may be made in standing advertisements unless sent in before the fifteenth of each month.

Beginning with the September issue we shall publish the first of a series of statistical articles on the postal service of various countries, written expressly for our columns. During the year we shall also publish a number of articles of value, written by intelligent persons who understand thoroughly the matters of which they write, and who do not depend on cyclopædias for their information. Our circulation is now over 2,000, and by the close of the year we shall nearly approach the 5,000 mark which we have set for the limit for 1895.

We desire to call attention to the statistical and reading matter in this number of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST, as well as to the generous display of advertisements; particularly do we call attention to the advertisement of Frederick R. Ginn, the philatelic expert, dealer, and valuer of London, England. This is the first time within our recollection when a foreign dealer has found it to his advantage to place so large an advertisement in a new and untried venture like THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST. It certainly attests the courage of the advertiser while complimenting the efforts of the publisher. Mr. Ginn honors us by stating that "the contents please me very much, and if you keep up to the present standard your paper is sure to be a success."

We have not previously indulged in a great amount of vain-glorious boasting, nor will we consume pages of type in trying to convince a somewhat sceptical public how poorly it has been served in magazine literature until our

appearance. We prefer to let our magazine speak for itself and if, after perusing the contents of this number, any unprejudiced person can say that THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST is not the best and ablest philatelic magazine in the world, we shall be pleased to meet him and congratulate him upon his critical acumen.

The first issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST consisted of 20 pages, including cover; the second of 16 pages, and the present number of 28 pages. In all probability No. 4 will comprise 32 pages. There will never be less than 16 pages in any of the future issues; how many more than 16 will depend on the advertising patronage and the state of the news market.

Intending subscribers will please bear in mind that no back numbers of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST can be furnished for less than 10c per copy. All subscriptions must begin with the current issue.

Advertisements to secure leading positions must reach us by the fifteenth of each month. We cannot guarantee space or position after that date. We must also insist upon conducting this branch of our business upon a strictly cash-in-advance basis. We are prepared to make contracts with all reliable houses for a certain amount of space, and solicit correspondence.

THE SCIENCE OF PHILATELY.

Exceptions have been taken to the line on the first page of this and previous issues which declares that THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST is a "magazine devoted to the science of philately." Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era* says: "There is one thing that we can question and that is the line under the heading which reads 'a magazine devoted to the science of philately.' Why *science?*" We would like to inquire of Brother Jewett what he proposes to use instead? Shall we say "fad," "hobby," or other childish term? Is not philately a science as much as the collection of coins, medals, and the like? We think it is, and we feel sure that all philatelists will join with us in our belief; and if subscriptions and words of praise count for anything we feel assured that the greater portion of philatelists are with us and with the science.

OUR STAMP DEPARTMENT.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, we have sold the stamp department of our business to The Mattapan Philatelic Company. The increasing business connected with the publication of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST has rendered this move necessary, and we now feel that all our time and money may be devoted to the publishing branch of our business and to the enlargement of the scope of this and our other publications. We trust that the patrons of our approval sheet and packet departments will favor the new concern with a repetition of the many orders with which we have been honored in the past. The young gentlemen connected with this new firm are thoroughly competent and trustworthy and will have our cordial support. Will you give them yours?

FROM THE FAR WEST.

G. Gooch, a prominent collector of Kansas City, Kan., will spend his vacation in Mexico.

F. M. Tessier, once a prominent Nebraska stamp dealer, is now seen on the racing track, being one of the fastest cyclers of Nebraska.

F. B. Woolston, assistant postmaster at Winside, Neb., has come across a number of errors among sheets of U. S. stamps received at his office; they include perforations through the centre, gum on face instead of back, etc.

Colorado Springs has come to the front this year as the possessor of some of the finest collections in the West. A new society has been formed called the "Pike's Peak Philatelic Society," and is officered by N. D. Waltman, E. F. Willis, J. Kirby, and other well-known Colorado collectors.

All Eastern members of the Philatelic Sons of America, as well as collectors generally, should attend the meet at Denver in August. It promises to be the most satisfactory of any previous convention, and the collectors of Denver are hustling about in the true Western style to prepare a royal welcome to all. If you have a wheel, take it with you, for the finest roads in the country are there, and you will be able to enjoy the finest spin of your life.

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Brazil, 1861, 280 reis red, 8/6; 430 reis yellow 10/-.
British Columbia, 1861, 2½d pink, 10/6; perf. 12½, 10c rose pink, 65/-; 25c orange, 30/-; 50c violet, 45/-; perf. 14, 5c red, 9/6; 25c orange, 8/6; 50c violet, 20/-.
British Guiana, 1850, 1c magenta, 90/-; 4c blue, £5 5s.
Canada, ½d. pink, 12/6; 7½d, green, 52/- fine, 75/- superb; 10c blue, 35/- fine, 45/- superb; perf. 12, 6d lilac, £7. 1860–4 set of 6 used and picked copies, 8/-; unused, superb with gum, 2c pink, 6/6; 10c. violet, 8/-; 12½c green, 7/6; registration 8c blue, 8/6.
Cape of Good Hope, set of four triangular, very fine, 15/6.
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France, Empire, 1 fr. 12/6.
Germany, Thurn and Taxis, 5 sgr. lilac, 1/9; 15 kr., 1/3; 30 kr., 5/6; Confederation, roul. 18 kr. 1/-, used; perf. 18 kr. used, a rarity, 15/6.
Gibraltar, 1st issue, 6d violet, 12/-; 1/- brown, 35/- unused, 40/- used; 2nd issue, 1/- bistre, 17/6.
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Hanover, 10 gr. green, £2 10s.; imperf. 3 p. green, 12/- unused, 14/- used; Percé en scie 3 p. green, 4/-.
Hawaii, 1 dollar vermilion, 10/-.
Hong Kong, 96 cts yellow-brown, 20/-.
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Naples, 1858, 20 gr. lake, 8/-; 50 gr. lake, 48/-.
Nevis, on greyish paper, perf. 13, 1d rose, 8/6; 6d grey, 30/-; 1/- green, 35/-.
New Brunswick, 3d red, 12/6; 6d yellow, 75/-; 1/- purple, £16, fine. 1860-3, full set of 6, used, 8/6.
Newfoundland, carmine-vermilion 8d, used 35/-, unused 20/-; 6d, a magnificent specimen with large margins and superb color, £12; orange-vermilion 2d, used, 35/-, unused, 28/-; 6d, used, 45/-, extra fine with large margins and deep color, 90/-; lake issue 6d, used, 10/-; 4d, used, 12/; 1/-, used, 40/-; complete sheet of 6d, in superb condition, with gum as issued, on thin paper, very scarce, £2 (20 in sheet); ditto, sheet of 1/- in exactly same condition, £5. 1866–67, 5c brown (seal), 22/6; 5c black, ditto, 12/6.
Nova Scotia, 1d red brown, 25/-; 6d green, very fine, 30/-; 1860-4, full set of 6, used, 40/0; 8½c green, 25/- unused, 30/- used: 1/- deep violet £14.
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PHILATELIC STORIES OF THE STREETS AND TOWNS.

BY EVERY PAGET.

It used to be that when a letter was addressed to "Stamp Town," Chicago, it would at once be delivered to the addresses in the Masonic Temple. In those halcyon days of the Temple there was located therein The Chicago Philatelic Society, The Chicago branches of the American Philatelic Association and Philatelic Sons of America, F. N. Massoth, Jr., & Co., F. J. Lefevre, Eustace B. Power, and Archie L. Dougherty, manager United States Stamp & Coin Exchange, as well as many other persons with a bent for philately. Just across the street was P. M. Wolsieffer in the Central Music Hall, and that portion of the street went under the name "Stamp Avenue." Those were great days for philately. Everybody wanted to get into the Masonic Temple. When a visiting "Stampie" came to town, he at once hied himself thereto. And those were great days also for the Masonic Temple. Scarcely, if ever, any of the rooms were vacant, and the disappointed ones were compelled to locate elsewhere. Now, however, there is quite a change. May 1 last worked wonders. The Chicago Philatelic Society moved into the new Marquette Building, taking with it the branches of the A. P. A. and the P. S. of A., Massoth & Co., and Messrs. Power and Lefevre. Mr. Wolsieffer located at 181 Wabash Avenue, and only Archie Dougherty remains. Vacant rooms greet the visitor and quiet reigns where was once the scene of stamp activity. Clark street can still boast of J. A. Pierce, the veteran dealer, and Dr. Dahlberg, at No. 191, and S. B. Bradt at 265, still hold the fort on South Clark street, while North Clark street is amply looked after by F. Wendt at No. 63.

Upon exhibiting an 1868 3c grilled 13x16 to Mr. Wendt the other day, he said he made no distinction as to grilles, and told me I might come down to his store and take my choice of these stamps at a nominal price. I averred I would take advantage of his liberal offer, and admonished him, in the meantime, to glance over his stock of said stamp and save out all the "grilled all over," as well as those grilled 13x16, and I would take the entire stock at the low price quoted. Were everybody to follow Mr. Wendt's example we would make life no longer profitable for the counterfeit griller; yet how many would condone seeing a 3c grilled all over, or even 13x16, go for a mere pittance? Quite a few, I dare say, would be willing to buy them — but to sell them! That 's a different story. Would I be quite correct in saying that more than one-half of the entire philatelic population would buy these "grilled-all-overs" at Mr. Wendt's low price — or, at least, until the supply gave out?

Still, speaking of the 13x16 grilled 3c of 1868, I am informed upon good authority that a perfect specimen went without a buyer in Chicago, although it was on exhibition more than three months, was examined by almost every philatelic visitor, and was quoted at $2.50, which price is exactly one-half of what Scott catalogues it in the 55th, and we do well to get United States stamps at 25 per cent discount. While this stamp was in Chicago, for aught we know, there were many in some of the other cities waiting for just such a specimen. At least, I learn that the stamp was put on an approval sheet and soon after brought a good price.

A certain Chicago collector has been looking far and near for a certain stamp, and so far, I am informed, without success. Yet, were he to go to some other live city, say Pittsburg or St. Louis, I think he could soon satiate his desires. Again, on the other hand, there are collectors and dealers who come to Chicago to purchase their stocks, and sometimes many come here and procure specimens long sought after elsewhere. If we could only equalize — if everyone had a little of all instead of all of one, 't would be much better; but it seems such is not our lot.

Ribbed paper varieties do not seem to take as well as one would anticipate. It cannot be denied they are rare. A prominent Chicago philatelist explained in an informal talk, a few weeks since, the reason of the ribbed variety: In the manufacture of paper, the pulp is pressed between felt mats to give it the proper thickness. If the mat is new, the paper comes out smooth; but if the mat becomes worn, the pulp pressing against the threads takes the ribbed appearance. As soon, however, as a mat becomes worn it is removed, which accounts for the scarcity. Next, the paper passes between rollers. Should it pass between heated rollers, the ribbed appearance is spoiled, and the paper becomes white and glossy. But if the paper passes over a cold roller, it comes out with that beautiful ribbed appearance. If it passes over two rollers, the rib is still visible to the naked eye; but after the third roller has been passed it can only be determined with a glass, or by being soaked in water and allowed to dry without pressure. In other words, all paper is more or less ribbed, depending upon the condition of the mat and the number of rollers it passes between.

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10. 10c Columbian, mint state, unused, ...15

The contest will remain open until September 1, and the contestants will be listed in the June, July, and August issues. All names of subscribers and the money for subscriptions must be in our hands not later than September 1. Every 30 cents will count as one subscriber, whether in payment of one year's subscription or in extending a person's own subscription. The only other condition is that those competing for the first three prizes must secure at least five new subscribers.

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PHILATELIC PERSONALITIES.

BY BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

Be sure to vote for Louis J. Kramer for auction manager, P. S. of A. He is just the man for the place.

Every Paget, the popular candidate for vice-president, P. S. of A., was recently promoted and has left Chicago to take charge of the Kansas City office of the firm he is with.

Julius J. Thiede, a new convert to Philatelia, recently exhibited an Egyptian stamp which he claimed was over 2,000 years old. He is not yet quite convinced that he was in error.

The *Springfield Philatelist* is conducting a voting contest to ascertain the most popular philatelist in Illinois; P. M. Wolsieffer is the man for whom to cast your ballot.

Frederick K. Boomhower, one of our rising young philatelists and candidate for Counterfeit Detector of the Michigan Philatelist Society, is a student of the University of Michigan. He is training himself for a civil engineer. Success to you, Brother B.

Philatelic house-warmings and parties are quite the fad now. The latest was held at the residence of Mr. Frank Koenig, president of the Pacific Philatelic Society.

Clifford W. Kissinger intends to stop at Detroit on his way to Denver. He will be tendered a first-class reception by the Wolverines and will not regret his visit.

Herbert Brown, an old Oxford College man, and at present a manufacturing chemist at Wyandotte, Mich., will read a paper on Persian stamps at the M. P. S. meet in Detroit. Mr. Brown is just the man for this, as he has been in Persia several times and knows whereof he speaks.

We are surprised and pained to hear that Henry B. Gerardin, the well-known revenue stamp collector, was killed in a railroad accident near Monroe, Mich. Our condolence is extended to his bereaved parents and friends. The local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body.

There lately came into our hands a communication from L. T. Brodstone, in which he gave an interesting account of a Nebraska windstorm. These are the words of Lewis: "I was sitting in my office door when a sharp gust of wind came by and cut my mustache off as clean as a whistle. Did n't use any soap, either."

Postmaster O'Sullivan, of the Brooklyn Post Office, almost wept when he realized the disrespectful treatment accorded the superior officers of his office by the carriers; so, after great laboring, he produced an order to the effect that all carriers, "upon meeting with a superior, shall salute him by touching the hat, as prescribed in the regulation army tactics. . . . A penalty commensurate with the offence will be inflicted for all violations of this order."

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THE COMING CONVENTIONS.

The following will be the officers elected at the convention of the

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We also believe that at the convention of the

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA,

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The North Borneo Company has run short of money and has surcharged its one-dollar stamps in rose with 4, 10, 20, 30, and 40 cents. The surcharge is in black, in two lines. They are sold at a most liberal rate of discount for cash and can be obtained less than a thousand miles from North Borneo.

IN PHILATELIA.

C. F. Rothfuchs of Washington, D. C., has issued his retail price list, No. 11, a few extracts of which are given in another column. Mr. Rothfuchs conducts his business upon the unique principle of "cash with order — no discount;" and consequently has no black list, and can give his patrons the benefit of that intangible amount which he does *not* lose in the shape of bad debts.

At the New Haven post office the use of the canceling machines has been stopped by the United States officials, owing to a misunderstanding with the proprietors as to the amount of rent to be paid.

The receipts of the Worcester, Mass., post office for June were $13,903.73, a gain of $370.68 over June, 1894.

Postmaster Washington Heising of Chicago has been made an LL.D. by the Notre Dame University.

On June 27 the New York Broadway Cable Line refused to carry the mails on the terms proposed by the Government.

We were in error last month when we stated that the *Eastern Philatelist* had inaugurated the crusade against the unsolicited mailing of approval sheets; this movement was started by Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

W. J. Barbour, of Helena, Montana, writes: "Within the past ten days I have received two letters, containing the following stamps: a pair of current 2c stamps and one single 2c stamp, both the pair and single being unperforated and having broad margins, so that it is impossible that they have been trimmed down; besides, in the pair there is no separation whatever."

In regard to the reference made to philatelic criminals in the May issue, a little injustice was done to Mr. Farnsworth. A gentleman who is thoroughly acquainted with the case writes: "Mr. Farnsworth is put in a much more 'criminal' light than is called for, in my opinion, and I am in possession of *all* the facts of the case and do not uphold his fraudulent doings. But when this matter first came to light all the specimens ever found (with one exception) were known, and Mr. Farnsworth promptly refunded every dollar and signed an agreement that he never would further practise such a fraud. The exception above mentioned was a stamp he had sold, which his prosecutors had failed to discover, and for which he promptly sent check without solicitation and asked for the return of the stamp. Although the matter has been advertised and nearly all dealers and collectors' attention called to it, not a single new stamp that had been tampered with has turned up."

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The new issue of Luxemburg shows the head of the Grand Duke to the right and consists of 1c light lilac, 2c brown, 4c greenish yellow, 5c green, and 10c rose; the same stamps have been surcharged S. P. in black for official use.

IN PHILATELIA.

Charles G. Hart, editor of the *Pipestone Philatelist*, is a candidate for librarian for the League of American Philatelists.

Ventom, Bull & Cooper of London, Eng., was the first firm to inaugurate periodical auction sales in England, and they are held about every two or three weeks during the season, which begins about the end of September and continues until the middle of June.

Anent the Wuhu stamps, it does not seem to be thoroughly understood that the postal system of China is not primarily a government enterprise. The different private offices which conduct postal matters do so without an official subsidy.

In Hang-chow, China, a purely official Chinese system prevails. There are two deliveries daily, and twice also the postman calls at each house for letters to be mailed.

Three new values of the 2, 6, and 7kr have been added to the postage due series of Austria.

The current French stamps of 5c and upwards have been overprinted "Poste Française Madagascar," in red and black, for the French office in Madagascar.

Envelopes of the 5, 8, and 16 chahi of Persia, have been issued with stamps of the types of the adhesives.

Samoa has resorted to cutting its stamps diagonally in order to meet the emergency of the almost entire destruction of her stock of stamps in the recent fire.

The Tonga Islands have taken the surcharging fever with avidity and are now prepared with a brand-new lot for speculative purposes.

Otto Schmidt of Mexico, notifies the *Post Office* that the "12c scarlet of the numeral issue has been largely reprinted, and warns collectors and dealers to be careful in buying them."

The 2sh of 1857, Norway, has been found printed on laid paper.

The 3c of Porto Rico has been issued in blue-green.

A new buff wrapper of Queensland has been issued with a ½p green with plain background.

A postal card, buff stock, has been issued by Servia 5 para blue, of similar type as the adhesives.

The 15c current type of Spain has been printed in yellow for the use of members of the Chamber of Deputies.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* is to become a semi-annual instead of a monthly. The up-to-date news formerly found in its columns will now be transferred to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* for June declares with regard to speculative issues: "The United States has been the chief sinner in the creation of unnecessary stamps. It set an evil example. Mr. Wanamaker in his report admitted that he looked to collectors for realizing a profit out of the transaction. It was degrading the Post Office in Belgium as much as the present minister has degraded that establishment there by making it the instrument of promoting a 'fad' of his own by creating the stamps for the exhibition at Antwerp, and now by withdrawing the stamps of five francs and putting up at public sale a few remaining sheets in lots of 50 stamps each. In every country the Post Office should keep to its own business, which is not to create stamps for collectors or to turn stamp dealers, but to confine itself to making only such stamps as are necessary for the public service." Amen!

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IN PHILATELIA.

Hong Kong issued, May 1, a 4c postal card, slate on light buff.

Starring C. Scott, of Calmar, Iowa, has the second largest philatelic library in that State.

The 50c mauve of Danish West Indies has been surcharged 10c in black.

The 1c green and the 5c blue of Fernando Po. have been surcharged "Habilitado para Correos 50c" in blue.

The unpaid 20 and 25c stamps of Surinam have been issued in three types each.

The 10c rose on white, of Switzerland, has been discovered with a large 10 watermark.

The 100r red on white envelope of Brazil, current issue, has been found with the letters of "reis" very close together.

A new 2c envelope, printed in green, was issued by the Canadian government, June 14, for city delivery use.

The arms on the 1p carmine and 1sh green of the South African Republic have been altered so that the wagon exhibits a tongue instead of shafts.

The 90c carmine of 1872 has been discovered printed on vertically ribbed paper by the *American Journal of Philately*, and the 3c red of 1856 on laid paper.

The net increase of receipts at all post offices throughout the country during the year ending March 31, 1895, was $1,739,953. The total number of presidential offices is 3,466. The salaries of 1,057 are increased and 393 decreased. The gross increase of receipts was $1,894,092, and gross decrease $154,139.

Our attention has been called by Dr. Marshall of Somerville, Mass., to two varieties of the 2c claret of 1883, which, up to the present writing, we have not seen mentioned elsewhere. The re-engraved shows a deep shading under the words "two" and "cents" and also heavy shading under the lower line of the frame, east side of the figure 2.

Watermarked paper is now used for the United States 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 cent adhesives.

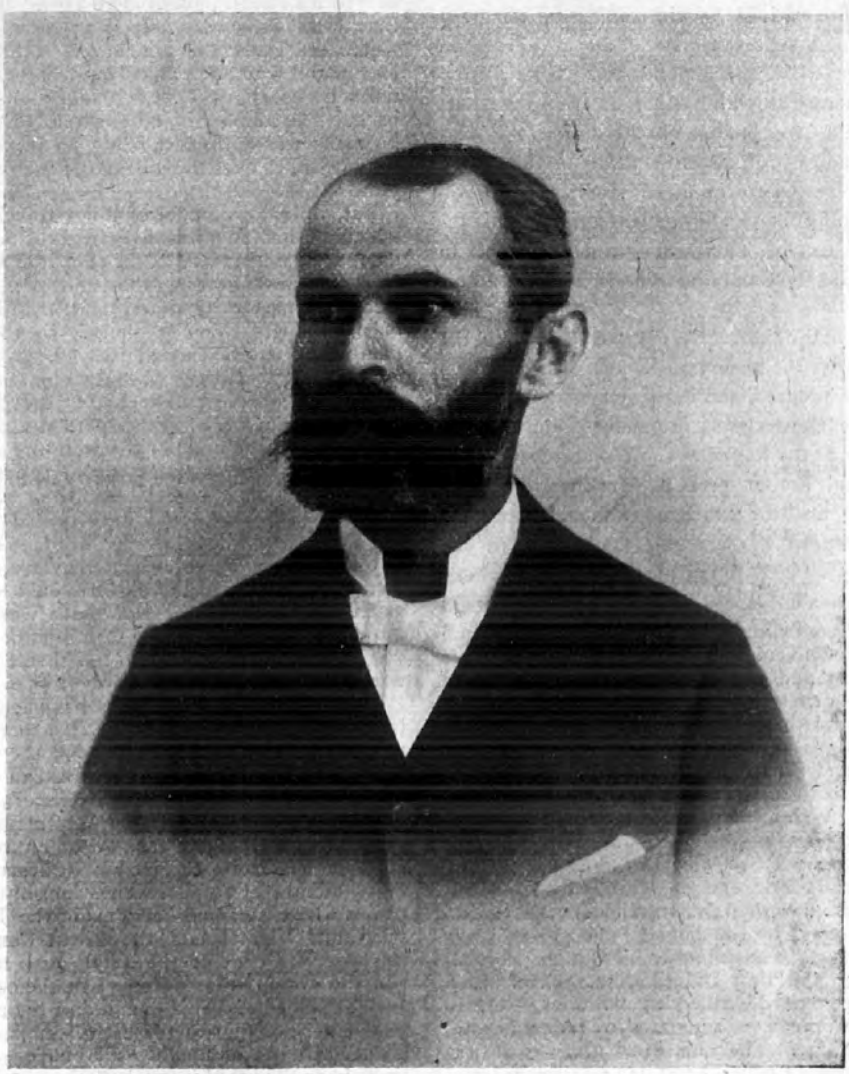
As we are going to press word reaches us that the entire business section of Clayton, N. Y., has been destroyed by fire. Do coming events cast their shadows before?

Collectors desiring bargains will consult our columns and order from the enterprising dealers who remain awake during the summer season. We have rarely seen a better opportunity to fill the blank spaces in one's album than is shown in our advertising columns this month.

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THE POSTAL SERVICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BY T. A. COGHLAN,
Government Statistician.

In the matter of postal and telegraphic communication the Colony of New South Wales is liberally provided for. Not only is the intercolonial system fairly perfect, but the Colony is in direct communication with Europe and the outer world by means of cables connecting with the various Asiatic continental telegraph lines. A submarine cable also connects the Colony with New Zealand, and has its Australian terminus within sight of the spot where Captain Cook landed on the shores of Botany Bay, and within a stone's throw of the monument erected to the memory of La Pérouse — the unfortunate and gallant emulator of the great English navigator — and the tomb of Père Le Receveur, the botanist attached to his staff.

From the time of the discovery of gold in the year 1851 the history of the post office has been one of progress and improvement. The Postmaster General was originally a non-political officer, as the Registrar General and the Auditor General are at present. In the year 1855 — the first for which an annual report was laid before Parliament — there were in the Colony altogether 155 post offices. The head office was in George Street, on the same site as the present edifice, but the structure was small and inconvenient, notwithstanding its doric columns and pediment in front. There were no electric telegraphs in the Colony at that time, and the arrivals of vessels at the Heads were signalled to the Observatory by means of flags and semaphores. It was in September, 1855, that the first railway was opened in New South Wales, and prior to that time the Southern and Western mails used to leave the General Post Office in old-fashioned mail coaches every evening. During that year the total number of miles travelled by the postal contractors, by coach and on horseback, was 1,023,255. The number of letters passing through the Post Office, 2,114,179, of which 617,041 are described as "foreign," or, in other words, were addressed to places beyond the Colony. The number of newspapers was 2,100,989, of which 1,281,613 were inland, and 819,376 were foreign. Book parcels and packets were not reckoned separately, but were counted as letters. Ten petitions to the Governor or the Council were conveyed free during the year. The revenue of the Department for 1855 was £24,902, and the expenditure was £60,221; while the staff numbered 223 persons in all, of whom 56 were attached to the office in Sydney. The annual report states, with something akin to pride, that the communication with Victoria was not less than three times a week.

In 1893 there were 1,423 post offices in the Colony, an increase of over 800 per cent, besides 404 receiving offices, and the staff in connection with the Postal and Telegraph Department numbered 4,845 persons, exclusive of 770 mail contractors. The postal lines for that year extended over 32,792 miles, on which the mails were conveyed 2,588 miles by rail and train, 824 miles by steamer, 18,380 miles by coach, and 11,000 miles on horseback. The number of miles actually travelled by mails was 8,784,600, being an increase of 215,900 miles over the mileage of the previous year.

But while the number of miles travelled by the mails in 1893 was over eight times the number of miles travelled in 1855, the number of letters carried during the same period had increased nearly 37 times, and the number of newspapers over 21 times. In 1893 the number of letters carried was 77,540,500, of which 72,237,700 were posted within the Colony, or 60 for every individual of the population. The number of newspapers was 44,927,900, of which the number posted in the Colony during that year was 41,401,500, or 34 per head. Packets and book parcels numbered 12,060,600, of which 11,361,100 were posted within the Colony, or about 10 per head; while in 1858, the first year in which they were enumerated separately, there were only 68,564 packets and parcels. Postal cards were first introduced in 1876, when the number sent was 128,786; but in 1893 no less than 850,420 were posted within the Colony.

Equally marvellous progress has been made in regard to the means of postal communication with the United Kingdom and the Continents of Europe and America. Instead of the unsatisfactory ocean mail service of 1857, which brought nominally monthly mails with news 58 days old, there are now on an average nine or ten mails received and despatched every month. Of the seven steamship companies whose steamers carry mails, the Peninsula and Oriental and the Orient Company carry 90 per cent of the total mail matter, and the average time occupied in the conveyance of mails between London and Sydney by steamers belonging to these two companies is about 34 days, although mails have several times been delivered in 29 days.

The following table shows the operations of the Post Office in five year periods from 1855 to 1885, and annually from that date to the end of 1893, the latest date for which statistics are available:

Years.	Number of			Extent of Postal Lines: Miles				Miles Actually Travelled	Total Cost of Service	Total Income	Approximate Expenditure
	Post Offices	Receiving Offices	Pers'ns Employed	Rail, Train, and Steamer	Coach	Horse	Total				
1855	155	8	223	*	*	*	*	1,023,255	£45,412	£24,902	£60,221
1860	289	*	289	60½	1,757½	6,413	8,231	1,461,518	44,303	45,613	71,391
1865	435	*	513	140¾	2,528	9,323	11,992	2,521,212	49,840	70,985	83,659
1870	562	*	690	339	3,865	10,038	14,242	3,062,458	48,649	84,441	86,722
1875	752	7	967	435	5,407	11,829	17,671	3,787,757	138,912	107,761	196,368
1880	927	119	1,536	891	8,717	12,819	22,427	5,246,373	174,238	194,084	268,128
1885	1,115	202	2,155	1,797	11,736	13,150	26,683	6,621,996	226,105	316,172	375,965
1886	1,157	217	2,307	1,948	12,540	12,606	27,094	6,891,200	233,723	330,591	396,710
1887	1,167	263	2,363	2,074	13,305	12,135	27,514	7,015,600	264,886	342,094	426,587
1888	1,203	288	2,501	2,219	14,411	11,530	28,160	7,144,500	248,403	368,956	415,392
1889	1,261	305	2,650	2,263	14,914	11,541	28,718	7,299,400	212,725	395,584	393,609
1890	1,338	325	2,861	2,273	15,774	11,547	29,594	7,463,000	231,467	427,330	435,395
1891	1,384	344	3,754	3,085	16,370	11,802	31,257	8,235,000	207,357	443,878	424,378
1892	1,423	377	3,136	3,217	17,467	11,616	32,300	8,568,700	210,426	447,945	447,726
1893	1,423	404	†4,845	3,412	18,380	11,000	32,792	8,784,600	209,792	†755,918	†883,066

* Not recorded.
† All departments under control of Postmaster General.

The average cost per mile of the inland mail conveyance for 1893 was about 4⅜d as against 4 19/32d in 1892.

The following will give an idea of the magnitude of the work done by the Post Office of New South Wales:

Years.	Number of Letters		Number of Newspapers		Packets and Book Parcels		Postal Cards
	Beyond the Colony	Inland and Town	Beyond the Colony	Inland	Beyond the Colony	Inland	
1855	617,041	1,497,138	819,376	1,281,613	*	*	—
1860	868,746	3,362,015	910,478	2,758,305	12,196	71,540	—
1865	1,106,045	5,222,308	1,028,954	3,660,904	28,852	221,052	—
1870	1,103,200	5,980,300	1,206,600	2,608,100	36,700	121,000	—
1875	1,719,100	11,998,800	1,385,900	4,876,700	82,300	274,700	—
1880	2,776,000	18,956,500	2,381,200	11,409,800	146,600	565,000	153,360
1885	5,328,200	34,023,000	3,987,900	21,579,500	552,600	2,894,200	341,000
1886	5,582,700	37,267,200	4,276,300	25,256,100	865,800	3,983,000	348,700
1887	5,624,000	39,221,900	4,744,400	29,437,200	980,800	4,549,900	442,100
1888	6,202,800	42,783,200	5,255,000	28,500,400	1,041,600	5,560,300	520,920
1889	6,346,700	47,624,600	5,599,000	30,931,800	1,305,000	6,564,400	630,100
1890	8,109,600	54,908,400	6,949,900	33,647,300	2,214,300	6,725,300	677,400
1891	9,145,600	59,033,000	7,233,400	35,283,900	2,902,100	8,166,400	808,700
1892	11,549,600	65,025,800	9,529,300	35,991,200	3,274,900	9,105,300	827,360
1893	10,616,500	66,924,000	9,055,600	35,872,300	3,287,100	8,773,500	850,420

* Included with letters.

The progress exhibited by the preceding table is astonishing. In 1855 the total number of letters and newspapers, inland and foreign, was only a shade over two millions each, whereas in 1893 the number of letters had grown to seventy-seven and one-half millions, and the newspapers to nearly forty-five millions, without reckoning over twelve million packets and book parcels which, as before stated, were included with the letters in 1855.

An Inland and Intercolonial Parcels Post was provided for by the amending Postal Act of 1893, and operations were begun on October 1 of that year. The number of parcels passing through the post office during the last quarter of 1893 was 63,702, distributed as follows: Inland, 38,025; from and to other Australasian colonies, 6,240; and from and to places beyond Australasia, 197,437.

The following figures show the number of registered letters passing through the Post Office in each of the past ten years:

1884	321,447
1885	354,912
1886	388,573
1887	419,388
1888	555,207
1889	646,151
1890	780,202
1891	1,047,080
1892	1,075,241
1893	812,036

The falling off in the number of registered letters in 1893 was largely due to the operation of an Act which empowers the Postmaster General to prohibit the delivery of mail matter to promoters of lotteries, sweeps, etc.

The money order system was brought into operation in January, 1863, in which year there were issued three orders to every hundred persons in the community; in 1893 the number reached 44 per hundred, the total advancing from £53,862 to £1,615,885, while the value of orders paid rose from £40,875 to £1,556,238 during the same period. This increase is due mainly to the greater facilities now afforded for the transmission of money by this method, though it is also to some extent attributable to the more general appreciation of the money order system by the working classes of the community. The local single money orders are limited to £20, and the commission ranges from 6d to 2sh. To other Australasian Colonies single money orders are limited to £20, and the commission ranges from 6d to 4sh; while to other countries a single order is limited to £10, and the commission ranges from 1sh to 5sh, except to the Canadian Dominion, Ceylon, India, Germany, Italy, and the United States, the limit in these cases being £20, while the charges vary from 1sh to 10sh.

Besides the money orders a system of postal notes was inaugurated under Act 56, Vic. No. 31, and the first issue took place on October 1, 1893. The notes range in value from 1sh to 20sh, the price charged being 1d to 4d, and they may be exchanged between New South Wales and each of the other Australasian Colonies except Western Australia and New Zealand. For the three months of 1893 the total value of the notes paid in New South Wales was £26,965 13sh 10d, of which £25,478 17sh 10d represents the value of notes issued in the Colony, and £1,486 16sh the value of those issued in other Colonies. The amount of commission collected during this period was £549. The transactions under this head will somewhat reduce the volume of the business in money orders; in fact the falling off in 1893 is partly due to the adoption of the postal note system.

The Post Office Savings Bank was established in 1871. Sums of one shilling and any multiple of that amount may be deposited. The general rate of interest is four per cent. The following table shows the number of depositors and the amount of deposits for 1891, 1892, and 1893:

	Depositors.	Amounts.
1891	94,520	£2,153,463
1892	101,668	2,354,086
1893	114,070	3,233,289

The telegraph is also under the direction of the Postmaster General. The first line was opened to the public on January 26, 1858, being 22 miles in length and reaching from Sydney to Liverpool. From this small beginning the system has increased until in 1893 there were 724 stations in the Colony and 12,097 miles of line open, carrying 27,326 miles of wire in actual use.

The number of telegrams received and transmitted during 1893, inland telegrams being counted once only, amounted to 2,763,546, or nearly 2½ for every individual of the population. The number of telephone connections in the Colony at the end of 1893 was 2,957, the length of telephone wire was 540 miles, and the rental received by the department during the year was £16,320.

AUCTION SALES.

The fag end of the season shows no alarming bargains in the way of purchases or sales and from a review of the catalogues it would seem as though the stamps put up were principally of the "job lot" order. However, we append a few of the prices realized at the sales of Ventom, Bull & Cooper at London, Eng., on June 13 and 14 and of the Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, on June 23. Scott's catalogue has been used as the guide for catalogue values, and the use of the asterisk (*) indicates unused.

VENTOM, BULL & COOPER, LONDON, JUNE 13, 14.

U. S., 1869, complete set, 6 and 10c torn, others fine, Scott $28.97	$14.27
Periodical, $6, blue, slight nick,* Scott $8.50	4.73
N. Y., 5c black, Scott $10	6.21
Barbadoes, first issue, half of 1d blue used as ½d on part cover	11.17
1d on half 5sh, Scott $20	36 03
Bergedorf, 4sch brown, guaranteed, Scott $25	10.92
Bremen, 7gr yellow imperf. o. c. Scott's $12.50	24.83
Br. Columbia, 50c violet and rose, perf. 12½ Scott $10	9.93
Cape of Good Hope, 4d light blue, wood block, Scott $12.50	13.03
Ceylon, first issue, 4d rose imperf.* Scott $60	42.25
—— 8d brown, imperf. large margins, Scott $50	50.94
—— 2sh blue, imperf. thin, Scott $22.50	28.58
Finland, 5p black on buff and 10p brown on lilac,* slightly torn, errors, Scott $110	149.10
Great Britain, 1sh green, imperf. plate 2, hair lines, large margins,*	10.92
2sh brown, Scott $10	13.03
India, 1866, Service, 2a black on violet, Scott $17.50	14.15
Mauritius, 1d red, postpaid, early state of plate showing both vertical and diagonal lines,	44.74
2d blue, horizontal, Greek border, pair,*	64.61
Montserrat, 4d blue, wmk. crown and C. A. Scott $25	17.40
New Brunswick, 6d yellow,* Scott $20	32.31
Newfoundland, 6½d carmine-red, mended, Scott $45	13.65
New South Wales, Sydney Views, plate 1, 1d red, mint state,*	64.61
New Zealand, first issue, 2d blue, star, pin perf.	22.37
1872, 1d brown, N. Z., pair	159.05

NEVIS, first issue, 4d rose, slight crease, Scott $20 . . . . . $11.42
—— 6d grey,* perf. cut, Scott $12.50 . . . 9.44
—— 1sh green, Scott $10 . . . . . 8.45
second issue, 1sh green, slight oxi, Scott $7.50 . . . . . 7.95
NOVA SCOTIA, half of 6d light green used on 3d, o. c. 13.65
PORTUGAL, first issue, 100r, lilac,* Scott $75 . 24.83
—— same, used, Scott $12 . . . . . 8.94
ST. VINCENT, first issue, 4d orange, Scott $7 . 10.92
TOBAGO, 6d bistre, wmk. C. C. 11.97
TRINIDAD, 1858, 1d blue, litho., Scott $14 . . . 54.68
1859, 6d green, imperf Scott $12.50 . . . 14.91
TUSCANY, 9c violet on white paper, Scott $15 . 14.39
QUEENSLAND, first issue, 1d carmine, imperf.* 18.64
VIRGIN ISLANDS, 1867, 6d perf. 15,* Scott $25 37.27
1867, 1sh carmine and black, single border,* Scott $15 . . . . . 18.01

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UNITED STATES.

1847. 10c black, light red cancellation, Scott $3.50 . . . . . $4.50
10c black, vertical pair, large margins, 7.60
1855-60. 5c dark brown, with projections, Scott $2 . . . . . 2.00
30c, connected at left with ¼ of another stamp, without perf. between, Scott, $4.50 . . . . . 2.25
1861. 3c pink, Scott $6 . . . . . 4.50
1869. 15c, no frame,* o. g. uneven centre, Scott $5 . . . . . 2.70
15c, framed, orig. cov. Scott $1.50 . 1.35
24c, perfect centre,* Scott $10 . . . . 10.50
30c, uneven centre, Scott $3 . . . . . 2.10
90c, fine color, poor centre, Scott $12.50 7.80
CARRIER, New York, 3c green glazed, creased, Scott $25 . . . . . 7.25
Baltimore, 1c, Horseman,* Scott $7 . . . 2.00
Boston, Penny Post Paid, orig. cov. Scott $10 . . . . . 9.00
LOCALS, Louisville, Wharton's U. S. P. O. D. blue-green,* o. g. Scott $20 . . . . . 16.25
City Despatch Post, 3c on white Scott $10 6.50
PERIODICALS, 5c blue, white border, Scott $2 . 1.25
DEPARTMENTS, *Justice*, 30c o. g. Scott $10 . 17.00
Navy, 90c, Scott $6 . . . . . 3.60
State, 90c, uneven, penmarked, Scott $5.50 2.30
$2, perf. cut into, Scott $12 . . . . 10.60
War, 7c.* Scott $1.50 . . . . . 2.30
REVENUES, 60c, orange, unperf. strip of four, Scott $2.40 . . . . . 7.00
1c blue and black, inverted med. Scott $10 7.05
50c blue and black, inverted med. Scott $10 8.10

ANTIOQUIA, 1868, 2½c blue, Scott $65 . . . . 35.25
—— 5c green, Scott $75 . . . . . 30.00
BADEN, 1851, 1kr buff, o. g.* Scott $15 . . . . 8.75
BAHAMAS, 1850, 1p, pale lake, Scott $20 . . . 8.00
CANADA, 1870, 1c red-brown, laid paper, Scott $14 . . . . . 9.10
FRANCE, 1852, 1fr. strip of five, orig. cov. Scott $17.50 . . . . . 15.00
GIBRALTAR, 1886, 1sh bistre,* Scott $8.50 . . . 8.75
HANOVER, 1861, 10g green, red gum, Scott $13.50 9.25
NEVIS, 1867, 4p orange, light cancel, Scott $5 5.00
NEWFOUNDLAND, 4p orange, Scott $45 . . . . 14.50
NEW SOUTH WALES, 1851-3, 2p blue, second type, vertical pair on blue ribbed paper . 5.80
—— 8p orange, blue ribbed paper 7.75
QUEENSLAND, 1883, £1 green, crown and Q, sideways,* Scott $8.50 . . . . . 5.00
1894, £1 large crown and Q,* Scott $9 . . 5.50
1861, Registered, yellow,* Scott $7.50 . . 4.75
TURKS ISLAND, 1893, ½p on 4p gray, unsevered pair,* Scott $24 . . . . . 13.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS, 1867, 1sh, col. border,* Scott $5 . . . . . 5.00
1887, 4p on 1sh, pair,* Scott $6.50 . . . . 12.20
WEST AUSTRALIA, 6p bronze, rouletted uneven cut to shape top and sides 7.00

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 3.

H. B. PHILLIPS.

Mr. H. B. Phillips, the California candidate for vice-presidency of the American Philatelic Association, was born in Rhode Island in 1850 and moved to California in 1863. He was educated for the profession of school-teaching, supplemented by a business and technical education in the manufacture of redwood lumber. He has been in times past agent of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and Wells, Fargo & Co., and has also served as Postmaster. He is now connected with the Caspar Lumber Co. of San Francisco, and has a beautiful home in Berkeley, California. He first began as an ordinary stamp collector in 1865 or 1866, but soon abandoned the chase, and in 1874 generously gave away his entire collection. He took no further interest in the matter until 1884, when he began making a general collection, but not finding sufficient time to devote to generalizing, restricted his field to the United States, making a specialty of entire envelopes and Western Franks, and in the latter can be classed as an advanced specialist with a collection creditable to the title. In fact it is asserted that Mr. Phillips has the largest and finest collection of Western Franks on the Pacific Coast.

POSTAL DICTIONARY OF THE WORLD.

A postal dictionary has been published in the French language by the International Postal Union. It contains the names of all the post offices in the world, 203,200. Everything, from Aa, an office in Norway, to Zywice, in Austria, is given. Even our own little Uz, in Texas, is there. In names of offices and places this book furnishes many amusing incidents. For instance, Tombstone is given as in "Territoire du Arezonie;" Las Vegas, "Territoire du Nouveau Mexique;" West Virginia is "Virginie Occidentale;" South Dakota is "Dakota du Sud," and North Dakota is "Dakota du Nord," and the District of Columbia is "District de Columbie, Etats-Unis d'Amerique." Here can be found the offices of Hell-for-Sarten, Yuba-Dam; plain, everyday Hell, in Norway; Kissme, in Montana; Who, in Texas; Hells-Half-Acre, in Dakota; Breckinridge in several places, but Trilby is not in it. — *Postal Record.*

WHAT CONSTITUTES A LETTER.

Most people have supposed that anything sealed against inspection and delivered to the post office constituted in effect a "letter," which at the regulation rate of two cents postage per ounce the mail service would be

obliged to forward to its destination. So far as the domestic service is concerned this supposition may be correct, and would seem to be implied by the wording of official decisions, which declare that "all matter sealed or otherwise closed against inspection is also of the first class." But with the foreign mail service at least the condition is different. A provision in the postal treaty specifies that letters "in their usual and ordinary form" are to be forwarded at a given rate. Just what constitutes this "usual and ordinary form" has not till now been defined and officially declared, and this is the way in which the definition was brought out:

A Boston architect offered at the post office in the city a sealed roll, addressed to the commissioner of patents at Ottawa, on which the proper amount of postage at letter rates had been paid. The clerk in charge of the window declined to receive the roll as a letter; and, on the matter being referred to him, Postmaster Coveney decided that the term letter is to be construed to mean and embrace sealed packages consisting of an envelope of any size, but flat, as is the usual letter. The objector did not think that this ruling and definition of a letter was correct, and gave his opinion that a letter "was a package containing personal matter of no salable value." The matter being referred to the authorities at Washington for decision, the superintendent of foreign mails in due time forwarded a decision, embodying the joint opinions of Canadian and American postal authorities to the effect that "the term letter, in its usual and ordinary form, is to be construed to embrace sealed packages consisting of an envelope of any size, but of the usual letter shape and its contents, but that rolls or a package not inclosed in an 'envelope,' as the word envelope is generally used, cannot be considered to be 'a letter in its usual and ordinary form.' A sealed package in the form of a roll is, therefore, not entitled to transmission in the mails exchanged between the United States and Canada, and your office was correct in declining to receive the sealed roll mentioned." This would seem to settle the matter as to what constitutes a letter within the meaning of our postal treaties. — *Paper World.*

A DOUBLE DELIVERY STAMP.

The United States Post Office Department has had in view the issuing of a double stamp to be sold for three cents, one-half of which could be affixed to a letter for mailing and the other half inclosed in the letter for a reply; but if the Government failed to make this stamp more successful than the double postal card has been, the cost of engraving, let alone printing, would not be met. The question would also arise in the minds of philatelists as to the sense of fitness of this issue. Would the four S's declare it unnecessary and speculative? Another scheme contemplated by the Department is the extension of second-class rates to large business houses which use a considerable amount of postage during a year, the embryotic idea being to allow a rebate on all amounts expended for postage above a certain figure. At the present time the revenue derived from the sale of postage stamps and postal cards does not meet the expenditures of the offices of the Postal Service, and a further reduction of rates on these lines seems to be absurd. It is undoubtedly the fact that ever since the advent of the present administration business has been falling off, and its effect is felt severely in all departments, especially in the Post Office Department. The chief support of this branch of the Government service is the business house, and a retrenchment on its part has reduced the revenue of the Department seven per cent, a total loss of $9,243,945 during the year 1894. To regain this loss the Postmaster General seems disposed to call in the aid of the philatelist by issuing a number of minor varieties which will bring in an immense amount of money. We have endeavored to learn the number of new $1 stamps issued without watermark without success, but we are assured that there is a sufficient number to supply all dealers with a large stock, and as soon as they are disposed of, or before, if the hint is not taken quickly enough, the new watermarked $1 will be put on the market. If the United States intends going in for speculative issues, let it go the full length and issue a new series every year.

UNITED STATES STAMPS, ISSUE OF 1894-5.

To correct a statement made in the annual report of the Post Office Department for 1894, and on page 941 of the postal guide for January, 1895, it is stated that there is no longer issued a 3c newspaper and periodical stamp. The series now consist of 12 denominations, with figures and colors as follows:

Denom	Col	Figure	Denom	Col	Figure
1c	Black	America	$2	Orange	Victory
2c	Black	America	5	Blue	Clio
5c	Black	America	10	Green	Vesta
10c	Black	America	20	Slate	Peace
25c	Pink	Astræa	50	Carmine	Commerce
50c	Pink	Astræa	100	Purple	Indian

Those from 1c to 10c inclusive are of the same design. The numerals in the upper corners are of the same size in the 1, 2, and 5c denominations; the 1c and 5c are shaded dark on the lower half, while the 2c and 10c are white faced. The 10c numerals are condensed to fill the same space as given to the smaller denominations, and the style of the numerals is slightly different from those on the

lower denominations. The foregoing present the statue of America by Crawford, which surmounts the dome of the capitol building. It is the same subject and size as that on the lower denominations of the supplanted series, but with a full-face front view, while the old series gave a three-quarter presentation with profile to the right. The words "U. S. Postage" at the top are in white block letters upon an arched line, and "Newspapers" on the left and "Periodicals" on the right are in straight vertical lines; the denominations at the bottom are in white Roman letters, and there is foliate ornamentation in the lower corners of these stamps. The upper border line of the 25c and 50c stamps is broken by two indentations, separating that border into three equal parts, and the side inscriptions follow a curved line upon a scroll. The dimensions of the stamps below the $2 denomination are $\frac{7}{32}$ by $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. The remaining — dollars — stamps are of the same size as the retired series, that is to say, $\frac{15}{16}$ by $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. This new series was first issued February 19, 1895.

The ordinary postage stamps of all denominations are now being printed and issued in the modified design of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, as follows:

Denom	Face	Color	Date of Issue
1c	Franklin	Blue	October 10, 1894
2c	Washington	Carmine	October 5, 1894
3c	Jackson	Purple	September 24, 1894
4c	Lincoln	Velvet Brown	September 11, 1894
5c	Grant	Light Brown	September 28, 1894
6c	Garfield	Light Maroon	July 18, 1894
8c	Sherman	Lilac	March 25, 1895
10c	Webster	Malori Green	September 17, 1894
10c	S. D. Messenger Boy	Blue	October 10, 1894
15c	Clay	Deep Blue	October 15, 1894
50c	Jefferson	Orange	November 1, 1894
$1	Perry	Black	November 15, 1894
$2	Madison	Sapphire Blue	December 10, 1894
$5	Marshall	Gray Green	December 10, 1894

The new postage due stamps are of the brown color of the old series, but of a reduced size — that is to say, $\frac{2}{3}\frac{3}{2}$ by $\frac{7}{8}$-inch. They were first issued on the following dates:

1c August 14, 1894
2c July 20, 1894
3c April 27, 1895
5c April 27, 1895
10c September 24, 1894
30c April 27, 1895
50c April 27, 1895

The following ordinary stamps are now being issued upon watermarked paper with the letters "U. S. P. S."

1c since April 29, 1895
2c since May 2, 1895
4c since June 5, 1895
5c since June 11, 1895
10c since June 7, 1895

OLD TIME POSTAGE RATES.

The older generations of those now living have witnessed the gradual reduction in postage from prices which used to greatly restrict correspondence and so save a good deal of time, of more or less value. Younger generations will be interested to know what it cost in 1800 to send long letters, seven to the week.

Every letter composed of a single sheet of paper conveyed not exceeding 40 miles, 8 cents. Over 40 miles and not exceeding 150 miles, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Over 150 miles and not exceeding 300 miles, 17 cents. Over 300 miles and not exceeding 500 miles, 20 cents. Over 500 miles, 25 cents.

Every letter composed of two pieces of paper, double those rates. Every letter composed of three pieces of paper, triple those rates. Every letter composed of four pieces of paper weighing 1 oz., quadruple those rates, and at the rate of four single letters for each ounce any letter or packet may weigh.

It will be observed that the interest of the post office ceased at the distance of about 550 miles, for the advancing of the scale stops at 500. In the year 1800, the Union was only 24 years old, and nobody, at least very few persons, had gone West to grow up with the country. A letter can now be sent to San Francisco for two cents, but the gold fever in California did not break out till 1849 and the first transcontinental railroad was not built until after the war of the Rebellion began.

IN PHILATELIA.

The 10c of Fernando Po has been issued in claret.

The official forgeries of Sirmoor have been placed in circulation.

The post cards of Belgium are now sold to the public in uncut sheets.

The 20l carmine, Athens print, of Greece, has been issued perforated 14.

The 10l post card of Greece has been issued in pink on grey-blue watermarked paper.

The 50c unpaid letter stamps of France have been issued in a new color.

The unpaid 1c of Holland has appeared in black and ultramarine in two types.

The St. Antonio stamps have been surcharged "Açores," in small capitals, for use in the Azores.

A copy of the first issue 10l, Greece, Paris Print, has been found with the figures on the back, reading "0 1."

A 2p grey and rose of the unpaid stamps of Bavaria has been issued with the same design as others of the set.

The 20c orange is a new issue of Italy with figures of value in top corners and in the centre of the bottom of the stamp.

The soldiers' and seamen's envelopes of India have been surcharged in black, in old English type "One (crown) anna" in a curve over the old value.

A 1sh violet, Watermarked Crown C C, perforated 14, of Barbadoes has been discovered divided vertically and used as 6d by the *Monthly Journal* of London, Eng.

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THE TWO CENT OF 1894-5.

Several foreign philatelists, with some show of reason, have insisted that the United States Columbian issue belongs to the speculative class, basing their opinion upon the official utterances of the Postmaster General, who declared in his annual report that stamp collectors and dealers would be among the best customers for the stamps, especially as they would be in current use for one year only. This was evidently the opening wedge, for since the Columbian issue the variety of stamps sent out by the Government has been startling, to say the least.

When the issue of Columbians was exhausted the Post Office Department reproduced the 1890 issue with a triangular ornament, creating a new stamp for the philatelist to add to his album. On October 5, 1894, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began practising on the 2c carmine, producing a pale variety which bids fair to rival the famous pink of 1861. This was such a failure from a printer's standpoint that it was recalled and thus became a success from a collector's standpoint. Not many of this issue were saved, and apparently acting in the interests of philately, the Government concluded to try its hand with varieties. A darker shade was issued retaining the "lined triangles" and was followed by a still darker shade with open triangles; thus the "variety collector" had a chance to map out a new page in his "advanced album."

Suddenly a counterfeit was discovered in Chicago and the Seebecks of the Post Office Department seized the opportunity to create new terrors. A watermarked paper was introduced and, note the pretty scheme, the letters U. S. P. S. were adopted, one letter to be on the back of each stamp; that, of course, made four minor varieties, but this did not satisfy those in charge of our Government's speculative issues, and three varieties of triangles were reproduced, the "fine line," the "coarse line," and the "no line," and now, to cap the climax, comes the announcement that the color of the two cent is to be changed.

If this does not indicate a speculative fever in the Post Office Department (or it may be in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing), it suggests that the Government cannot compete with private enterprise in the manufacture of its postage stamps.

It may be claimed that these varieties are legitimate, that the stamps are in daily use by the public, that the Government sells them and accepts them when affixed to letters and packages for transmission through the mails. The same claim may consistently be made for

the Seebecks and other speculative issues; they are sold by the Government and are accepted when used for postage; the public purchases them and when affixed to mail matter they become legitimate and collectible. Why not?

We do not believe in Seebecks when sold in an unused condition and we do not believe in the Columbian issue when sold in a similar way, and the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps cannot maintain its position until it declares the Columbian issue of the United States an issue for speculative purposes. We doubt its courage and, therefore, do not expect any such announcement.

THE CONVENTION.

The American Philatelic Association has met in convention and has elected its presiding officers for the ensuing year. A brave fight was made for Davison and Phillips, but the combination of Kissinger and Tiffany was too much for the reform element and it had to take a back seat. We regret the introduction of Tammany tactics into the affairs of this association, and we believe that the interests of philatelists could be best served by the election of Davison and Phillips. However, the deed is done and we must make the best of it. President Tiffany deserves our hearty congratulations upon his victory, and we hope he will do something this year to bring the association into a front rank. Our more than hearty congratulations are showered upon Secretary Kissinger. We believe that he will fill this office as ably and acceptably as any of his predecessors, and we like his election, as it is a merited recognition of the younger element in philately.

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,, 1d rose 06
,, 2½d blue 20
,, 4d gray 30
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,, 1d red, C. A., 1889 14
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,, 1sh purple, C. A. 38
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The contest will remain open until September 1, and the contestants will be listed in the June, July, and August issues. All names of subscribers and the money for subscriptions must be in our hands not later than September 1. Every 30 cents will count as one subscriber, whether in payment of one year's subscription or in extending a person's own subscription. The only other condition is that those competing for the first three prizes must secure at least five new subscribers.

CONTESTANTS.

Up to the day of going to press, the following is the standing of those who are contesting for the above prizes:

W. W. Randall, New York 392
Irving G. Ellenwood, Malden 281
Frank S. Drown, Boston 236
W. G. Grundy, Boston 104
H. G. A. Kilborne, Boston 63
Bessie Hilton, Boston 27

PHILATELIC PERSONALITIES.

BY BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

We are in receipt of diminutive photographs of Louis J. Kramer and Every Paget. The young gentlemen look like philatelic hustlers.

Philately is on the boom in Colorado this year. Perhaps it is only on account of the P. S. of A. convention being held there, but our "woolly west" boys will do well to keep up the good work.

Robert M. Bettesworth, the hustling young Chicago philatelist, is employed in the real estate office of Mather & Gravelle, Chicago and Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Irving E. Patterson, of Wyandotte, Mich., will probably remove to Guelph, Ont., this fall. "Pat" and Bro. Gailbraith will probably enjoy themselves together after they get acquainted.

We hear that while W. H. Kessler, Jr., was on his vacation up the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers, he made some very large catches of fish. In fact, some were so large as to sound like fish stories.

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,, 1882	5	.18
Honduras 1865	2	.08
,, 1878	7	.45
,, 1892	10	.45
Paraguay 1884	3	.12
Porto Rico 1881	6	.20
,, ,, 1892	6	.10
,, ,, 1894	4	.05
Salvador 1890	9	.45
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,, 1893, 2, 5 and 10 pesos	3	.45
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,, 1883, Esculas	5	.10
,, Columbus '93, 25c		.12
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Confederate 2c rose 18c each, pair for		.35
New Brunswick 10c or 17c each		.18
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Some one was so thoughtless as to remark there are no counterfeit detectors in Chicago. I am confident there is a gentleman in Chicago who can detect the genuineness of a stamp as readily and as accurately as any of the more extensively advertised detectors. Mr. S. B. Bradt has never been known, as far as I can ascertain, to err in his decisions. He has had many years of experience both as a collector and dealer, and when he gives his opinion it has weight. Mr. Bradt is also an author. It is to be regretted, however, that he no longer contributes to the philatelic press. He is a perfect gentleman, a staunch friend, an advocate of fair play, and ever ready to do anything to further the pursuit of stamp collecting. Several years ago Mr. Bradt withdrew from the political field. He considers a dealer devoid of right of office in any philatelic society, and I admire his views in that respect. Mr. Bradt is member Number One of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Speaking to a collector not long ago, he informed me that he had an almost complete collection of United States Revenue Stamps. Taking my arm and leading me to the edge of the sidewalk, he told me in a tragic whisper that he was going to "unload" as soon as possible, and if I knew of a prospective buyer to bring him around. I suggested to him that fisco-philately was just awakening, and that, confidentially, I expected prices to go up several hundred per cent within the next few years. He averred that just so soon as the collectors get into the revenue field, every vault, safe, box, attic, and other receptacle for "old stuff" will be thoroughly searched; and, as a consequence, the market will be flooded with revenues. His reasonings may hold good for a short time, but before 1900 revenues will at least triple in value. Some good revenue stamps now go for a mere pittance, but the present low prices will hold only a short time. Almost every American collector, and it seems many foreign ones, have become inoculated with the revenue fever, and a few years will work wonders.

That Mr. Eugene Field is a philatelist, or of a philatelic turn of mind, is demonstrated by the often quite favorable mention given the pursuit in his daily column of "Sharps and Flats" in the *Chicago Record.*

Absolute specialism seems to be making rapid advancement, yet I can see no reason why I should dispose of my stamps of every country except one. I am a general collector, yet devote my attention to completing a few countries, and add every specimen to that country that I can. If I get one country completed

and studied, I go on to another, returning occasionally with a new variety and refreshing my memory.

Riding up the Boulevard not long since on my "wheel" in a rather negligent manner, a young lady on another "wheel" came rapidly around a corner, and, presto! ere I had time to look up, we had collided, and both had been thrown off. Noticing blood upon her forehead, as soon as I could collect myself I hastened to her side and inquired if she was badly hurt. "Slightly peeled on the forehead," she replied, "but otherwise a perfect specimen." I bound my handkerchief around her wound and proceeded to collect our wheels. I noticed the front wheel of her bicycle was bent and the tire was limp. I examined it and found it was a "pin perforation." The doctor pronounced the wound not serious, and said she would be all right in a few days. During my frequent visits to inquire of her condition, I discovered she was a philatelist—a general collector with a well filled album. Her name was Miss ——; but I am wandering, I fear, from my subject. 'T was not an ordinary occurrence.

PHILATELIC PERSONALITIES.

BY BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

P. E. Moody, a prominent Detroit philatelist, recently sold his fine collection to the Detroit Stamp Company.

The writer recently made a very pleasant visit to John W. Taylor and the Capper Bros., at Detroit.

Chas. G. Hart, the genial publisher of the *Pipestone Philatelist*, is greatly interested in wheeling and baseball. He is also a reporter for the *Pipestone Daily Star*, a copy of which we have received.

It is with pleasure that we announce the forthcoming marriage of Mr. Chas. Denison and Miss Ida Fobes. Mr. Denison is a philatelist, only locally known, but he is an ardent one. We wish him much happiness.

The resignation of F. S. Fox from the secretaryship of the P. S. of A. was quite a surprise. Some think that this move and the subsequent appointment of W. H. Barnum was a scheme to help the campaign of the latter.

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Ere these notes appear in print, all the elections will probably be over. At the present writing, however, everything is in a turmoil, and it is very doubtful who will be the lucky winners. Let us hope that the best men are selected.

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Upon the initiative of the German postal authorities, negotiations have been opened by the German Government with the other members of the International postal union relative to the issue of an international postage stamp. Almost all the various countries, except the United States, have, in principle, assented to this project. An official conference of the powers interested will soon be called to discuss the bases of the proposed measure. Among other advantages would be the great facility offered by such a stamp for the payment of small bills and accounts in foreign countries.

During the year ending March 31, 1894, the increase in the number of letters, cards, newspapers, parcels, etc., delivered in the United Kingdom was 2.4 per cent over the preceding year; the largest increase was found in book packages, circulars, and samples, being 7.3 per cent. The average number of deliveries to each person, of all classes considered above, was 74.1. The express delivery service is being continuously developed; it has now been made international with the chief countries of the continent, as well as with some countries of South America. The advantages of this service are not confined to the transmission of letters. "An instance occurred a few months ago, when a young woman who had lost her way applied at the Swiss Cottage post office, and was safely conducted for the sum of 3d, by a special messenger, to Hampstead, where a receipt for her was duly obtained." There is a steady growth in the telegraphic money orders; the increase being 33 per cent last year. The British public finds occasion to send through the post office by money orders about two hundred millions of dollars per year. There is also an increase in the business of the post office savings bank. The total amount, including interest at the end of 1893, was £80,597,641 — an increase of nearly £5,000,000 during the year. The amount of stock investment business is also increasing. A million and a half pounds was invested in the year, and the number of stockholders is now a little over 69,000. The annuity business does not show much increase, and it is asserted that this method of providing for old age by regular annual payments does not find much favor with the industrial classes.

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1214.	PC28.	2c red and green, white	,,	0.10
1215.	PC28.	3c verm. and green, white,	,,	0.10
	PC30.	2c red and green, cream	*no cat.*	0.15
	PC30.	3c verm. and green, cream	,,	0.15
	PC30.	3c verm. and red, cream	,,	0.15
	PC30.	3c ,, ,, ,, variety	,,	0.15
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	PC33.	3c vermilion and red, cream	,,	0.15
1228.	PC33.	5c ultramar. and red, white	0.25	0.12
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		1895, Provisional, no value, green, cream,	,,	0.15
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		1895, Provisional, no value, green, white	,,	0.15
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1889,	10c scarlet	0.25	0.12
1889,	12c scarlet	0.25	0.15
1889,	20c scarlet	0.40	0.20
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THE ELECTIONS.

After the storm the calm. The beautiful white-robed goddess of Harmony has settled down among the warring factions; all has been forgiven — in public — and the two leading philatelic societies have resolved to be good and to do good until the next time. The bitter animosity shown at Clayton and the dire threats of revenge heard at Denver have had the effect of making the judicious grieve, but the feeling of contempt for dirty political tactics has had ample time to quiet down to a "Well, it's really too bad, but we must make the best of it."

Agitators and reformers are scarcely ever held in good repute, especially after they have been beaten; but the element of reform which has entered into the American Philatelic Association is destined to live and become a factor during the coming year. The officers, re-elected and new alike, are on trial and unless they improve on old methods an overturn will occur in 1896 which may prove fatal to the interests of the science of philately. We accept the results of the conventions; not because we think they represent the will of the members, but because we cannot help ourselves. We are in the position of the public of New York when Boss Tweed remarked: "Well, what are you going to do about it?" We bow to the inevitable, but mentally resolve to fortify ourselves for next year.

The inside history of the political methods adopted at the A. P. A. convention has yet to be written. An inkling of it was shown at the meetings, but the immense power wielded by the leaders was sufficient to sponge the remarks from the records, so that the unfortunate many who were not present will be unable to understand the true inwardness of the reform movement. Still, we think that the better class of philatelic journals will not let the matter drop into a cavity, but will do their uttermost to make it possible to remove the incubi which has fastened on the older society and which will result in its speedy dissolution unless destroyed. Heroic measures are necessary and will undoubtedly be used another year.

THE CONVENTION OF THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.

(Reported expressly for THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST.)

BY HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY.

The third annual Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America was held at Denver, Colorado, August 27, 1895, at 11 A.M., in the banquet rooms of the Albany Hotel, with President C. E. Severn in the chair. After the opening address by the President, Oney K. Carstarphen was unanimously elected acting secretary, and the President appointed the following committees: Credentials — Potter, Fritz, and Beard; Rules — Davis, Althen, and Brodstone; Finance — Wilkinson, Engel, and Thurston; Exchange and Purchasing — Harrington, Bradley, and Warren; Official Journal — Kissinger, Plummer, and Rhone; Library — Fritz, Metzler, and Wilkinson; Branch Societies — Plummer, Robinson, and Bradley; Constitution and By-Laws — Beardsley, Severn, Kissinger, Pierce, Althen, and Potter; Banquet, Photograph, etc. — Zahn, Carstarphen, and Engel.

The polls closed at noon, and the ballots and proxies were turned over to the Committee on Credentials and a recess taken until seven o'clock in the evening. During the morning telegrams of good wishes were read from the Rushford, Minn., members (also requesting the selection of Minneapolis for the 1896 convention seat), and from Secretary Barnum; letters from Every Paget, regretting his absence; from W. F. Gregory of the National Philatelic Society, requesting the coöperation of the P. S. of A. in petitioning the government to place on public sale the periodical and due stamps.

The evening session was called to order at 7.35 and adjourned in five minutes, owing to the fact that the Committee on Credentials was unable to report. The convention reconvened at 9.30 A.M., Wednesday, and adjourned until 2 P.M. to receive the report of the Credential Committee, who were still unable to report; however, at 2 o'clock they came into the convention room and announced the result of their labors as follows:

President, C. W. Kissinger.
Vice-President, S. M. Hamilton.
Vice-President (Canada), W. S. Weatherston.
Secretary, W. H. Barnum.
Treasurer, L. W. Mott.
International Secretary, Frank H. Drown.
Librarian, Alfred Becker.
Exchange Superintendent, L. T. Brodstone.
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Advertising and Subscription Agent, J. Edwards.
Official Editor, H. C. Beardsley.

Trustees: { H. F. Bartels, H. Moella, W. L. MacMullin, } Portland, Oregon.

The report of the secretary, which was read by President Severn, exhibited a paid-up membership of over 900. The report of the treasurer showed the society to have $9.49 in the treasury. Report of the exchange superintendent was read by Mr. Brodstone: 350 sheets sent in valued at $1,358.43; sales, $351.07; sheets returned, $836.61; on hand, $521.82. The report of the Attorney was read by Mr. Carstarphen and was as follows: At last report, 8 claims amounting to $64.13; received during past year, 503 claims amounting to $1,212.34. It was found upon examination that 37 claims valued at $87.68 were worthless, which left 484 claims to be collected valued at $1,188.79. Of this number 249 were collected and $647.97 realized; the balance, 235 ($540.82), had not been collected at time of report.

Report of resident Vice-President of Colorado, J. E. Zahn, was well received and showed a large membership in the State. The report of the resident Vice-President of New York was read by Mr. Kissinger, and that of Nebraska was read by the resident Vice-President, E. H. Wilkinson. The reports were referred to the various committees, and the convention adjourned until 9 A.M., Thursday, when the question of the 1896 convention seat was taken up, Minneapolis being selected. The reports of various committees were received and the committees discharged. After passing resolutions of respect to the deceased members an adjournment was taken until 2 P.M. The last session was called to order at 2 o'clock, and after the reading of the minutes the reports of the Finance and Exchange Committees were received and the committees discharged. Owing to the fact that there were not two thirds of the members present or represented, no changes could be made in the Constitution and By-Laws, and on the motion of Mr. Beardsley the committee was continued with instructions to make such changes as were deemed necessary and submit them to a mail vote of the society.

After a hearty vote of thanks had been extended to the Denver members of the P. S. of A., the Queen City Philatelic Society, the press, and the Chamber of Commerce, for courtesies received, the convention adjourned to meet at or in the vicinity of Minneapolis in August, 1896.

Some forty members attended the banquet which was held in the Albany, and every blessed one enjoyed a delicious menu. President Severn was the toastmaster, on either side of

whom sat President-elect Kissinger and Mr. Beardsley. After a very enjoyable evening the members dispersed to their homes feeling that Denver was a great place and that the Denver people were the best on earth.

NOTES.

The Denver boys are a fine lot of young fellows, and they devoted themselves to us body and soul.

Messrs. Kissinger, Beardsley, and Bradley were guests of Oney Carstarphen and family; Severn, Beard, Althen, Potter, Fritz, Rhone, and others were at the Albany, and the rest were scattered around among friends.

The "Brewery Boys" is a new organization formed in Denver. Joe Beard is President; A. E. Fritz, Secretary, and H. C. Beardsley only private.

A large photograph was made of the members present on the Capitol steps Wednesday afternoon.

The "Big 5" was organized at this convention. It comprises Kissinger, Severn, Beamish, Carstarphen, and Beardsley. They held 217 proxies, more than one half of the whole number.

The press was represented by Ed. H. Wilkinson, *Jewett's Weekly Era;* C. W. Kissinger, *Pennsylvania Philatelist;* Roy B. Bradley, *Lone Star State Philatelist;* J. E. Zahn, *Rocky Mountain Stamp;* and H. C. Beardsley, BAY STATE PHILATELIST, *International Philatelist,* and *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.*

Clarence Thurston, one of the brightest of the young collectors present, is a son of Senator Thurston of Nebraska.

Handsome Ed. Plummer, he of the curly locks, was chairman of the Ladies' Reception Committee, and was kept busy during the convention.

The first and only motion made by Mr. Beamish was to allow the ladies to attend the banquet. It is needless to say this made him the most popular man present — with the ladies.

Oney Carstarphen made many friends by his urbanity and efforts to create a good time for everybody, and if he becomes a candidate again for office he will be able to number among the delegates present a great many ardent supporters who have hitherto been opposed to him.

Charles Beamish did not arrive until about noon on Wednesday, owing to a washout on the Union Pacific.

The sleepless ones, Beard, Potter, and Fritz, of the Credential Committee, worked twenty-six hours without any sleep — so they claim; but, alas! the policemen around the Albany say differently.

American Philatelic Press Association.

A meeting was held in Denver, Wednesday, August 28, at which was organized the American Philatelic Press Association, with the object of devising means for the protection of publishers and writers. The following officers were elected: President, Charles E. Severn; Vice-President, C. W. Kissinger; Secretary-Treasurer, H. C. Beardsley; and Attorney, John R. Keech. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution which will be acted upon later. Circular letters will be sent to all publishers and writers within a few days by the secretary, and it is hoped that all will join in the good work of weeding out all fraudulent advertisers, etc.

Queen City Philatelic Society.

This society, whose home is in Denver, held its first annual convention Friday, August 30, and elected the following officers: President, Charles B. Bovier; Vice-President, Edw. H. Hall; Secretary, T. A. Hayward; Treasurer, J. W. Thoreau; Exchange Superintendent, Joseph S. Davis; Counterfeit Detector, R. M. Gottesleben; and Trustees, C. C. Harrington, E. S. Engel, A. Rensch, Charles Couzens, and E. H. Pierce.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

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CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER.

The portrait given upon the first page of this issue but poorly represents the attractive features of one of the brightest and smartest philatelists among the younger element. He needs no historical sketch, for the incidents of his life are well known. He was the first president of the Sons of Philatelia, and when the split came among the members of this Society, was chosen as the first president of the Philatelic Sons of America, and at the recent convention at Denver was triumphantly reëlected to that office. He also has the honor of being the opening wedge to eliminate the more-dead-than-alive element which exists in the American Philatelic Association, and has been elected Secretary of that organization.

Of Mr. Kissinger it can be said that he should be honored for the enemies he has made.

W. Lionel Moise, finding Sumter, S. C., too small for his rapidly increasing business, has removed to 402 M. & T. Insurance Building, 807 Common Street, New Orleans, La., where he will be happy to receive visits from both old and new customers, either in person or through correspondence. We call attention to the able article on Revenues compiled by Mr. Moise and published in this issue.

REVENUES USED FOR POSTAGE.

BY W. LIONEL MOISE.

It had been a matter of much debate, some time ago, whether or not the stamp collector should include the foreign revenue stamps in his collection. There can be no way of getting around the fact that revenue stamps are not postage stamps, hence they should not be included in a *postage* stamp collection. But the revenue stamp which is postally used certainly deserves a place in one's album, and for the benefit of the collectors of such I submit a list of the entire series of revenues which have been used for postage.

ANTIGUA. The first revenue stamp used for postage is the long blue 1d. This "stamp duty" was used postally in 1885. I have heard that other values were used about the same time but have never seen any but the above. Value, $25.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. This country used the 10c red and 40c blue telegraph stamps for postage in 1890. There are two varieties of this issue, distinguished by the distinctness of the picture in the centre. They are valued at 75 cents and $1.50, respectively.

AUSTRIA (Lombardy Venice). From 1850 to 1858 there appeared from this country the 5c, 15c, and 30c green and black and the 2kr, 6kr, and 12kr pink and black revenues postally used. The design of this issue is very peculiar. They are not valued in Scott's 55th catalogue.

BOLIVIA. The revenues used from 1871 to 1893 comprised the 5c black, 5c blue, 10c green, 10c dark blue, 50c brown, 100c vermilion, and 500c blue; these were perforated. In 1892 two stamps, rouletted, were used, 1c lake and blue and 2c violet and carmine; these were the 1887 regular issue surcharged "Timbre." During 1893 the first revenues mentioned were surcharged "Provisorio" and the following denominations were used: 1c lake and blue, 5c blue and red, 5c blue and black, and 10c dark blue. The 5c blue and black was also surcharged "Santa Cruz."

BRAZIL. The 100r green and the 200r lilac were used for postage from 1887 to 1892. Also 200r, a variety, and 200r brown and bistre. The latter is of a singular design.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO. The revenues of this country, used postally, consisted of the 1886 issue with the surcharge "Revenue" in place of the value, and higher up on the face of the picture "Three Cents," or whatever the value of the stamp. These are the values used and the prices:

3c on 4c rose,	$1 unused,	$2.50 used,
5c on 8c green,	1 "	—
10c on 50c violet,	5 "	5.00 used.

The above three values were used for North Borneo only. Quite a number of "Postage and Revenue" stamps were issued for British North Borneo.

BULGARIA. In 1883 a 10s gray, perforated, was used for postage.

CANADA. This country has no revenue stamps used for postage, in fact, unless I am greatly mistaken it is against its laws. But some Canadian collectors inform me that sometimes certain revenue stamps are passed through the mails as postage stamps.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE. The 1d brown, embossed and imperforate, was used for postage in 1865. In 1883 the following perforated stamps were used postally: 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 penny lilac, 1sh brown, 2sh green, 6d green, 4sh lilac, 5sh magenta, and 8sh blue.

CHILE. In 1880 the following values were postally used: 1c vermilion, 2c brown, 5c blue, 10c green, 20c orange, 1p orange, and 2p green. In 1891 the 2c brown, 10c olive, and 20c blue telegraphs were used for postage.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC. The 20c black was used in 1865.

COSTA RICA. The following were used from 1884 to 1889: 1c red, 2c blue, 5c brown, and 10c blue. In 1892 the 1c emerald green and 10c olive green were also used.

CYPRUS. The 1d lilac and black was postally used in 1883.

DOMINICA. The 1874 issue was surcharged "Revenue" and afterwards used for postage. It appeared from 1879 to 1886. There are two types of this issue, the variety being distinguished by the size of the letters. The large type were used until 1884 and were the 1d lilac, 6d green, and 1sh lake. These were perforated and watermarked Crown and C. C. During 1886 the 1d carmine, with smaller surcharge, was used. This was watermarked Crown and C. A.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. In 1886 the 1c red and black and the 5c green and black were used for postage.

ECUADOR. There are 35 varieties of postally used revenues, issued as follows: 1885 — 1c blue, 2c bistre, 5c vermilion, 10c orange, and 50c green. 1886 — 1c blue, 2c bistre, 10c orange, 20c violet, 50c green, and 1p brown. 1887 — 1c slate, 4c brown, 5c blue, 10c orange, and 1s green. 1889 (new date in black) — 1c slate, 2c lake, 4c brown, and 10c orange. 1890 — 10c orange and 1s green. 1891 — 1c slate and 1s green. 1891–93 (without surcharge) — 1c slate, 1c vermilion, 2c blue, and 4c green. 1893 (date 1893–4 in black) — 1c slate, 2c lake, 4c brown, 5c blue, and 10c orange.

FIJI ISLANDS. In 1882 the 1d and 3d brown were used for postage.

GREAT BRITAIN. Among the many postally used revenues the 6d lilac leads both in beauty and size, and, I might add, also in price. It was used during 1881, printed on a bluish paper and the catalogue price for the same is $17.50. During 1881 the following were also used: 1d blue, brown, and lilac, and several varieties were included, such as a red surcharge and stamps printed on bluish paper. The 3d lilac on bluish paper was also used in 1881. In 1862 the 1d lilac on white and blue papers was used. In 1881 the anchor watermark was used on the 1, 3, and 6d lilac. The 1d lilac was also printed on bluish paper and several were watermarked an orb. The 2, 3, 6, and 9d and 1 and 2 sh, and 2sh 6d, all pink, were surcharged "Inland Revenue," printed on bluish paper, imperforate and unwatermarked. The 2d, 9d, 1sh, and 2sh 6d, pink, were also perforated. Another variety was printed on white paper and watermarked anchor and consisted of the 2 and 9d pink, 1sh pink, 2sh 6d pink, and the same values in vermilion. The vermilion colored values were also printed on paper watermarked an orb.

GRENADA. The 4d black and mauve were used in 1890. Many others, however, exist, but are uncatalogued.

GRIQUALAND. The 1d brown, 1sh bistre, 2sh green, and 4sh gray were used in 1887.

GUATEMALA. In 1872 the imperforated 4r blue and 1p green were used for postage, and in 1882 the perforated 1c black and 5c carmine were used.

HONG KONG. During 1874 the $2 slate, $3 lilac, and $10 rose were used, watermarked Crown and C. C. In 1882 the $10 rose, surcharged "12 cents," and the 50c lilac were postally used. From 1882 to 1885 the $1 blue and 1c lilac; from 1885 to 1890 the 3c orange, 5c lilac, 10c lilac, 25c green, and $1 lilac; and during 1890 the $2 green, $3 lilac, and $5 on $10 brown violet, red surcharge, were used. The latter were watermarked Crown and C. A., and the former Crown and C. C. In 1891 the 2c lilac was available and was postally used. During 1892 the 2c rose and 10c violet, surcharged "S. O.," were used, and in the same year the 2c rose, surcharged "S. D.," was also used.

INDIA. In 1885 the 2 and 4a were used with watermarked paper Crown and India. In 1888 the 1a brown and 4a green were used postally. In Hyderabad the 1a red and 1a ultramarine were used.

JAMAICA. In 1878 the 1d rose, watermarked Crown and C. C., perforated 14, was used; in 1880 the 1sh rose and 5sh lilac, unwatermarked and perforated 15, were called into use; while in 1881 the 1½ blue and 3d mauve, perforated 14, were in use; the 1½d was printed on both white and bluish paper, the 3d only on bluish. The latter, however, was also printed on paper bearing the watermarks Crown and C. C. During this same year the 1d rose and 1d carmine, watermarked Crown and C. A., were also used. In 1880 the 3d lilac telegraph stamp was used for postage, and in 1889 the same value telegraph, but watermarked Crown and C. A., was used. The former stamp had C. C. beside the Crown in the watermark.

MAURITIUS. In 1889 the 4c carmine and black and 4c lilac and black, watermarked Crown and C. A., perforated 14, were used.

MONTSERRAT. In 1862 the 1d rose, perforated, was used for postage; this stamp in a used condition is catalogued at $15.

NATAL. Between 1869 and 1885 the following revenues were used for postage: 1d yellow (two types), 6d rose, 1sh brown violet, 1sh blue, 1d lilac, and 1sh lilac and carmine. These were all perforated.

NEVIS. In 1882 the 1d rose and black, 1d violet and black, 4d orange and black, and 6d green were used. These were surcharged "Revenue," and the 6d is catalogued as being worth $20.

NEW ZEALAND. Undoubtedly this country can lay claim to using a greater variety of revenues postally than any other. In 1882 an imperforate lot, consisting of the 1d red and lilac, 2sh red and green, 6sh 8d blue and black, 8sh red and green, and 9sh violet and red, were used. During the same year a perforated stamp, three sizes and styles, were used, as follows:

1d lilac.
1d blue.
1d lilac & green.
1d red & green.
2d green & red.
2d green & black.
4d red brown.
4d green & black.
6d red.
6d brown & black.
6d brown & blue.
8d blue & black.
8d blue & red.
8d dark green.
1sh violet & green.
1sh rose.
1sh 4d bistre & blue.
1sh 6d bistre & blue.
2sh rose & blue.
2sh blue.
2sh 6d bistre & blue.
2sh 6d dark brown.
2sh 10d brown & blue.
3sh mauve & green.
3sh violet.
3sh 4d bistre & blue.
4sh rose & blue.
4sh rose lilac.
4sh brown red.
4sh 10d bistre & blue.
5sh mauve & green.
5sh green.
5sh 4d lilac & green.
6sh rose & blue.
6sh rose.
6sh 8d blue & red.
7sh blue (two types).
7sh violet & red.
7sh 6d purple & red.
7sh 6d blue & black.
7sh 6d dark gray brown.
8sh red & blue.
8sh blue.
9sh violet & red.
9sh gray & blue.
9sh orange.
10sh red & green.
10sh red & blue.
10sh brown.
15sh lilac & blue.
15sh lilac & red.
15sh green.
15sh gray.
£1 pink & blue.
£1 rose.
£1 10sh brown & green.
£1 10sh red & green.
30sh violet brown.
£1 15sh yellow.
£2 orange & blue.
£2 10sh pink & blue.
£3 red & blue.

These were all stamp duty stamps. From 1885 to 1890 were used the following:

£2 mauve.
£2 10sh red brown.
£3 green.
£4 ultramarine.
£5 blue.
£6 orange.
£7 brown red.
£8 green.
£9 rose.
£10 blue.

During this same period the 1sh green "Land Stamp (Deeds)" and the 1sh green and red "Law Courts" were also used postally.

ORANGE FREE STATE. In 1882 the following revenues were postally used:

6d gray.
1sh brown violet.
1sh gray.
18d blue.
2sh red.
5sh rose.
6sh green.
10sh olive.
£1 lilac.
£4 carmine.
£5 green.
6d on 8sh yellow.

In 1892 telegraph stamps were used for postage as follows: Violet surcharge, 1d brown, 6d rose, 1sh brown violet, 1sh gray, and 5sh green; black surcharge, 1d brown, 6d rose, 5sh green, and 1sh on 7sh violet.

QUEENSLAND. In 1880 the revenues which were used for postage were the 1d blue, 6d violet, 1sh blue, 2sh brown, and 10sh green. In 1881 two types of the 1d mauve were used, as well as a 6d brown red, 1sh green, 2sh blue, 2sh 6d vermilion, 5sh orange, 10sh brown, and 20sh rose. These were all perforated and watermarked Crown and Q. There were also used 1d mauve, 6d brown red, 1sh green, 2sh blue, 5sh orange, and 10sh brown unwatermarked with moirée on back. In 1892 the 6d green, 1sh mauve, and 2sh 6d deep mauve were used postally.

ST. CHRISTOPHER. In 1885 the 6d green and 1sh rose were used surcharged "Saint Kitts, Nevis, Revenue."

ST. LUCIA. From 1882 to 1884 there were used the following with red surcharge: 1d black (5 varieties) and 3d dark blue; with black surcharge, ½d green (2 varieties), 2d pale blue, 4d yellow (3 varieties), and 6d violet; without surcharge, 6d violet and 1sh orange (3 varieties). In 1894 two varieties of the 1d were used: one in carmine, black surcharge; one in slate, red surcharge, and one in lilac, black surcharge.

SALVADOR. In 1887 the 25c orange was used for postage.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC. From 1882 to 1884 the following revenues were used postally: 1d violet rose, 6d red, 1sh blue, 1sh 6d olive green, 2sh brown violet, 2sh 6d vermilion, 5sh green, 10sh gray, and £1 brown red.

SPAIN. From 1882 to 1886 the 10c revenue stamps were used for postage, printed in the following colors: flesh, lilac, green, and blue; also the 25c lilac. From 1888 to 1893 the same value, 10c, in another type was used in the following colors: blue (3 varieties), violet, and dark olive; also the 25c carmine.

TASMANIA. In 1882 were used the 3d yellow green, 2sh 6d carmine, 5sh brown, and 10sh salmon, watermarked large numeral 1; also the same values and colors with an additional 5sh olive, perforated 11½; also 1d slate, 3d brown, 6d lilac, and 1sh red, watermarked TAS and perforated 14.

VENEZUELA. This country used in 1867 the following revenues postally: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5c yellow; 1, 2, 3, 5, and 9r green.

VICTORIA. From 1882 to 1884 a variety of stamp duty adhesives were employed as postage stamps. As catalogued they are as follows:

1d bistre.
½d red & green.
1d green (2 types).
3d lilac.
4d rose.
6d blue (2 types).
1sh blue (2 types).
1sh yellow.
1sh 6d rose.
2sh blue (2 types).
2sh blue (blue paper).
2sh 6d yellow.
2sh 6d orange.
3sh bistre.
3sh brown.
4sh vermilion.
5sh red.
5sh blue.
6sh green.
10sh brown (2 types).
10sh green.
15sh lilac.
15sh brown.
£1 lilac.
£1 orange.
£1 5sh rose.
£1 10sh gray.
£1 15sh gray.
£2 blue.
£2 5sh gray lilac.
£5 black & green.
£5 carmine.
£6 blue.
£7 lilac.
£8 red.
£9 green.
£10 violet.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. The regular issue of 1871, perforated 14, watermarked Crown and C. A., and surcharged "I. R." in black, were postally used in the following values: 1, 2, and 3d, and 1sh lilac; issue of 1854, perforated 12½, watermarked Crown and C. C., and surcharged "I. R." in green, 1d bistre; perforated 14, 1d bistre; also watermarked Crown and C. A., 1d bistre, the last two being the issue of 1854. In 1894 the regular revenues were employed for postage, all being printed in lilac, 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9d, 1sh, 2sh 6d, and 5sh. In 1886 the 1d bistre yellow and 6d lilac telegraph stamps were also used for postage. These were watermarked Crown and C. A., and were perforated.

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To the person not interested in this fascinating and instructive hobby — if it may be called such — the field seems small, the study trifling and scarcely worthy of serious consideration; but this is due to ignorance, pure and simple, for the collector of to-day realizes too well that where very recently he could have completed his Departments at a very moderate sum, now, alas! they have advanced to such a lofty, cold, cash value, some in fact having hied themselves clear out of reach, that he wonders how he will manage to get them. This furnishes conclusive proof that philately is no childish fancy but a worthy and profitable study, destined to receive more recognition and enjoy greater prosperity than has yet attended it.

If we look at a catalogue published a few years back and note the prices current at that time, we see that the demand could not have been nearly so great as at present, and since the price in every instance is regulated by the demand we are assured that the number of collectors must have increased very considerably since then.

Now the Building Association is generally conceded to be one of the best ways in which the youthful aspirant can invest his savings, but at their best these institutions only pay from six to ten per cent, and the former figure is reached in many more instances than the latter, the rate rarely ever touching ten per cent. But what of our investments in stamps? Is the limit ten per cent? Nay, not so; it is a poor deal, indeed, that will not net twenty-five per cent.

It is within my easy recollection when an enthusiast whose collection numbered two or three thousand was considered an advanced collector in the strictest sense of the word, but lo, in these days of Seebecks, Provincial Issues, Jubilee, and other commemorative chromos, of Surcharges, of stamps issued for no other purpose than the extortion of a revenue, and last but first in importance the advent almost yearly of a new issue from scores of small countries and islands throughout the world — one's collection may comprise five or six thousand varieties and yet contain few stamps of any substantial value. Therefore the time must and will come when the collector will be unable to cope with the world's production of these interesting little bearers and then we will see a great scramble to fill up on U. S.

Many collectors have a fancy for the British Colonials, others for the British North American; these are both good, the latter especially so; but there is naturally more interest manifested in a stamp in its own country; they always enjoy a greater demand there and bring better prices, and for this reason, when looking to investment, irrespective of your collection, the place to put your money is in U. S.

One of the most important points in connection with our subject and the one that should be given most attention is just what stamps to buy. We would say, buy those stamps which are scarce and hard to find though not catalogued high, in short those stamps which are "underlisted." For instance the 90 cent of the 1861 issue, the 15 cent of the 1869 issue without the diamond, the 30 cent of the same year and the 12 cent, 24 cent, and 90 cent of the 1872 issue unused. These are a few of the regular issues, but there are many more equally good. In the Departments we have the 7 cent War, the 7 cent and 24 cent Treasury, which by the way can be bought at good discounts, and 90 cent of the Interior, Post Office and War Departments, and in fact all the better stamps in the more common Departments. I do not mean to say that the latter are especially "underlisted," but a few years hence when everything shall have advanced and the one or two scarcest values have increased more in proportion the collector will be anxious to fill up the few blank spaces and thereby complete his set.

In the Revenues we also have a broad field for the speculator. This branch of Philately, however, is yet comparatively young. There are, of course, many collectors who have sought them for a long time, but it has been in the last two or three years that Revenue collecting has made its greatest strides. Whether or not there are quantities of these stamps to be yet unearthed remains to be seen, but from present indications it is safe to predict that those stamps that are scarce now will be in much greater demand before many years will have rolled by.

In regard to Envelopes and Locals there does not seem to be the interest taken that they deserve, but with the former we have such an endless number of dies to contend with, that unless gifted with the patience to study them we lose interest and become discouraged; and the latter being so cleverly counterfeited we grow wary and suspicious, after having been imposed upon once or twice, and fill up elsewhere, at the expense, of course, of these two unique parts of our collection.

It is not advisable to consider seriously the very common varieties, for while all the U. S. stamps are advancing yet those issues which ran up into the hundreds of thousands, and millions, will not be very scarce, at least not

in our time; and as one naturally looks forward to the day when he shall unload, it is very much the better way to buy up only those stamps which have a substantial cash value at the present time. Then again if you have laid in too much cheap stuff and happen to get pinched, or, as the boy says, "on your uppers," — such a thing has been known — the dealer whom you take them to will in all probability have a quantity on hand himself and will not be as anxious to buy as you would wish.

And now in conclusion let me add that any collector who has a little money that he is not using, and who is looking for a good "spec," could not do better than to place it shrewdly and carefully in United States stamps.

SIRIUS.

STAMP COLLECTING.

Charles E. Severn, the retiring president of the P. S. of A., said to a Denver reporter: "There was a time when a man was ashamed to confess that he was a postage stamp collector, but the world is gradually learning that the fad is a most instructive one and affords an unlimited stock of pleasure to the collector. Once a person engages in the pursuit of gathering stamps, it is no easy matter for him to give it up.

"The earlier issues of our own country are being sought after particularly by philatelists, and I know of fabulous prices being paid for desirable specimens. Take for instance the postmasters' stamps issued in 1840. Many of them are out of existence, and what few remain cannot be bought for love or money. The Brattleboro stamp brings $1,000 at auction sales, while the Buchanan envelopes are listed at $1,500 each. John K. Tiffany is the greatest living authority on postage stamps in America. He has a collection which represents an investment of about $100,000 containing over 10,000 varieties. His collection of philatelic literature is also very complete, in fact second to none in the United States. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., and H. J. Crocker, of San Francisco, possess as fine a collection of stamps as one could wish to look at. These three gentlemen, together with the postmaster of Chicago, Washington Hessing, have the largest and most valuable accumulation of stamps in America. It was only the other day that Mr. Crocker paid $350 cash for a cancelled specimen of the Hawaiian Missionary stamp, and it is not at all unusual for a wealthy collector to sign a $1,000 check for one of these bits of paper. The man who possesses the largest general collection in the world is undoubtedly Louis Von Ferrar, a Frenchman, whose weekly purchases in the philatelic line run into the hundreds.

"It is a conceded fact that the most valuable pair of procurable stamps are the Mauritius first issue, which bring nearly $1,700 each at auction sales. Only two or three specimens are in existence, and it is safe to say that none of them are in Denver. The early cancelled British Colonies bring high prices, and the rare British Guiana and Nova Scotia are almost priceless. The first real postage stamp issued by Great Britain was in 1840, when a one-penny black with the letters 'V. R.' in the upper corners came into use. Specimens of this stamp are very scarce.

"Of course the value placed upon a postage stamp depends a great deal upon its centering and the general condition. If the perforations in a specimen were slightly defective, the value of the stamp would be materially decreased, although no real injury to the stamp is apparent. Speculators, some of them hailing, it is said, from this city, make it a business to counterfeit rare stamps, and some of the results of their labors are exceptionally fine, defying the expert's glass. In a majority of cases the very early issues of many countries were specimens of poor workmanship, and the counterfeiter has but little difficulty in reproducing a likeness. The Hawaiian stamps of the early issues are examples, and the forger has flooded the country with dangerous counterfeits."

THE MEXICAN WATERMARKED ISSUE OF 1891.

While on a visit to Mexico last winter I gathered several thousands of stamps, most of them being of the Mexican watermarked issue of 1891. Amongst them I found several varieties which I have never seen mentioned, and hope the following may interest some of your readers. These stamps are on two distinct varieties of woven paper; one thick, soft, yellowish, — the other thinner, crisp, and pure white, watermarked CORREOS., E. U. M., the first word meaning Postal Service, the E. U. M. standing for United States of Mexico (Estados Unidos Mejicano). This watermark extends across the row of ten stamps, being intended for one letter to occur on each stamp, but the letters are very irregular, some stamps showing parts of two letters, and some parts of four, one at each corner. The letters are in large single lined capitals. The denominations and shades I have are as follows:

1c blue green, yellow green.
2c pudgy carmine to vermilion.
3c bright scarlet to orange yellow.
5c deep blue to ultramarine.

The 4, 6, 10, 20, and 25 centavos exhibit the same shades of color as the 3 centavos. I found the 1 and 5 centavos *pin perforated*, and undoubtedly the other denominations exist in

the same condition, but of this the Scott Co. make no mention in their catalogue. I also found an unsevered pair of the five centavos pin perforated vertically at the right and centre, but having the regular perforation at the left, top, and bottom.

Amongst the unwatermarked stamps of 1892 issue, I found the 10 centavos *pin perforated*, and one stamp of the same denomination pin perforated horizontally, and with the regular perforation vertically. These are also uncatalogued, and the probabilities are that others of this set, with pin perforation, also exist.

W. W. W.

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

Below will be found, arranged chronologically, the countries using newspaper stamps and the number of the varieties:

1851. Austria, 15 varieties.
1853. Modena, 5 varieties.
Parma, 2 varieties.
1861. Belgium, 26 varieties.
Italy, 20 varieties.
1865. United States, 58 varieties.
1868. France, 4 varieties.
1871. Hungary, 5 varieties.
1873. New Zealand, 4 varieties.
1875. Turkey, 5 varieties.
1876. Azores, 5 varieties.
Madeira, 1 variety.
Portugal, 9 varieties.
1886. Philippine Islands, 17 varieties.
1888. Cuba, 24 varieties.
1889. Brazil, 28 varieties.
1892. Eritrea, 2 varieties.
Macao, 8 varieties.
St. Thomas, 10 varieties.
Timor, 4 varieties.
1893. Angola, 1 variety.
Cape Verde, 1 variety.
Guinea, 1 variety.
Mozambique, 9 varieties.
1894. Portuguese Congo, 1 variety.
Queensland, 3 varieties.
Zambesi, 1 variety.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

The first unpaid letter, or postage due, stamp used was issued in 1859 by France, and other stamp-issuing countries gradually adopted the plan inaugurated by that country. Below will be found the years when these stamps were first employed and the name of the country issuing the same, together with the number of varieties now in existence:

1859. France, 35 varieties.
1863. Italy, 25 varieties.
Turkey, 38 varieties.
1866. Colombian Republic, 3 varieties.
1870. Belgium, 2 varieties.
Netherlands, 51 varieties.
1874. Dutch Indies, 41 varieties.
Peru, 49 varieties.
Sweden, 11 varieties.
1875. Greece, 47 varieties.
1877. Guadeloupe, 12 varieties.
1878. Switzerland, 27 varieties.
1879. United States, 28 varieties.
1881. Roumania, 20 varieties.
1884. Bulgaria, 13 varieties.
Egypt, 18 varieties.
French Colonies, 24 varieties.
1885. Surinam, 36 varieties.
Trinidad, 9 varieties.
1887. Martinique, 14 varieties.
Reunion, 4 varieties.
1889. Brazil, 17 varieties.
Curaçao, 48 varieties.
Norway, 5 varieties.
1890. Victoria, 22 varieties.
1891. Diego Suarez, 14 varieties.
Mexico, 11 varieties.
Nossi-Be, 18 varieties.
Shanghai, 20 varieties.
1892. Grenada, 7 varieties.
Liberia, 9 varieties.
New South Wales, 11 varieties.
Obock, 18 varieties.
St. Pierre, 10 varieties.
1893. Austria, 6 varieties.
Cochin China, 10 varieties.
Tahiti, 26 varieties.
1894. Benin, 4 varieties.
Montenegro, 8 varieties.
Tientsin, 6 varieties.

ITALY'S NEW VENTURE.

Italy intends to test, possibly, the alleged influence of the S. S. S. S., for an historical postage stamp has been foisted on the long-suffering collector. A million copies were ready for sale on the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Rome in 1870. The design of the new stamp, which was intrusted to Prof. Sezanne, is very elaborate and somewhat overcrowded for its size. In the upper half of the picture sits the figure of Italy, with the iron crown upon her head; she holds the sceptre in her right hand, and in her left the armorial shield of the House of Savoy. On the two steps of her throne are two inscriptions, the first of which originated with King Victor Emmanuel, and the second with the present King Umberto: (1) "In Rome we are, and in Rome we mean to stay;" (2) "Rome is intangible." In other sections of the postage stamp are crowded a number of symbols — the she-wolf of ancient Rome, the eagle of Savoy, profiles of the two modern Kings of United Italy, the Italian Crown, and the inscription "Postal stamp in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Liberation of Rome," and the two dates, 1870 and 1895.

PHILATELIC PERSONALITIES.

BY BERTRAM J. BISHOP.

A. H. Crittenden recently paid a flying visit to Wyandotte. He was quite favorably impressed with the place and may be seen here often in the future. C. W. Kissinger was with him.

An important philatelic transaction took place when the Crittenden & Borgman Co. sold out their entire stock of stamps, etc. The purchaser was A. W. Shaw of Jackson, Mich.

Another deal was the taking as partners,

Theo. Q. Pardee and J. H. Merrill by the Detroit Stamp Co. The officers of the new firm are: F. H. Capper, President; T. Q. Pardee, Vice-President; J. H. Merrill, Secretary and Treasurer; A. S. Capper, Manager.

Once more we are on hand with a marriage announcement. Mr. Wm. H. Strong of Wyandotte, Mich., and Miss Florence Dunivan are the happy couple. Mr. Strong is well known as a stamp dealer. While not doing quite as much business as the Mekeel or Scott Co.'s, still he has a nicely paying line of customers. We wish the young couple a pleasant life's journey.

Mr. Edward Milspaugh, once an enthusiastic collector of this place, has given up the science for the present, his studies interfering somewhat.

Wm. F. Fratcher of Detroit is pleasantly located at 181 Michigan Avenue. He is in the cigar, tobacco, and ice-cream-soda business. Mr. Fratcher is well known in Michigan as a hustling dealer and collector.

The P. S. of A. election was quite a surprise to many. The general opinion was that Paget, Carstarphen, and Lawton were sure winners. Mr. Carstarphen's friends, especially, are disappointed over his defeat. Mr. Pardee was also a little surprised to see Mr. Becker so far ahead of him.

BOSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The forty-eighth regular meeting of this society was held in Elks Hall, Tuesday, September 17, at 8 o'clock, President W. C. Van Derlip in the chair. Owing to the absence of Secretary Sanderson, Mr. A. W. Batchelder was elected Secretary pro tem. Three new candidates were, under a suspension of the rules, elected members. Afterwards an informal auction was held, resulting in very few sales of some very poor stamps. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15.

IN PHILATELIA.

It is proposed by the Belgium authorities to issue special stamps to be used in connection with the Exhibitions to be held at Brussels in 1896 and at Liège in 1897.

The Directors of the Springfield (Mass.) Street Railway Company, on August 27, voted not to accept the United States Government's proposition for the transportation of mail. This is the first case of refusal on the part of a railroad corporation on record.

The current registered envelope of Great Britain, size H, blue, has appeared with the heading of the tariff on the back in smaller type than formerly. There is more space, however, between the letters so that the total measurements are about the same. "Compensation" now measures 24¼ mm instead of 27 mm.

Minister to Corea, J. M. B. Sill, reports to the Department of State from Seoul that a Corean Postal Bureau has been organized under the Department of Public Works, and connected with the Telegraph Bureau, for the purpose of transmitting mail within the limits of Corea. The stamps used, of which samples are furnished, were made in Washington. They are four in number, one, two, five, and ten cents in silver, and the word Corea and the word Poon and the figures denoting their denomination are printed in English. On the top and bottom and sides are Corean characters. The design of the stamps is neat, and they are light green, blue, red, and purple in color.

A CANADIAN COLLECTION.

There is a gentleman in Montreal who has a stamp collection which is worth from $20,000 to $30,000. During the thirty years which he has spent in this direction, Mr. Lachlan Gibb has gathered together from twenty to thirty thousand postage stamps, the rarest one of which is worth some £50 sterling.

"And my advice to all young collectors," said Mr. Gibb, "is to collect the stamps of Great Britain and her colonies and the United States. Of course the great difficulty with beginners is that all the albums give you Central American stamps as well as other countries, but these stamps were issued largely for the purpose of selling them to philatelists; and, consequently, the young collectors of stamps see great quantities of these, and fill up their collection with them. But they are really buying trash, as these stamps hardly rise in value at all, and are in many cases waste paper."

As an instance of the fact that there is money in the judicious collection of stamps, Mr. Gibb refers to Mr. Stanley Gibbons, who after twenty-five years formed a joint stock company, retaining for himself a guarantee of £2,500 sterling a year for fifteen years. The late Mr. T. E. Tapling, M.P., left to the British Museum, on his death a few years ago, his collection of stamps, then worth £30,000 to £40,000. To-day this collection is worth not less than £60,000, and would realize this sum at public auction in New York or London.

"I have collected stamps for about thirty years," added Mr. Gibb, "and if I were to place my collection to be sold by auction, either in New York or London, it would bring such an amount as would pay me eight per cent compound interest for the money I have put into it."

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A variety of the Belgium 25c has been discovered with the 5 in the upper left hand corner minus the ball and the 10c with small inverted V instead of A in PAS in label.

Letter carriers in London sometimes become crazy because of the vast number of streets which have the same name. There are 264 Victoria streets, 241 Cross streets, 240 Albert streets, 212 Church streets, and 191 Queen streets.

The Sons of Philatelia will issue, on or about October 15, a handbook which will contain, among other interesting features, the constitution and by-laws of the Society, an alphabetical list of members in good standing, a sketch of the Society since its inception, portraits, biographies, official lists, etc. It will be sold for ten cents per copy and can be obtained of R. M. Miller, the compiler and founder of the Society, New Chester, Pa.

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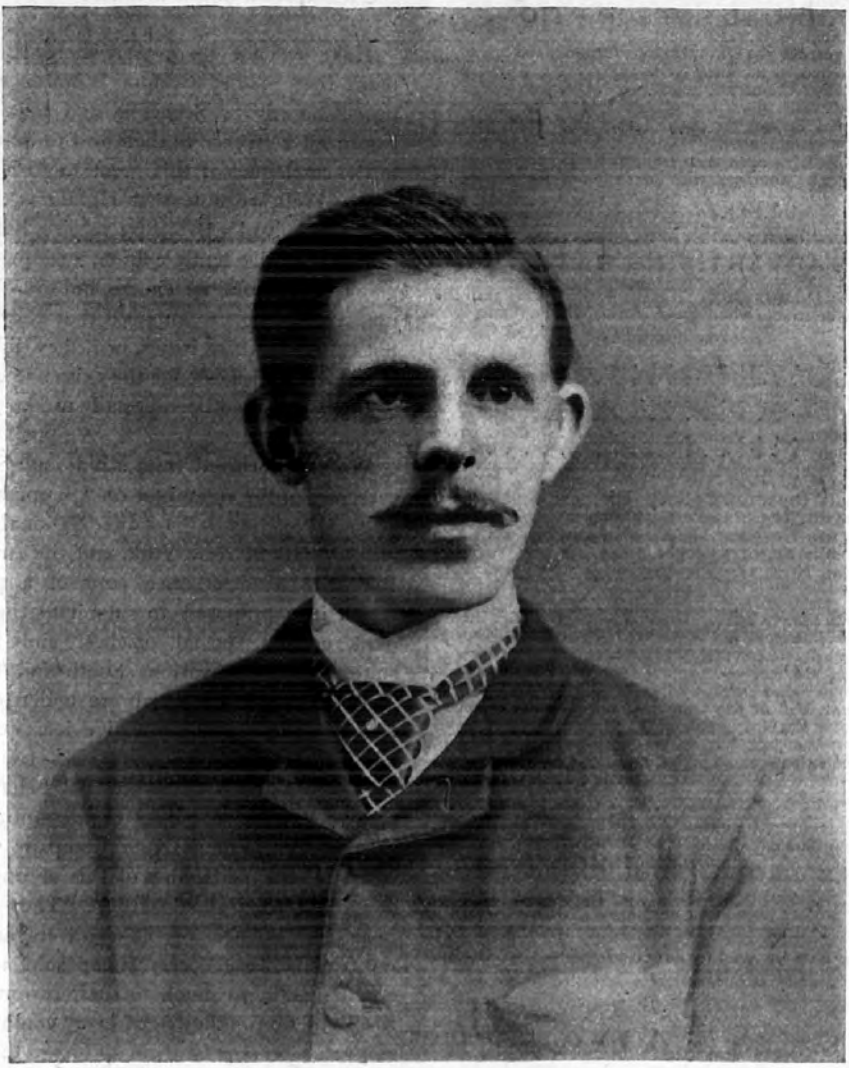
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The superintendent of the exchange department of the American Philatelic Association continues to allow Seebecks and stamps which have been cancelled in the sheet at the issuing office, to be sent out in the exchange books of the Association. What is the use of railing at these alleged frauds at convention if Mr. Mekeel is permitted to smirch the fair name of the Association in this manner?

Have we not seen, somewhere, the statement that Stanley Gibbons Limited was opposed bitterly to Seebecks and that in the future all reference to them was to be omitted in the catalogues of this great English house? Yes? Well, we note that Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador Seebecks receive honorable mention in the tenth edition, and prices are given for *unused* specimens only. We were innocent enough to suppose that they would not catalogue these issues, or if they did do so, would only acknowledge the existence of those stamps which had been postally used.

We have received from Mr. Joseph S. Rich, secretary of the committee on "Suppression of Speculative Stamps" of the National Philatelic Society of New York, and the American Philatelic Association, a copy of a petition which it is proposed to submit to the president, cabinet, postal officials, and leading statesmen in the various South and Central American countries which are under or likely to be influenced by speculative issues of postage stamps. To us this seems to be the height of absurdity. We do not believe that these countries will cancel their contracts with the Hamilton Bank Note Company at the behest of the philatelists of this or any other country. Why should they? They secure beautiful specimens of the engravers' art without expense, and every stamp sold in their country adds so much to their revenue, and the Lord knows they need every centavo they can get. To request them to forego this revenue in order that philately may not be killed by speculative issues is, to say the least, absurd. These countries are not to be coerced on the grounds of "political morality" or to be moved by threats of the existence of millions

of philatelists. We cannot affect their treasury nor can we arm the "millions of philatelists" and inaugurate a rebellion in South and Central America against postage stamps which cost the Governments nothing. The only thing to do is to refuse to catalogue these stamps or to give them a place in future albums, and yet this would be a wrong to philately itself, for certainly a Seebeck, so-called, is entitled to a place in both catalogue and collection if it has been used for postage. We do not doubt but that if left alone speculative issues would in the end kill themselves. Philately is too strongly intrenched to fear the issues of the alleged "poverty-stricken" countries of South and Central America.

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.

With the December number we shall begin the publication of a department to be conducted by Mr. Raymond L. Perry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in which will be chronicled in brief form the new issues as fast as they make their appearance, together with notes on the discovery of new varieties in all stamps now in use. We request the aid and coöperation of all our readers in supplying facts for this department. Due credit will, of course, be given. The success which has attended our original plan of auction reviews, will, we trust, be duplicated so far as this department is concerned.

OUR AUCTION REVIEWS.

Beginning with the December issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST, the comparative auction reviews of last season will be resumed. We shall aim to present in the fullest possible detail the latest news of sales on both sides of the water, and to that end have made arrangements with the leading auctioneers in England to forward priced catalogues immediately after each sale. In America we have on our list all of the leading dealers, and we hope that these reviews, by their intelligent presentation and perfection, will supply a want which has always existed in this country. Many magazines pretend to give the results of the various sales, but the comparative feature inaugurated by THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST has previously been lacking. We think that, in view of the attempt of a contemporary to decry the use of catalogue values at an auction sale, a word in explanation of our course is desirable.

Every philatelist who attends an auction sale goes equipped with a copy of Scott's catalogue for the purpose of referring to the values there given of all stamps in which he is interested. He knows he must have a basis to work upon if he intends to bid intelligently and there is no better basis than Scott. If there was, we would see other books used. Scott's prices may not be absolute and may be based upon the condition of stock on hand, but for all practical purposes the prices are a sufficient guide. It is for this reason alone that we use the Scott catologue as a comparison. We know we can buy stamps cheaper than Scott lists them, but we cannot carry the value of all the stamps issued in our head when at a sale. We must have a guide, and Scott's is the best extant.

NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The fourth annual convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society was held at Omaha, September 16. The following officers were elected:

President, E. H. Wilkinson, Lincoln.

Vice-President, Miss Adda Whaley, Calloway.

Secretary-Treasurer, L. Brodstone, Superior.

Auction Manager, F. Parmalee, Omaha.

Exchange Superintendent, E. L. Platz, Omaha.

Librarian, C. Thurston, Omaha.

Attorney, H. A. Cheney, Creighton.

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The meeting was called to order immediately after the cycle parade and the reports of the various officers read and accepted. That of the treasurer exhibited a balance on the right side of the ledger. The society now numbers 111 members and is the largest strictly State society in the United States, and at the low rate of dues ought to be patronized by every collector in Nebraska. The case of R. F. Albrecht & Co., of New York, *vs.* O. A. Abbott, of Grand Island, Nebraska, was placed in the hands of a committee which reported that Mr. Abbott was charged with refusing to pay for stamps purchased by him from Albrecht & Co. at one of their auction sales, said stamps being duly received by him. After examining all the documents in the case the committee found Mr. Abbott guilty of the charges and recommended that he be expelled from the society. The report was unanimously accepted and the delinquent member expelled. After various other business was transacted the convention adjourned subject to the call of the President.

Scott's 56th catalogue will be issued on or about December 15. Those of our readers desiring a copy should avail themselves of our special offer which may be found upon another page.

PHILATELIC VIGNETTES.

A FEW STRAY PEN-PICTURES OF FAMOUS STAMPITES.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

The writer is not one of those rarely favored mortals who are permitted to daily enjoy the society and conversation of philatelic celebrities. On the contrary, his tent is pitched for a goodly portion of the year in a little city that is comparatively near, and, at the same time, tantalizingly far from the centres of philatelic activity in the East. But in his occasional wanderings from "his ain fireside" he has met and observed not a few of the men whose names are best known in the American philatelic world. In his visits to the leading society conventions he has for some years back annually renewed his acquaintance with some of the choicest spirits of philately; and as it was only a few months ago that he brought back a fresh stock of mental photographs from Clayton, he feels emboldened to give the public a peep into his gallery, in the hope of thereby entertaining it for a spare quarter of an hour or so. If his pictures prove, after all, slight sketches instead of finished portraits, let it be remembered that these "vignettes" are not the result of keen observation or careful study of the men whose personalities they try to reproduce, as well as may be, through the imperfect medium of pen, print, and paper, but simply the impressions of a but too fallible journalist who lays no especial claim to ability as a word-painter. The men treated of in this paper will mostly be selected from those who were at Clayton, for the simple reason that their figures are just now most vivid in his mind. But if these sketches (so different in style from the average philatelic article) are hospitably received by the reading public, he may, in a future essay, draw the portraits of some famous philatelists whom he has met less recently.

It is but natural to begin with J. Walter Scott, the "Father of American Philately," and the life-long leader of American philatelic thought and progress. He is no scarred and battered veteran, as one might fancy from the length of his philatelic service, but a man still in the prime of life, still alert and energetic and bustling, still active in the business and earnest in the study which have together formed his life work. He is tall and well built, and his face, no longer hidden by the full beard which he wore for so many years, is strong and resolute. His eyes are clear and piercing, and his whole look that of a man accustomed to act as well as to think. Unassuming, quiet, and sometimes almost bluff in his ways, he is well liked by those who know him best. In a word, he is that *rara avis* — a business man not wholly engrossed in the material things of life, who, while fully alive to the main chance, does not think commercial pursuits incompatible with a certain amount of scholarship and study. Mr. Scott's life has been one of ups and downs, but he still retains a cheerful and contented nature that all his business reverses and discouragements have failed to sour. And, all in all, American philately has good cause to feel proud of its "father."

The personality of John K. Tiffany is, perhaps, so familiar to philatelists that it needs no redrawing here; but let us look at him again, for he is one of those rare men who are more esteemed the better we know them. Every one knows how the President of the American Philatelic Association looks. Short of stature, yet as straight as an arrow, fine profile, eyes that are unusually expressive, mouth that is firm and strong, forehead a little furrowed and betraying the man of thought, dark, heavy moustache that adds an unexplainable something to the strength of the face — these are the points that strike the casual observer. Add to them that Mr. Tiffany always displays in his dress that precise regard for neatness and good taste which is characteristic of the true gentleman, and we have no bad likeness of him who has for so long been at the head of our premier society. But this is, after all, no adequate or satisfactory picture of Mr. Tiffany. To get at the real man one must be with him when he lays aside his customary dignity (there are few men who can assume greater dignity upon occasion, and few whom it better becomes) and talks in his own delightful way on any of the wide variety of topics with which he is acquainted. Then it is that his whole countenance and demeanor undergo a transformation; that judicial gravity is cast to the winds; that his eyes light up with that indescribable twinkle which his friends know so well; that his face expresses interest and animation; in short, that he becomes, for the time being, the art, the *raconteur*, the companion par excellence of all philately. And then it is that the amateur photographer should snap his kodak.

The happy city of St. Louis contains within its limits another stampite of no less fame than Mr. Tiffany, in the person of Charles H. Mekeel. Mr. Mekeel has in a few short years built up a stamp business that is famed from one end of the countryto the other, and his name has become the synonym for energy, perseverance, and business acumen. In point of years he is apparently somewhere in the thirties and has, therefore, the best part of his life before him. He is a fine-looking man, of commanding stature and appearance, and bears stamped upon every line and feature of his countenance the marks of an aggressive, confident, active nature that is certain to make itself felt wherever it may be placed. He is a direct and forcible talker, a clear and lucid

thinker, a pleasant and courteous gentleman, and every inch a business man.

A philatelist who has come to the front within the past two years is C. P. Krauth, who hails from the Smoky City. Mr. Krauth is one of the most interesting philatelic figures of the period, since he is one of the very ablest men in our ranks, and because, having already done so much to advance the interests of our hobby, he is naturally looked to for notable philatelic achievements in the future. He is a man of goodly proportions, both in height and girth, and his face is one of those that instantly prepossesses you in favor of its owner. His eyes are the epitome of geniality, and his spectacles the soul of cheerfulness, while his very beard, full, dark, and massive, has about it an air of kindly good-humor characteristic of its proprietor. Mr. Krauth is a man of great culture, and his wide acquaintance with the literature, men, and events of to-day and of the past is frequently displayed in his conversation. As a debater and after-dinner speaker few American philatelists are his peers. A tireless student, an earnest worker, an able writer, and a man of the most attractive personal qualities, what wonder is it that Mr. Krauth's popularity among American collectors is daily increasing?

Unlike Mr. Krauth, William C. Stone is small in stature and slight in build, but, like the Pittsburger, he is popular wherever he is known. Mr. Stone is not a demonstrative man. He is modest, quiet, and unassuming, and he allows his philatelic work to speak for itself. It is, perhaps, these very qualities, so rarely met with in this age of brag and bluster, which have won for him the respect and admiration of so wide a circle of philatelists. But it is the remembrance of his genial, companionable nature and his brisk, pleasant ways that has lingered the longest in the writer's mind.

John N. Luff is the least known of any of the collectors we have mentioned, yet as a philatelist deeply versed in all the intricacies of the science and a philatelic litterateur of growing reputation, he is eminently worthy of a place in this gallery. If appearances count for aught, Mr. Luff is still on the sunny side of forty. He is a man of moderate height; his features are good; his eyes, hair, and moustache are dark, and his nose serves as the resting-place for a pair of eyeglasses that lend a studious aspect to the face. All in all, Mr. Luff might be taken for a member of almost any profession, save the clerical. He is an easy and a graceful talker, and it is difficult to find a subject, however out of the common, upon which he cannot deliver an intelligent opinion. Mr. Luff might almost be called the philatelic Chesterfield, so irreproachable and unfailing are his politeness and urbanity. He impresses one as a polished worldling who has seen much of both men and manners. He is, nevertheless, a hard worker and a patient and painstaking investigator. Philately will be the gainer if it hears from him often in the future.

If Mr. Luff is the philatelic Chesterfield, then his townsman and compatriot, Alvah Davison, is the philatelic Sphinx. Not that Mr. Davison was born dumb or that he is at all stingy in the matter of exercising his vocal powers; *au contraire*, this distinguished ex-editor owes not a little of his distinction to the ability to say the right thing at the right time, not only through the medium of print, but also by word of mouth. Mr. Davison is a most excellent and entertaining speaker, to say nothing of the fact that he ranks very high among American philatelists. But he has one striking peculiarity that no one who has ever exchanged a dozen sentences with him can have failed to notice and wonder at; namely, the air of saturnine gravity which pervades his countenance at all times, especially upon state occasions. Mr. Davison always seems to wear the same solemn mask, whether he is engaged in cracking a joke or listening to a discourse on theology. He is just the opposite of a dull companion. He is an able thinker and an interesting talker, and is counted one of the brainiest men in philately. But this trick of countenance, for it is probably not natural but acquired, gives Mr. Davison more the outward aspect of an undertaker than of a publisher. As for further description, he is a good-looking man, hardly in the thirties as yet, with delicate and regular features, fine, bright eyes, and dark brown hair and moustache. What more can be said?

Let us look at just one picture more. It is the likeness of a man whose good-humor is so constant and unfailing that it has become proverbial among philatelists; who is always bubbling and running over with the heartiest kind of cheerfulness; who is short and fat and smiling; whose face is ruddy and round; who speaks his adopted tongue with an accent brought over from the Fatherland, and whose sayings, whether heard in convention halls or at those annual banquets where his speeches are always so amusing, or in the meeting rooms of the society at Pittsburgh, seem to come from a great unworked vein of rich German humor.

Who is he? Can you not guess his name? Ah, Doeblin, thou art the best remembered of them all!

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AUCTION SEASON, 1895-6.

With the coming in of October, the month poets sing about, the signs of renewed activity are to be noted in the stamp market. Nearly all of the large dealers have issued catalogues of their approaching sales, and the hungry and thirsty are looking up their bank balances and making up their minds that *this year, sure,* they will fill up the blank spaces and not follow that miserable will-o'-the-wisp "perhaps it will be cheaper by and by" any longer. The success which has attended this method of selling stamps has been phenomenal, and since the establishment of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST and the inauguration of its original comparative auction reviews, much greater interest has been manifested.

Ventom, Bull & Cooper, of London, opened their season September 24, with a three days' sale, numbering 721 lots. These will be reviewed next month.

The 60th auction sale of W. Hadlow was held in London, September 18, 289 lots; the 61st sale on September 27, 290 lots. Both sales will be commented upon in the December issue.

Bogert & Durbin Co., of New York and Philadelphia, opened the season with a sale in New York on October 12, at which 336 lots were placed under the hammer. One week later a sale of 693 lots was held at Philadelphia, both of which sales will receive attention in our next issue.

J. W. Scott Co., Limited, New York, inaugurated its auction season with a sale of 465 lots in New York on October 16. On November 13 and 14 the Havana collection, comprising nearly all unused stamps, will be sold; this lot is particularly rich in British West Indies. Other sales by this company, the dates of which have not as yet been set, are the United States collection, entirely confined to the stamps of our own country, including both postage and revenue; the Perozo collection, being the finest and most perfect collection of the stamps of Colombia; and the United States envelope collection of rarities, besides adhesives, and some valuable books.

C. L. Moreau, of New York, on October 19 held his eighth mail auction sale of 665 lots.

A. L. Cassino & Co., of Boston, held their third auction sale October 21, disposing of 352 lots. Their fourth sale will be held November 18. There is one feature of the catalogues of this house which might, with profit and pleasure, be adopted by every auction house; we refer to the printing of catalogue values against the description of each lot to be sold. It saves the would-be purchaser much time and trouble.

R. F. Albrecht & Co., of New York, will hold their first auction sale of the season on October 29 and 30, and offer the rudiments of a collection which a New York gentleman has endeavored to get together during the last few years. As is usual, however, he did not appreciate the enormous amount of labor connected with such a task, and consequently he had to draw a line in some direction and close out what is now offered for public competition. The contents of the collection will, however, prove that a philatelist in the true sense of the word was at work to accomplish a grand result. During the past four seasons this firm has held 29 auction sales, and realized for the owners of the stamps thus marketed over $90,000. The abstract of the prices obtained has been compiled and the book is now in press. The enormous advance in the prices of rare stamps will be best illustrated through this book. Albrecht's 31st sale occurs November 19 and 20 and will prove to be one of the most important sales to be held this season, including as it does the United States collection of Mr. Jacques Horowitz, of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and the West Indian collection of A. C. Grosholz, of Philadelphia.

B. L. Drew & Co., of Cambridge, enjoy the honor of inaugurating the auction sale of stamps in Boston, and their third sale occurs October 30 at Elks Hall, Boston.

DESIGNS OF COINS.

Artists generally are wretched coin designers. They do not realize that a piece of money is not a thing to paint a picture upon, and the models they offer are mostly the wildest freaks. Three years ago, when the Treasury advertised for fresh devices for the half-dollar, quarter, and dime, a great many most nonsensical conceptions were submitted, only two being found worthy of honorable mention. The designs were finally made at the Philadelphia mint by a government die-sinker, Charles E. Barber.

It has often been urged that it would be a good thing to use the heads of the Presidents on our coins, thus making each issue to represent an epoch in American history. This idea will never be carried out in all probability, because it is too suggestive of a royal prerogative. The law demands that on one side of the dollar shall appear something emblematic of liberty, with the word "Liberty" and the date of coining. On the reverse must be the inscription, "United States of America; E Pluribus Unum," and the value.

The dollar and nickel are the only United States coins which at present are open to change. Congress has provided that the Treasury may alter them if it likes. But to make a change in the half-dollar, quarter,

dime, or cent would require a special act of the National Legislature. The statutes declare that no change may be made in the coins more often than once in twenty-five years, unless Congress grants permission. In old times it was the privilege of the director of the mint to alter the coins whenever he saw fit, and they underwent changes so frequently that the twenty-five-year law was enacted.

Beyond all that has been said, it ought to be realized that the designing of coins is an art in itself and a rare one. There are never more than a dozen first-rate experts in that line living at one time. One of the most highly skilled designers of the day is Mr. Barber of the mint in Philadelphia. He has a workshop there in which are turned out all the dies for Uncle Sam's pieces of metal money.

Mr. Barber uses a wax composition for designing coins. He takes a quantity of an extremely pure quality of beeswax, with which he mixes a small proportion of resinous gum and a little of the finest vermilion. The mixture, after being melted and stirred so as to make it homogeneous, is poured into cold water. When cool, it is thoroughly kneaded like so much dough.

Having thus made ready for business, the designer draws on a slate a circle a foot in diameter. This is the outline of the coin-model, which is made on a large scale for convenience. The circular space is then covered with a layer of the wax mixture, perhaps three-quarters of an inch in thickness, and on this surface the design in relief is made with delicate modeling tools of boxwood. If hair is to be represented, a brush of fine bristles is sometimes employed, while the over-long thumbnail of the operator serves occasionally as a supplementary instrument.

From the finished wax model is made an electrotype, and from the latter is produced the die for the coin. A machine is used which operates on the principle of the "pantograph" employed in drawing. While a blunt point is guided by hand over every curve and intricacy of the wax medallion, another point tipped with a diamond revolves rapidly and cuts away the surface of a steel disk which is just the size of the future coin. Thus an exact reproduction is obtained of the original model. This is a cameo, *i.e.*, a bas-relief. The die, of course, must be in intaglio. The cameo, which is of hard steel, is squeezed against a disk of soft steel under enormous pressure. The soft steel disk, having received a perfect impression, has only to be tempered, and is then ready to serve as a die. For minting each coin two dies are used necessarily — one in the "stamp" or hammer, and the other in the "anvil" beneath. Every time the hammer comes down upon the anvil a metal "blank" is transformed into a piece of authorized money of the United States.

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STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUE.

We have received an advance copy of the 10th edition of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue. It is gotten up in a very neat and attractive manner and, following the style inaugurated by Scott, is bound in pocket size. The letter-press is clear and distinct, but the illustrations are much too small. From a cursory examination we find a large number of stamps unpriced, the reason being that the publishers prefer not to value stamps which they do not carry in stock. The catalogue is in three parts, the first being devoted to adhesives, the second to postal cards, and the third to envelopes and wrappers. A number of new values are to be noted, especially among the British Colonials. For purposes of comparison we give quotations, of a few of the higher priced stamps in connection with the 55th catalogue of Scott's. The prices quoted are for unused specimens, except when otherwise noted. For convenience we have reduced the English values to dollars and cents, estimating one pound as $5, one shilling as 25 cents, and one penny as two cents.

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10c green	2.50	13.75
1856. 90c blue	12.00	17.50
90c blue, used	15.00	25.00
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90c blue	5.00	7.50
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1c blue, 9 x 13	2.00	3.75
5c brown, 9 x 13	5.00	7.50
15c black, 9 x 13	1.00	3.12
24c violet, 9 x 13	7.50	10.00
90c blue, 9 x 13	20.00	25.00
1869. 10c yellow	1.50	2.50
12c green	1.00	2.00
15c brown and blue	5.00	10.00
15c brown and blue, framed	2.50	4.50
24c green and purple	10.00	12.50
24c inverted medallion, used	125.00	100.00
30c blue and carmine	10.00	12.50
90c black and carmine	17.50	25.00
1875. 2c brown	1.50	5.00
3c blue	10.00	15.00
15c brown and blue	8.50	15.00
24c green and purple	12.00	17.50
30c blue and carmine	15.00	20.00
90c black and carmine	20.00	30.00
1870. 7c vermilion, used	$3.50	$3.12
15c orange, used	6.00	7.50
30c black, used	10.00	11.25
90c carmine, used	5.00	5.00
1872. 3c green	0.08	0.37
15c orange	0.30	1.37
24c purple	2.50	3.12
30c black	1.00	2.50
1887-8. 30c puce brown	0.75	1.62
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$5 black	6.50	6.87
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1879. Postage due, 30c	3.00	6.50
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Justice. 15c	3.00	3.75
24c	6.00	10.00
30c	10.00	15.00
30c, used	10.00	20.00
90c	25.00	35.00
90c, used	25.00	40.00
Navy. 7c	5.00	7.50
7c, used	5.00	6.00
24c	3.00	5.00
90c	6.00	12.50
State. 2c	2.50	3.75
2c, used	2.50	5.00
30c	4.00	6.25
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Br. Cent. Africa. **1891**, £10 br'n	66.50	60.00
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Buenos Ayres. **1858**, 4, cuartis, vermilion	100.00	125.00
—— same, used	75.00	90.00
5, civico, orange	125.00	150.00
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Canada. **1851**, 6p purple, laid paper	50.00	75.00
Ceylon. **1857**, 4p rose, star, used	60.00	90.00
8p chocolate, star, used	50.00	75.00
1863, 1sh gray violet, unwmk.	50.00	45.00
Dominican Republic. **1862**, 1r green, wove, used	50.00	45.00
France. **1849-50**, 1f orange, yellow paper	75.00	60.00
Guinea. **1879**, 25r rose	50.00	40.00
—— same, used	50.00	40.00
India. **1854**, ½a red	50.00	45.00
1867, 8a lilac, official, green surcharge	60.00	75.00
—— same, used	50.00	75.00
Labuan. **1879**, 12c red	60.00	45.00
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1852, 2r red	75.00	100.00
—— same, used	60.00	80.00
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OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 5.

J. EDWARDS.

Mr. J. Edwards is an Englishman, a native of South Staffordshire; was born in 1864, first came to Canada in August, 1887, and being interested in the wholesale drug and chemical business was in the employ of Messrs. Billings, Clapp & Co., of Boston, Mass., upwards of three years. He is now with Messrs. Lyman's Sons & Co., Wholesale Druggists, Montreal, Canada, and has been with this latter firm over four years. His career, philatelically speaking, is somewhat recent, only commencing in the early part of 1892, when he informs us that he first wrote to the Bogert & Durbin Co., of Tribune Building, New York City, for his first selection of stamps. Since then he has taken an active interest in the collecting of used postage stamps and now possesses a general collection of some 4,000 varieties, including some good B. N. A., U. S., and British Colonial stamps. We also find him interested in representing the philatelic press as early as September, 1892, and although there has been so much quibbling over The Philatelic Advertising Agent, we still find this self-made agent representing as sole Canadian Agent such publications as *The Indian Philatelist*, THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST, and lastly, but by no means least, Messrs. Harry Hilckes & Co., Limited, of London, England, have appointed him sole agent for their most excellent publication, *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*.

Having been unanimously elected Advertising and Subscription Agent of the P. S. of A., Librarian of the Montreal Stamp Collectors' Club, and being an active member in two other societies, and an honorary corresponding member of The Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, Texas, U. S. A, we need only add that Mr. Edwards has not lost much time during his short philatelic career, therefore we hope to have him long with us and wish him every success.

COLUMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A new organization with the above title was recently formed with the following temporary officers: President, Rev. Jos. B. Hummert, Earling, Iowa; Vice-President, J. P. Lacour, Chicago, Ill., and Secretary-Treasurer, Leo Fritter, Columbus, Ohio. The dues, for the present, will be fifteen cents, and initiation fee ten cents, payable with application. The society will be composed of the better class of philatelists, and the membership will not exceed 500. Only active and honest collectors are desired. At the present writing there are sixteen members divided among the following States: Vermont, one; Illinois, two; Iowa, one; Texas, two; New York, four; District of Columbia, one; South Dakota, one; Arkansas, one; Wisconsin, one; and Ohio, two. THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST has been appointed official organ.

"GUARANTEED GENUINE."

A phrase like the above should be put to some good use, if utilized at all, but when I received a lot of approval sheets from a well known Western firm, which included twenty-three reprints, I felt that the quoted words were somewhat out of place. The selection was sent without my solicitation, and were the most dubious looking lot of stamps that I had ever had the misfortune to examine. Hoping to give the owners a pleasant surprise I returned the stamps immediately, writing across the envelope, in good red letters, "Deliver immediately, if not sooner." I also asked them why it was they handled such reprehensible trash, but needless to say have received no answer.

"Guaranteed" is a very strong and binding word, virtually meaning that the user hereby declares everything to be absolutely as stated, holding himself in readiness to back up his word by agreeing to make everything good that is found not to be as represented, and when used in connection with the word "genuine" it seems to an honest man to imply that all articles to which the phrase is applied are positively and absolutely genuine. I sometimes fear, however, that the dealer smooths his conscience by mentally declaring that his stamps are genuine reprints or genuine counterfeits, as the case may be.

"All stamps are guaranteed to be genuine originals" was the first reading of this phrase and it covered the case exactly and left no loophole for invidious remarks, but it was quickly shortened by some unscrupulous dealer who had more time than money, yet desired to make it appear that he was too busy to write it out in full.

Is it not possible to require dealers who use or misuse these two words to fulfill their part

of the bargain, inasmuch as quite a number of young collectors buying stamps that they think are genuine finding them, all too late, to be either reprints or counterfeits, are disgusted with philately and stamp collecting generally and retire from the pursuit and hinder others from becoming collectors?

HENRY BEAUMONT, JR.

COLUMBIAN REMAINDERS.

It has been reported at this office that the post office officials at Washington, D.C., will supply to all comers the $2, $3, $4, and $5 Columbians, having purchased all those which were still on hand and in the possession of the American Bank Note Co., and will sell rather than destroy them. These are surely "remainders" and should be boycotted by every believer in the S. S. S. S. tommy rot.

WORCESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

At the regular annual meeting of the Worcester Philatelic Society, held October 14, the following officers were elected:

President, J. E. Tombs.
Vice-President, Frederic Forehand.
Secretary-Librarian, G. S. Dickinson.
Treasurer, W. E. Booker.
Executive Committee, Dr. C. D. Wheeler and A. C. Woodward.

About twenty members were present and much interest was manifested. The Executive Committee was authorized to purchase priced auction catalogues not to exceed $5, and to make arrangements for holding meetings in the future. Reports of officers were accepted, and after adjournment the members enjoyed the remainder of the evening in the purchase and exchange of stamps, which were offered in great variety. The outlook for the winter season appears most promising in the philatelic line in Worcester. Meetings are held twice a month. THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST was elected official organ of the Society.

G. S. DICKINSON, *Secretary*.

The United States Government will shortly establish a reindeer mail service in Alaska, from the most northern boundary of the territory down to Unalaska, where connection will be made by steamer for San Francisco. The length of the line over which the reindeer express will run is upward of 1,500 miles, and will take in all that region near the Yukon which is now accessible only by Indians and dog sleds.

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Professor Peary, who has just returned from a visit to extreme northern latitudes, so it is alleged, states that the Esquimaux are about to issue a set of postage stamps and stamped envelopes.

S. Allan Taylor — he of the inventive and speculative mind — claims to have discovered a new variety in the 2c 1895 issue. There is but one triangle and that is in the upper right-hand corner. Next!

IN PHILATELIA.

It is quite possible that the S. S. S. S. will soon have to denounce another speculative issue, this time from Australia, which will undoubtedly rival the notorious bicycle stamp of Fresno. A young man named Bennett has established a bicycle postal route between Coolgardie, the centre of the mining district, and Dundas, which is 280 miles away. Strapped on his wheel is a small letter box in which he carries letters between the two towns for a shilling each, and telegrams for five shillings, making one round trip each week.

We are always pleased to greet the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* and must say that the October number is the handsomest, most newsy, and most attractive of all the magazines which have come to our desk. The leading article by W. Lionel Moise on "The Stamps of the Greater and Lesser Antilles" is capitally written, and our only regret is that we were not the publishers of it. The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* is also a great favorite of ours as it was the magazine which gave us the idea of issuing THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST, and we are not averse to saying that we modeled our journal after this admirable pattern. We trust that the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* is successful. It certainly deserves to be.

"I am not a philatelist," writes a correspondent of *Invention* (London), "but by some chance I became a possessor of a few hundreds of good genuine stamps. As I am of original mind, I did not gum them into the usual old-fashioned stamp album, but I rigged up a special apparatus for the purpose: An endless thin leather band is driven by means of an electric motor at a very low speed. The stamps were pasted to the band, and this combination was fixed inside a longitudinal box, ornamented externally with velvet and fancy brass nails and rosettes. At a certain part of the box is fixed a small movable brass tube provided with an objective glass. A small electric incandescent lamp, provided with a silvered reflector, is also fixed inside the box. By pressing on the pear-shaped button every stamp is seen magnified many times its size, is succeeded soon by another stamp, and at the same time more 'light is thrown on the subject.'"



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THE CHINESE POSTAL SYSTEM.

It is the universal opinion of those who are in a position to know that the Chinese postal system is the most abominable in existence. The post office does not belong to the State, or to any public society.

Everyone is free to open a so-called "letter shop" and to undertake the risks and damages of transmitting letters from person to person. At Shanghai there are no less than 200 letter shops in opposition to each other. The postage varies according to the distance to be run. In the north, where horses are numerous, the post runs at about eight kilometres an hour. The treaty ports, however, cause about as much excitement and annoyance as can possibly be imagined, especially among collectors. There are 20 of these ports in China and each of these has a foreign settlement which is self-governing, the necessary civil officers being selected by the foreigners of all nationalities who comprise the settlement. These settlements, for the sake of convenience, have formed their own postal union, and issue postage stamps for use between the ports. There is a branch of the United States post office at Shanghai, and the other ports also have foreign post offices. All mail matter for foreign countries must pass through these branch offices and must have affixed the stamps, not alone of the treaty ports but of the branch foreign office, to ensure delivery. The port postage is used in order to get the letter to such offices, enough being attached to the package to pay the additional postage out of the country. Many enterprising Chinamen have gone into the business of manufacturing postage stamps which they sell to collectors, but which are worthless for a *bona fide* collection, unless secured on the original cover. The Japanese are beginning to do business along the same lines, but the government requires that such stamps shall bear a character indicating that they are fac-similes.

IN PHILATELIA.

It has been decided by the postal authorities that a black envelope is unmailable, on the ground that the cancellation cannot be seen.

The firm of Estabrook & Leonard, publishers of the *American Philatelist and Collector*, has

dissolved; the business will be continued by F. B. Estabrook, and the magazine will be regularly issued in the future.

Hon. Washington Hesing, philatelist and postmaster of Chicago, has issued a 112 page pamphlet entitled, "The Chicago Post Office Guide," which could with advantage be copied by all the large offices in the country.

No. 2 of the *International Philatelist* has made its appearance. It has not kept its promise of being as brilliant as No. 1. We do not think this continual talk of "beer" among the younger collectors has a savory sound, and we are not prudes, either.

F. Trifet made a neat capture of the stolen collection belonging to Banker Kidder, and, besides reclaiming a recalcitrant collector, gained an immense amount of free advertising. Mr. Kidder's collection is variously estimated as being worth from three to seven thousand dollars and was stolen from him about eight years ago.

The postal receipts of the Government for the last quarter are $1,600,000 in excess of the third quarter of 1892, which was a time of general prosperity. It is quite evident that postal receipts are increasing twice as rapidly as the population of the country, and if the present rate is kept up the income of the Government, from this source, next year will be fully $85,000,000.

Howard K. Sanderson has returned from his trip abroad in almost an obese condition. He came just in time to cast a vote for himself as Representative to the Great and General Court from Lynn; in a Democratic district Mr. Sanderson led his opponent by thirty votes, enough and to spare. Mr. H. D. Humphrey, of Dedham, another philatelist of renown, was returned to the Legislature by a very handsome majority. We have not up to the present time discovered a philatelist of the Democratic persuasion in the State; are they all Republicans, we wonder?

Dr. Foster, of Elmira, N. Y., has secured a patent on a new form of envelope which he believes cannot be opened without detection. One of its alleged advantages is that no mucilage is used, and it is, therefore, cheap to manufacture. The use of mucilage is avoided by means of two arrow-headed points that pass through slits in the flaps, and then open out in such a way that they cannot be withdrawn without tearing the paper. Dr. Foster thinks that not being "sealed" in the technical sense, such envelopes containing letters might pass through the mails at circular rates, but the worthy Doctor forgets that the law will only permit circular rates when the cover can be opened without destruction.

Our position in regard to the sale of Seebecks, etc., has been misrepresented. We wish to emphatically restate that we do not believe in the collection or sale of Seebecks, remainders, or any so-called speculative issues of the United States or of any other country in an *unused* condition. When postally used and cancelled upon the original cover and bought in that condition, we approve of Seebecks and speculative issues. Such stamps we consider perfectly legitimate and worthy of a place in any collection. We are heartily in sympathy with the fundamental principles of the S. S. S. S. or any other society, and in all *honest* attempts to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or collecting of unnecessary stamps, but we do not believe that this society or any body of men can "kill" any issue, and so long as stamps are issued and *used* they are fit subjects for an album, whether they are Seebecks, remainders, Columbians, Russian Locals, Wuhu's or what not.

The discipline of the United States Post Office Department for its letter carriers is severe, but not needlessly so when their responsibility is taken into account. A carrier is prohibited while on duty from even answering any questions upon the street, and he cannot even wait to take a letter long enough for a person to affix a postage stamp. When a carrier does not wait he is sometimes termed unaccommodating. More severe yet is the fact that should he discover a fire in progress on his route or even off his route, he is not allowed to ring in the fire alarm, provided in so doing he is obliged to step off his route. He cannot deliver mail on the street to any of his regular customers, unless in so doing he can hand the mail matter without delay; yet, on the other hand, they are more favored by Congress than any other class of employés.

BAY STATE STAMP JOURNALS.

BY L. H. BENTON.

With the exception of New York, Massachusetts has undoubtedly launched upon the troublous sea of philatelic journalism more stamp papers than any other State. The Empire State's quota is in the close vicinity of 100, and the Old Bay State's figure is 66, from the *American Stamp Mercury* to the *Yankee Philatelist*.

These 66 have issued, approximately, 480 numbers. As sixteen issued but one number each, this gives an average of over nine numbers for each of the remaining fifty.

Fourteen of them issued ten or more numbers: —

American Stamp Mercury,	Boston,	Oct., 1867, to Mar., 1871,	35 nos.
American Philatelist and Collector,	Marlborough,	April, 1891–May, 1895,	33 nos.
Collector's News,	No. Adams,	Sept., '75–Sept., '76,	13 nos.
Eastern Philatelist,	Fitchburg,	First four volumes,	24 nos.
Essex County Philatelist,	Lawrence,	Sept., 1889–June, 1892,	31 nos.
Fitchburg Philatelist,	Fitchburg,	Dec., 1888–Jan., 1891,	25 nos.
Golden Star,	Taunton,	Nos. 13 to 22 inclusive,	10 nos.
F. Trifet's Monthly Stamp Circular & Price Catalogue,	Boston,	Jan., '74–Nov., '77 (Nos. 1 to 47),	40 nos.
Monthly Stamp Circular,	Boston,	Dec., '77–May, '79 (Nos. 48 to 60),	11 nos.
New England Philatelist,	Fitchburg,	Nov., 1884–Jan., 1886,	12 nos.
Philatelic Bazar,	Williamsville,	Aug., '86–May, '87,	10 nos.
Philatelic Beacon,	Newton,	Oct., '88–Apr., '91,	31 nos.
Stamp Collector's Record,	Boston,	24 nos., 13th to 36th, '66–'70,	24 nos.
Stamp Advertiser,	Hudson,	Feb., '89–Sept., '90,	13 nos.

With Vol. V., No. 1, in March, 1890, the *Eastern Philatelist* moved to Newmarket, N. H., and up to date has issued ninety-one numbers. The initial number was issued at Fitchburg in December, 1887, by W. H. Goodrich, since deceased, and for the next two years appeared regularly every month, with the exception of the first three numbers of Vol. II, which appeared bi-monthly.

The *Golden Star*, best known to stamp collectors as a stamp journal, appeared as an amateur paper in June, 1891, at Taunton, and, after a gradual but inevitable evolution, became an out-and-out philatelic publication (in all except the name) with the first number of Vol. III, in July, 1892. From that time until it became a juvenile magazine with No. 23, in September, 1893, it was a popular and well-known stamp journal.

The first philatelic periodical on the American continent was S. Allan Taylor's *Stamp Collector's Record*, which appeared in Montreal in the spring of 1864, in which place two numbers were issued. Mr. Taylor then moved to Albany, N. Y., where he resumed publication of the *Stamp Collector's Record*, and ten numbers were issued. Next we find Mr. Taylor in Boston, and here it was that most of the "Records" were published. Not a single complete file of this paper is known.

The first stamp paper that began publication in Massachusetts appeared in Boston in July, 1866, and was known as the *Stamp Collector's Review*. Two numbers were issued, the second being in October. The first was of the nature of a prospectus.

Seventeen of the sixty-six were published in Boston: —

American Stamp Mercury,	F. Trifet,	Oct., 1867, to March, 1871,	35 nos.
Bay State Philatelist,	Drown Pub. Co.,	May, 1895, to ——,	——
Boston Stamp Book,	A. L. Cassino & Co.,	May, 1895, to ——,	——
Hub Collector,	E. M. Foster,	March, 1886,	1 no.
Monthly Circular,	M. C. Potter,	January, 1877,	1 no.
F. Trifet's Monthly Stamp Circular & Price Catalogue,	F. Trifet,	Jan., 1874, to Nov., 1877,	40 nos.
Monthly Stamp Circular,	F. Trifet,	Dec., 1877, to May, 1879,	11 nos.
New England Journal of Philately,	Learned & Lyford,	January to March, 1869,	3 nos.
Postage Stamp Collectors' Monitor,	C. M. Seltz,	June, 1867,	1 no.
Philatelic Squeal,	J. M. Randall,	March, 1885,	1 no.
Philatelic Nonpareil,	E. A. Durgin,	Nov., 1889, to Feb., 1890,	4 nos.
Stamp Collector's Record,	S. Allan Taylor,	1866 to 1870,	24 nos.
Stamp Collector's Review,	H. F. King,	July to October, 1866,	2 nos.
Stamp Collector's Magazine,	Terhune & Lyford,	January, 1871,	1 no.
Timbrophilist,	C. A. Lyford,	Sept., 1869, to Sept., 1874,	5 nos.
U. S. Philatelist,	E. N. Barker,	June, 1884,	1 no.
Yankee Philatelist,	Williams-Willard,	Nov., 1892, to Oct., 1893,	8 nos.

It is a mystery to our "funny man" why the *Hub Collector* did not "go" longer than one month, for it must have had a "wheel." The *Philatelic Squeal* squealed but once. It is said that the name of Mr. Seltz's paper killed it. The two new healthy twins, THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST and the *Boston Stamp Book*, will undoubtedly in a few years lead the list in point of numbers issued.

Of the 49 published outside of Boston, six each were published in Fitchburg (71 nos.), Taunton (32 nos.), and Worcester (17 nos.); four in Lowell, three in Williamsville, two each in Salem, Lynn, Malden, and North Leominster, and one in each of the following places: Brookline, Danvers (and Taunton), Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Holyoke, Hudson, Lawrence,

Marlborough, Newburyport, Newton, North Adams, North Attleborough, Pittsfield, Springfield, and West Gardner.

Fitchburg's six ventures were as follows: —

Eastern Philatelist,	W. H. G. & E. P. P. Co.,	Dec., 1887, to March, 1890,	24 nos.
Fitchburg Philatelist,	C. H. Whitcomb,	Dec., 1888, to Jan., 1891,	25 nos.
New England Philatelist,	W. L. Emory,	Nov., 1884, to Jan., 1886,	12 nos.
Philatelic News,	Emory-Greene,	Jan., 1884, to June, 1886,	7 nos.
Wide-Awake Philatelist,	F. S. Davis,	March, 1890,	1 no.
Yankee Philatelist,	I. C. Greene,	Aug. and Sept., 1885,	2 nos.

The *Philatelic News* was founded in Philadelphia by F. H. Schwartz, in April, 1883. Mr. Schwartz issued eight numbers, and then sold the *Philatelic News* to W. L. Emory, of Fitchburg, who issued four numbers, beginning with January, 1884, and ending with April. The good-will, etc., was then sold to John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., and consolidated with the *Granite State Philatelist*. The *Granite State Philatelist* was soon after sold to T. C. Watkins, of New York City, who established the *Empire State Philatelist*. In April, 1886, I. C. Greene, of Fitchburg, took up the thread where it had been broken in April, 1884, and issued No. 1 of Volume II of the *Philatelic News*. Two other numbers were issued, making a total of 15 in all, or seven for Fitchburg, and the *Philatelic News* then sank to the "Davy Jones' locker" of the "Sea of Philatelic Journalism."

The *Wide-Awake Philatelist*, despite its name, at the end of one month dropped into a deep sleep from which it never awoke.

Taunton's six efforts are now brought out for inspection: —

Bristol County Stamp News,	Bristol Co. Phil. Society,	Jan. to March, 1894,	3 nos.
Golden Star,	A. J. Kirby,	Nos. 13 to 22, inclusive,	10 nos.
International Philatelic Monthly,	Wm. M. Deane,	Feb., Mar., & May, 1892,	3 nos.
Massachusetts Philatelic,	E. E. Ashley,	Feb. to Nov., 1893,	8 nos.
Philatelic Sun,	F. W. Kaupp,	Sept., 1894, to Mar., 1895,	7 nos.
Cohannett Philatelist,	Carleton L. Soule,	Sept., 1895, to ——,	——

The *International Philatelic Monthly* had some pretty fair "stuff" in it, but its typography was enough to give a man the vertigo.

The *Massachusetts Philatelist* was edited, printed, and published by Everett Ellsworth Ashley, a healthy-appearing, rosy-cheeked, fun-loving, young man, and the author of several articles in the *Stamp, Transcontinental Philatelist, Bristol County Stamp News*, etc., but his pen and voice are now stilled forever, for Death claimed him on August 4 last, in the 19th year of his age.

After issuing six numbers of the *Philatelic Sun*, Fred. W. Kaupp sold it to Messrs. Pendleton & Elliott, who issued one number. An edition of 700 copies was printed, but very few were mailed, and 500 of the number printed were sold to a well-known collector of stamp papers. Mr. C. L. Soule has shown his nerve by taking it up and continuing it as the *Cohannett Philatelist*, designating his first number as "Volume I, No. 1, with which is consolidated the *Philatelic Sun*, Volume II, No. 2." This number is dated September.

The heretofore-mentioned 16 papers which had their lives cut short at the tender age of one month are listed as follows: —

American Stamp News,	Lowell,	T. E. Adams,	Sept., 1893.
Boy's Stamp Gazette,	Worcester,	E. S. Leslie,	Jan., 1870.
Bay State Advertiser,	Lynn,	G. H. Bishop,	Jan., 1886.
Collector's Monthly,	Lynn,	Bishop & Ellison,	May, 1887.
Hub Collector,	Boston,	E. M. Foster,	March, 1886.
Monthly Circular,	Boston,	M. C. Potter,	Jan., 1877.
Postage Stamp Collectors' Monitor,	Boston,	C. M. Seltz,	June, 1867.
Philatelic Squeal,	Boston,	J. M. Randall,	March, 1885.
Philatelic Currier,	Williamsville,	A. E. Bennett,	Feb., 1892.
Stamp Collector's Magazine,	Boston,	Terhune & Lyford,	Jan., 1871.
Stamp Exchange,	Lowell,	A. H. Wheeler,	Jan., 1871.
Stamp Reporter,	Worcester,	E. A. Welch,	Apr., 1879.
Star Stamp Journal,	Worcester,	Star Stamp Co.,	Oct., 1893.
U. S. Philatelist,	Boston,	E. N. Barker,	June, 1884.
Universal Collector's Journal,	Danvers & Taunton,	Patterson & Barnard,	March, 1886.
Wide-Awake Philatelist,	Fitchburg,	F. S. Davis,	March, 1890.

One paper in this list is remarkable for one thing, and that is its name. I refer to Bennett's *Philatelic Currier*. If there are any who do not see the point, we would refer them to Webster, or any other dictionary, and suggest that they look up "Currier" and then "Courier." Of the Bay State stamp journals, there remain 21 which I have not listed, but which I will take up presently.

My reason for breaking the list up into parts was not only for convenience of classification, but in order to avoid having it appear too much like a "selection" from a catalogue, even though my lists herewith contain many facts created since "Tiffany's Library Companion" and its two addenda appeared, and none of which "Jones' Check-List" touches upon in regard to any paper. Here are the twenty-one: —

American Philatelic Magazine,	Pittsfield,	Feb. & March, 1888,	2 nos.
Bay State Collector,	No. Leominster,	Feb. to May, 1887,	4 nos.
Collector,	Worcester,	Feb. & April, 1880,	2 nos.
Collector's Press,	Malden,	Nos. 6 & 7, Dec., '92,-Jan., '93,	2 nos.
Chair City Stamp Collector,	West Gardner,	June, 1884, to Feb., '85,	5 nos.
Collector's World,	Williamsville,	1887–1888,	3 nos.
Collectors' World,	No. Leominster,	May to Oct., 1892,	5 nos.
Eastern Stamp,	Worcester,	Jan., 1892, to Jan., 1893,	4 nos.
Malden Philatelist,	Malden,	May to August, 1892,	4 nos.
New England Philatelist,	Brookline,	Nov. & Dec., 1889,	2 nos.
Postage Stamp Reporter (two series),	Lowell,	Sept., 1871, to Jan., '75,	8 nos.
Philatelic News,	Springfield,	Jan. to Dec., 1880,	9 nos.
Philatelic Science,	Georgetown,	March to May, 1887,	2 nos.
Pentucket Philatelist,	Haverhill,	Sept. to Nov., 1892,	3 nos.
Stamp Herald,	Holyoke,	Jan. to March, 1895,	3 nos.
Stamp,	Groveland,	June, 1895, to ———,	———
Stamp Journal,	Newburyport,	March, 1895, to ———,	———
Witch City Collector,	Salem,	Jan. & Feb., 1887,	2 nos.
Witch City Philatelist,	Salem,	July, 1887, to Feb., 1888,	8 nos.
Wamsutta Stamp News,	No. Attleborough,	Dec., '90, to Feb., '91,	3 nos.
Worcester County Philatelist,	Worcester,	Oct., '91, to June, '92,	9 nos.

The initial number of the *Stamp Herald* was called *The Stamp*. One morning John woke up and heard of Grevning's paper and changed the name of his own with No. 2. With No. 3 it "went up the spout" and never came back. There have been many less deserving papers, especially in the typographical line. In June, 1895, Mr. Charles H. Pike, of Groveland, felt like doing something original; so he issued No. 1 of *The Stamp*, and has issued three numbers since. The *Stamp Journal*, of Newburyport, started before it began, so to speak; anyway, the first number issued was Vol. III, No. 1, and appeared in March, 1895.

The first five numbers of the *Collector's Press* were published in Richmond, Va., all but the first being by J. C. Weckert. The initial number was by the "Antique Publishing & Supply Co.," and appeared in April, 1892. No. 2 was dated June, and No. 5 came out in September, as scheduled, but No. 6, the first from Malden, came out in December, as noted in the preceding list.

In this article I have endeavored to chronicle with accuracy every stamp journal ever published in Massachusetts, and if in any particular I have failed to do so, I shall be pleased to learn wherein I have erred, with authority for correction.

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

With this issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST we resume our comparative auction reviews and shall continue the same during the entire season. In the future we shall not list any stamp which is not in absolutely perfect condition. We must, necessarily, depend on the catalogues for our opinion as to the condition of the various stamps sold, and when it is stated that the stamp is a "magnificent specimen," "very fine," "fine," or "in good condition," we shall assume that the stamp is a perfect one. In our review of the Ventom, Bull & Cooper sale we have quoted one stamp which the catalogues state has "one perforation missing"; we are disposed to consider such a stamp, especially if a rare one, in "fine" condition.

As our space is too valuable to devote to all stamps sold at the various sales, we shall devote it to quotations of United States stamps, both adhesive and envelope, giving comparative quotations of the leading rareties which we find in the various catalogues. By this means we hope to create a renewed interest in the stamps of our own country.

We shall be pleased to receive suggestions from any of our patrons relative to reviewing stamps of other countries, and promise to do our best to satisfy their wishes in the matter.

In all future quotations whenever a stamp has been sold at an English auction sale we will not only give quotations from Scott's Standard Catalogue, but also from the tenth edition of the Stanley Gibbons Company; in this way we bring clearly before the philatelist the price at which the stamp is valued in the United States and England in direct comparison with the price realized at the auction sale in question.

The present review covers the auction sales held by W. Hadlow, London, Sept. 18, Sept. 27, Oct. 14, and Oct. 24; Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, Sept. 24–26 and Oct. 9 and 10; Puttick & Simpson, London, Oct. 1, 2, 15, and 16; Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, Oct. 12 and Nov. 2; Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, Oct. 19; J. W. Scott Co., New York, Oct. 16; A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, Oct. 21; R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, Oct. 29 and 30; and B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, Oct. 30.

An explanation as to the proper method of reading the presentation which follows is here given: The first stamp listed is the 5c black of New York, 1845 issue; it is valued by Scott's 56th Catalogue at $12, used, and by

Stanley Gibbons' 10th catalogue at $7.50. At the sale in London by Ventom, Bull & Cooper, Sept. 24–26, a good specimen brought $8.50; at this same firm's sale on Oct. 9 and 10 another copy was sold for $8. On Oct. 12 a perfect specimen was sold by Bogert & Durbin Co. in New York for $7, and R. F. Albrecht & Co. sold on the 29th of the same month a fine copy for $7.50. B. L. Drew & Co. in Boston on Oct. 30 disposed of an excellent specimen for $6.25, and J. L. Burton, of Madison, N. Y., sold at his mail auction a copy for $6. Other lines may be read in a similar manner. English values have been reduced to those of the United States on the basis of $5 to the £1.

1845. 5c black. New York, used; S $12. G $7.50
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, $8.50
Oct. 10, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 8.00
12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.00
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.50
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 6.25
Nov. 1, J. L. Burton (mail), 6.00

1846. 5c black. Providence, unused; S $6.50, G $5.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.25
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.25

1847. 5c brown, unused; S $5, G $7.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.50
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 5.00
Same, used; S $0.85, G $1.25
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 0.90
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 0.85
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 0.90

1847. 10c black, used; S $4, G 5
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.75
14, W. Hadlow, London, 2.50
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.50
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.10

1851-6. 5c brown, unused; S $50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 40.00
Same, used; S $11, G $8.75
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 7.50
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 5.50
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 8.50
19, Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, 8.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.00

1851-6. 12c black, used; S $1.75, G $1.25
Sept. 24. Ventom. Bull & Cooper, London, 1.13
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.40
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 1.55

1855-60. 3c red, outer line, unused; S $15,
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, no gum 4.50
B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, with gum, 11.50

1855-60. 5c red brown, used; S $7, G $5
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 5.50
14, W. Hadlow, London, 2.25
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 6.75
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.25

1855-60. 5c brown, no ornaments, used; S $2.50, G $2
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.60
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.00

1855-60. 10c green, unused; S $1.25, G $1.12
Oct. 14, W. Hadlow, London, 1.25
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.40

1855-60. 24c lilac, unused; S $6, G $4.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.50
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.75

1855-60. 30c orange, used; S $6.50, G $6
Oct. 1, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.00
19, Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, 4.75
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.30

1855-60. 90c blue, unused; S $22.50, G $17.50
Oct. 1, Puttick & Simpson, London, 21.00
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 19.37
14, W. Hadlow, London, 15.75
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 17.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 20.25
Same, used; S $35, G $25
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 21.00
Oct. 1, Puttick & Simpson, London, 19.37
15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 10.50

1861. 3c pink, used; S $8, G $6.25
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 9.00
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 4.00
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.25

1861. 5c yellow, used; S $7, G $5.62
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London (described as "fine"), 1.75
24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 6.50
Oct. 1, Puttick & Simpson, London, 6.00
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.25
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 5.00
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.10

1861. 90c blue, unused; S $12, G $7.50
Oct. 14, W. Hadlow, London (described as "very fine"), 3.75
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.75
Same, used; S $3.50, G $2
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 1.33
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 2.85
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.80
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.35

1868. 3c rose, grille, 13 x 16, used; S $8, G $6.25
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 4.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.20
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.00

1868. 30c orange, grille, 9 x 13, used; S $4, G $3.75
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.50
24, W. Hadlow, London, 3.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (double grille), 7.50
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.13

1868. 90c blue, grille, 9 x 13, used; S $15, G $11.25
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 9.25
Oct. 1, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5.50
14, W. Hadlow, London, 6.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.25
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 11.75
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 10.75

1869. 10c yellow, unused; S $4, G $2.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.10
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.80

1869. 15c brown & blue, no frame, unused; S $10, G $10
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (no diamond), 9.25
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.10
Same, with frame, unused; S 6, G $4.50
Oct. 14, W. Hadlow, London, 3.50
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.10
Same, with frame, used; S $1.75, G $1.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.50
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 1.00
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.55

1869. 24c green and purple, used; S $7.50, G $6.25
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 3.75
24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London (double grille), 9.50
27, W. Hadlow, London, 3.25
Oct. 14, W. Hadlow, London, 4.75
15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.75
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 4.75
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.25

1869. 30c blue and carmine, unused; S $15, G $12.50
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 11.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.25
Same, used; S $3.50, G $3
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.60
14, W. Hadlow, London, 2.25
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 2.75
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.60

Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston (block of 4, each), 3.00
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.10

1869. 90c black and carmine, used; S $17.50, G $13.75
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 9.00
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 9.00
15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 12.00
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 14.00
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.75
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 15.05

1869. Complete set, used; S $36.82, G $24.04
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 21.00
24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 22.00

1875. 1c buff, unused; S $1.50, G $0.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.60
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.25

1875. 2c brown, unused; S $7.50, G $5
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.25
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.70

1875. 3c blue, unused; S $15, G $15
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 8.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.25
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 6.25

1875. 6c blue, unused; S $7.50 G $6.25
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.50
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 6.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.10

1875. 15c brown and blue, used; not valued in catalogues.
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 13.00
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 9.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.10
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.50

1875. 24c green and purple, unused; S $15, G $17.50
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 9.50
12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 15.75
15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 12.50
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 12.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 12.75

1875. 30c blue and carmine, unused; S $22.50, G $20
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 16.75
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 16.75

1875. 90c black and carmine, unused; S $30, G $30
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 19.37
12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 22.00
15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 25.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 25.50

1870-71. 7c vermilion, grille 9 x 11 1-2, used; S $4, G $3.12
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 2.10
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 2.75
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.50

1870-71. 10c brown, grille 9 x 11 1-2, used; S $10
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 7.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.25

1872. 7c vermilion, unused; S $5
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.00
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.50

1872. 12c dark purple, unused; S $10
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.50
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.25

1888. 90c purple, used; S $1.25, G $0.87
Oct. 15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 0.67
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 0.95
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 0.85

1893. 1S salmon, unused; S $8, G $7.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.10
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 6.50
Same, used; S $6, G $6.25
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 3.75
Oct. 15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.25
19, Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, 4.50
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 4.25
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.50
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.00

1893. $2 brown-red, unused; S $5, G 6.25
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 3.50
Oct. 21, A. L. Cassino, Boston, 4.25
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.27
Same, used; S $5, G $5
Oct. 21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 3.20
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.05
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 6.00

1893. $3 yellow-green, unused; S $4, G, $5
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 3.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.90

1893. $4 carmine, unused; S $5.50, G $6.50
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 4.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50

1893. Complete set, unused; S $31.81, G $34.48
Oct. 1, Puttick & Simpson, London, 26.25
15, Puttick & Simnson, London, 23.12
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 21.60

Executive. 1c, unused; S $8.50, G $8.75
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 6.00
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.10

Executive. 2c, unused; S $8.50, G $7.50
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 6.30
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.80

Executive. 3c, unused; S $6.50, G $6.25
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.75
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.25

Executive. 10c, unused; S $11.50, G $10
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 8.00
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 9.00

Justice. 24c, unused; S $10, G $10
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 8.00
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 8.75

Justice. 30c, used; S $25, G $20
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 19.00
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.00

Justice. 90c, unused; S $60, G $35
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 28.75
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 40.00
29, R. F Albrecht & Co., New York, 35.00

Justice. Complete set, used; S $109.10, G $86.98
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 58.75
15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 66.25

Navy. 7c, used; S $10, G $6
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.80
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 6.10

Navy. Complete set, used; S $32.10, G $23.43
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 18.12
Oct. 9, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 20.00

P. O. Seal. Post Obitum, unused; S $4, G $4
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 5.00
Oct. 21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 3.15
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.15

State. $2 unused; S $17.50, G $16.25
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 14.10
16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 12.25

Treasury. 24c, used; S $5, G $3.12
Oct. 19, Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, 5.00
21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 3.50
29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.00

Newspaper. 1867. 5c, white border, unused; S $2, G $1.50
Oct. 21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 1.60
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 1.40
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.50

Newspaper. 1875. 9c, unused; S $15, G $11.25
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 11.25
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 10.00

Newspaper. 1875, 192c, unused; S $4.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.55
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.25

The sale of October 29 and 30 of R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, was a most remarkable one and the prices realized exceedingly high, considering the unsettled condition of the market. Among the other stamps dis-

posed of, besides those chronicled above, were the following:

BOSTON.	**1845.** Penny Post Paid, 1c blue on part cover	$10.75
1855-60.	5c brown, vertical strip of 3 used: bottom stamp was type II, while the upper stamps were type III,	6.00
	30c orange, unused, o. g.	5.75
1861.	24c lilac, unused	3.20
	30c orange, block of 4 unused	11.20
1868.	5c brown, grille 9 x 13, unused	7.25
1869.	1c buff, double grille, unused	2.50
	12c green, unused	1.50
1870-1.	7c vermilion, grille 9 x 11½, unused	8.05
1872.	24c purple, unused	7.25
	90c carmine, unused	2.60
1873.	12c dark purple, unused	10.25
1893.	$3 yellow green, used, pair	6.20
	$4 carmine, used, pair	9.20
	$5 black, used	5.50
AGRICULTURE.	10c unused	3.50
	12c, unused	8.25
	15c, unused	2.50
EXECUTIVE.	6c, used	8.25
NAVY.	7c, unused	7.75
	24c, unused	3.50
STATE.	2c, unused	4.00
	24c, unused	5.00
	90c, unused, one at $6.75 and another at	7.75
WAR.	7c, unused	4.00
NEWSPAPER.	**1875.** 9c, used	12.00
	84c, unused	3.75
	$3, unused	6.75
	$6, unused	10.25
	$9, unused	14.25
	$12, unused	16.00
	$24, unused	22.00
	$36, unused	24.00
	$48, unused	27.25
	$60, unused	33.00
LOCALS.	Dupuy & Schenck Penny Post black on white glazed, o. c.	25.00
	Kidder's City Express Post, block of 4 2c black on blue glazed	21.00
REVENUES.	First issue, imperf. $200 green and red (a copy of same stamp sold by Drew, Boston, for $11.75)	13.25
	4c Playing cards, used	3.60
CONFEDERATE.	*Baton Rouge*, 5c green & carmine, frame, with thin lines, used, mended	80.00
	Mobile, 5cblue, original cover, used	6.50
	Tellico Plains, 5c red, unused, o.g., ornaments turned downwards, from N. E. corner of sheet	126.00
1863.	"Ten Cents" blue, used, orig. cover,	3.70

U. S. ENVELOPES.

At J. W. Scott Co.'s sale, the following prices were realized:

1853.	3c die K on white, used	$14.25
	3c die 4 on white, used (at Drew's sale $5.50)	6.75
	3c, die 4 on buff, used	9.50
	10c, die 2 on white, used	5.00
1857.	1c blue on orange, no period, used	3.00
	1c blue on orange, period, used	12.00
	4c blue and red on white, used	7.25
	10c green on buff, unused	9.50
1861.	12c bronze and red, used	4.00
	20c blue and red, unused	5.25
	24c green and red, unused	5.25
	40c red and black, unused	5.50
1864.	9c yellow, unused	3.00
	12c brown, unused	3.30
1870.	12c on white, unused	1.80
	12c on amber, unused	1.60
	12c on cream, unused	2.90
	15c on white, unused	1.55
	15c on amber, unused	2.00
	15c on cream, unused	3.00
	24c on white, unused	3.10
	24c on amber, unused	3.20
	24c on cream, unused	3.20
	30c on white, unused	2.40
	30c on amber, unused	3.10
	30c on cream, unused	3.25
	90c on white, unused	3.40
	90c on amber, unused	3.10
	90c on cream, unused	3.30
1874.	1c die A on cream, unused	5.25
	7c on amber, unused (one at Drew's sale brought $3)	3.10
	10c large head, die A, on white and amber (2), unused	3.70
	24c on white, unused	3.10
	24c on cream, unused (one at Drew's sale brought $5.50)	3.30
	90c on amber, unused (one at Drew's sale brought $6.75)	5.30
1882.	5c brown on blue, unused	3.10
1887.	90c purple on white, unused	2.60
	90c purple on amber, unused	2.25
	90c purple on blue, unused	3.25
	90c purple on cream, unused	3.30
	90c purple on manila, unused	2.80
	90c purple on manila amber, unused,	2.90

At B. L. Drew & Co.'s sale, the following prices were realized:

1853.	3c die 3 on buff, used	1.00
	3c die 4 on buff, used	8.25
	6c red on buff, used	2.00
1857.	4c blue and red on buff, unused	8.25
1874.	2c brown on white, die B2, unused	4.50
	2c vermilion on manila, die D, entire, unused	12.00
	2c die C on white, used	4.75
	2c die C on white, unused	11.00
	2c die C on amber, used	3.77
	12c on amber, unused	2.00
	12c on cream, unused	3.50
	15c on cream, unused	3.75
	15c on cream, unused	6.50
	24c on amber, unused	5.60
	30c on amber, unused	1.95
1886.	5c on cream, used	4.13
	5c on fawn, used	8.50
	5c on blue, used	3.00
	90c oriental buff, unused	5.00
1887.	2c die A (rejected) entire on oriental buff, used	5.25

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Nov. 20, 21. — Chicago Stamp & Coin Co., Chicago.
Nov. 20, 21. — Cheveley & Co., London.
Nov. 26, 27. — Puttick & Simpson, London.
Nov. 27, 28. — Cheveley & Co., London.
Nov. 28, 29. — Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London.
Dec. 3, 4. — R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York.
Dec. 11. — B. L. Drew & Co., Boston.
Dec. 11. — J. W. Scott Co., Limited, New York.
Dec. 12, 13. — Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London.
Dec. 13. — Henry Gremmel, New York.
Dec. 17, 18. — R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York
Dec. 18, 19. — Cheveley & Co., London.
Dec. 31. — Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London.
Jan. 23, 24. — R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York.
Feb. 11, 12. — R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York.

Iceland has issued an official 50 aur violet adhesive perforated 14, watermarked crown.

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Several members have not fully paid up their dues, and they will be suspended if same are not paid before the tenth of December, without further notice.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I hereby submit, as secretary, this my first report of the Columbian Philatelic Society, and trust that the same will meet with the approval of the members. It has been quite a task for me to discharge the duties of my office because of the unsettled condition of this new Society, but I have done the best I could under the circumstances. As our object is to unite in one strong and helpful body all active and honest stamp collectors, I think we are destined to receive the support of most of the collectors in this country, besides that of many in foreign lands. We extend a cordial invitation to all such collectors. We start out with a membership of 24, which is quite a good beginning, considering that we have had no preliminary advertising. We hope that as we now come before the fraternity with a fine Official Organ, and with the prospect of a great success, that they will give us their support by joining. The cost is not excessive and the benefits are many. Hoping we will meet with great success in the future, I remain,

Yours for success,
LEO FRITTER, *Secretary.*

Nov. 9, 1895.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

From fees	$2.30
From dues	4.20
From all other sources	.87
Total	$7.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

For postage	$2.92
For stationery and subscriptions	3.80
Balance	.65
Total	$7.37

Nov. 9, 1895. LEO FRITTER, *Treasurer.*

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION.

Nominations will be received by the secretary until the tenth of December for the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Exchange Superintendent, Auction Manager, Librarian, Counterfeit Detector, Superintendent Bureau of Information, and three Trustees. Members will please attend to this at once. It is important. All nominations will be announced in the next issue of the Official Organ. The annual election for all officers will be held on the second Wednesday in January.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 6.

R. F. ALBRECHT.

In this number we present the picture of a dealer who is known, at least by name, to all our readers. A good many, probably, also know him personally, as his frequent business trips bring him into personal contact with many of his customers, especially in the New England States. The following short biographical sketch will therefore be welcomed and be of interest to our readers.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht was born in January, 1852, in Berlin, Germany, where he spent all his early years, until he reached the age of eighteen. At that time his school and college education was completed and he entered a book and publishing firm of his native place as apprentice, and remained in this position for a term of three years. The firm for which he worked had a branch in London, and therefore the business relations between the mother house and the branch required Mr. Albrecht to study the English language, which later on proved a great help to him when he came to our shores. At the end of his appren-

ticeship he went to the great publishing centre of Europe, the booksellers and printers' city of Leipzig, and worked there with various houses in all lines of the trade, thus acquiring a thorough knowledge of everything appertaining to printing. A little later, as is the custom in Germany, he took positions for short periods in various cities (Vienna, Luzerne, Zurich, and Munich) and returned to his native place in 1877 to start for himself. He opened a publishing house, issuing juvenile books, which are still in great demand in the old fatherland. In 1883 he sold the plant and emigrated to America, where he soon after his arrival, through the influence of Mr. Carl Schurz, obtained a position with the "Staats Zeitung," the leading German paper in New York City. In this position he remained five years. Through an acquaintance he received a tempting offer to accept the position of head bookkeeper with a hide and leather firm, which position he held for four years, and then established himself as a stamp dealer, with what success all our readers know best themselves.

As to his philatelic career, Mr. Albrecht started his first collection early in the '60's, the exact year he cannot remember, but thinks it was in 1863, shortly before the Danish-German War. He remembers that he had Denmark complete, consisting of five stamps, but shortly afterwards had to add a few from the Danish provinces, Schleswig and Holstein, where in consequence of the war a few stamps were issued.

Of his early experiences he still retains many agreeable recollections of his trading with playmates in school, several of whom he has since met again in this country and whom he now counts amongst his customers. His expert knowledge of printing enables him to detect forgeries more easily than others, as the various styles of printing, engraving of types, etc., easily catch his eye, and it also enables him to distinguish whether a postmark on old issues was made at the time or put on the stamps at a later date, as, for instance, the first issue Bahamas imperf., which of late have been cancelled to order. When in Leipzig he worked jointly with Mr. Alfred Zschiesche, the well-known German dealer, on the publication of the first illustrated stamp album. During his life he always showed great interest in stamps, so that when he started his business he could safely rely upon his philatelic knowledge, which fact was the main instrument to his quickly gained reputation. During the past four years he held twenty-nine auction sales and realized for the owners over $90,000, and his endeavors to make the auction department of his firm the leading one in this country, we feel sure, bid fair to achieve the desired end.

W. S.

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.

BY RAYMOND L. PERRY.

A speculative issue from Peru is announced.

The new 2s Victoria postage due is in red and green.

Surcharged 1888 issue of Timor stamps have made their appearance.

The 22½c Netherlands now appears printed in a blue-green shade.

It is reported that the 6½d Newfoundland exists in orange color.

The South African Republic has issued a 1d postal, carmine on cream.

A new set of fifteen stamps is announced to appear shortly from Mauritius.

Four new official envelopes from Wurtemberg are made known by a foreign contemporary.

We report the 45c of Italy surcharged "Colonia Eritrea" on crown watermarked paper.

The 5c Ceylon envelope, white laid paper, size 122 x 107 m m has been seen.

The 2s Victoria, current issue, is now printed in yellow-green on white paper.

We learn on good authority that 83,000 10c on 50c provisionals, Danish West Indies, were issued.

Meekel's Weekly illustrates the 4d current type of South African Republic with wagon with tongue.

The *Indian Philatelist* chronicles 2g 50c of Dutch Indies with head light brown and frame brown-red.

The current 5 and 10c Guatemala envelopes have been surcharged in black with new values; white laid paper.

It is alleged that the S. S. S. S. have recognized the surcharged stamps lately issued from Labuan and North Borneo.

The new 2, 3, and 5s India stamps have appeared, printed in two colors, presenting a very attractive appearance.

We have recently seen copies of the 50c current Sweden and the ½ and 1p. Grenada, with watermark inverted.

It is reported that the 20s Gold Coast has been replaced by one of the same type, but with value £1.

A new set of Corean stamps are reported, but as we think them of doubtful character, do not advise their purchase.

The *A. J. of P.* reports the current 1, 2, and 10c Bolivia printed in new shades and perforated 13½ instead of 14½.

The new issue Grenada is at hand, with values 2½, 3, 6, and 8d, and 1s, and in design similar to current Leewards.

The 20s reply postal cards and 50s letter cards printed in blue are chronicled from Angra, Funchal, Horta, and Ponta Delgada.

It is reported that the British West India Island of Trinidad will issue a new series of postage stamps early next year.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* reports having a pair of the current one centavo brown of Argentine Republic, imperforate between.

Le Courrier de Timbres-Poste states that the current 10s card of Portugal has been seen in new colors, black on green.

The 24att of Siam is out surcharged with new value, 10a on 24a, purple and blue, watermarked a flower, on perforated paper.

A 24b red-brown Delivery stamp has appeared from Roumania, and in type same as unpaid letter stamps, watermarked coat of arms sideway.

Tonga has just issued simultaneously a regular set of adhesives and a set of provisionals; the latter consist of the 2½d stamp of the regular issue surcharged.

It is stated that the only counterfeits of the Ionian Islands are lithographed upon unwatermarked paper, different from the originals, being very coarse in comparison with the regular issue.

It is announced that the current 1p Gibraltar is now printed in two colors, the body of the stamp in light brown and the value in blue; watermarked crown and C. A. and perforated.

Information has been received that the Falkland Islands are to have a new issue of different design. It is quite likely that in design the stamps will be similar to the current Grenadas.

Collectors will be interested to know that the balance of the '94 U. S. stamps from 3c to $5, inclusive, have appeared on watermarked paper. Also the special delivery stamp and the unpaid set.

New issues from Perak and Selangor are chronicled. The stamps have a rich appearance, with Tiger's head design; a $1 and $5 stamp has been added to the set; what for, we wonder?

Canadian letter cards, 1c and 2c, similar in design to the 3c of last year, printed in blue, are at hand. It is reported that a crown cancellation stamp is now being used in Canada.

The new 5k orange Bulgaria unpaid letter stamp has come to hand. In type it is the same as preceding issue, but the letters of inscription in labels are larger and the figure 5 has a double-lined frame; perforated 11½.

Under date of August 5, a correspondent of the Scott Co., New York, writing from Brisbane, states that he has seen reprints, or rather forgeries, of the 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, and registered letter stamps, all on watermarked paper. If the statement is authentic, this is an important discovery.

This department will be conducted for the benefit of those of our readers who desire their information relative to new issues and new discoveries of varieties in a condensed form. We do not feel as though we could devote space to exhaustive reviews. We request the aid and coöperation of all in supplying facts for this department, due credit, of course, being given to those who thus favor us.

"NO VENICE IN ITALY."

A Scottish lady who posted a letter in the box of a country village near Florence, Italy, addressed to the proprietor of the hotel Britannia, Venice, had it returned to her by the postmaster, with the following letter: —

Most Illustrious Signora, — I return you this letter, begging you kindly to tell me to which Venice it should be sent. There is no Venice in Italy.

I have consulted my universal postal guide-book, and I have found seven Venices, a list of which I send, with the countries in which they are: 1. Venice, O., U. S.; 2. Venice, Kan., U. S.; 3. Venice, Ill., U. S.; 4. Venice, Mich., U. S.; 5. Venice, N. Y., U. S.; 6. Venice, Penn., U. S.; 7. Venice, Que., Can.

I beg you to add the province and the kingdom to the letter, and then it will be quickly delivered, whereas with Venice alone it will be necessary to send it to all the seven places.

The postage is 25 centimes; therefore I pray you to add another stamp of 5 centimes to complete the tax, which is 25 centimes for Canada and the United States.

My first thought was to send the letter off at once, but knowing for certain that there would be a great delay, I have thought it better to act as I have done. Where I can serve you, please command me. Your Obedient Servant.

The good, careful, courteous postmaster must have been mortified to learn that Venice is only the English form of Venezia. Still he is not altogether to be blamed.

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The current 1d English stamp is popularly supposed to be one of the commonest issues in existence. No doubt this is correct, but there is a *variety* of it concerning which very little seems to be generally known. This variety differs from the 1d stamp now in use by having *fourteen* white dots in each corner, whereas the current issue has *sixteen*. The latter also has the letters "O" in ONE and POSTAGE of a more circular shape than the earlier issues. Scott's 55th Catalogue quotes 1-3 as the present market value of an unused specimen of this variety, but there is little doubt that in course of time this price will be very largely increased, while even postmarked copies will become valuable ere long. The "14 dots" issue was in use from June, 1881, to some time in 1882. — *Monthly Post.*

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The Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, Texas, celebrated its first anniversary November 13, and held under its auspices the first international stamp exhibition ever held in the United States.

The doors were opened at 10 o'clock and from then on a stream of people flowed in and out of the rooms witnessing the display, which was an exceedingly fine one, coming from many foreign countries. Over 400 persons placed their names upon the register.

At 1 o'clock the judges examined the bids and awarded medals as follows: —

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WORCESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Regular meetings of the Worcester Society were held Oct. 28 and Nov. 11. About fifteen members were present and much interest was manifested by all. The matter of holding monthly meetings was discussed, and it was voted to appoint a committee of three to arrange for an auction sale to be held at the next meeting, A. C. Woodward being appointed to act as manager to receive and mount stamps for the sale.

Several good stamps were shown, among others a 1ct Prop. unperforated and 2c orange Bank check unperforated.

G. S. DICKINSON, *Secretary.*

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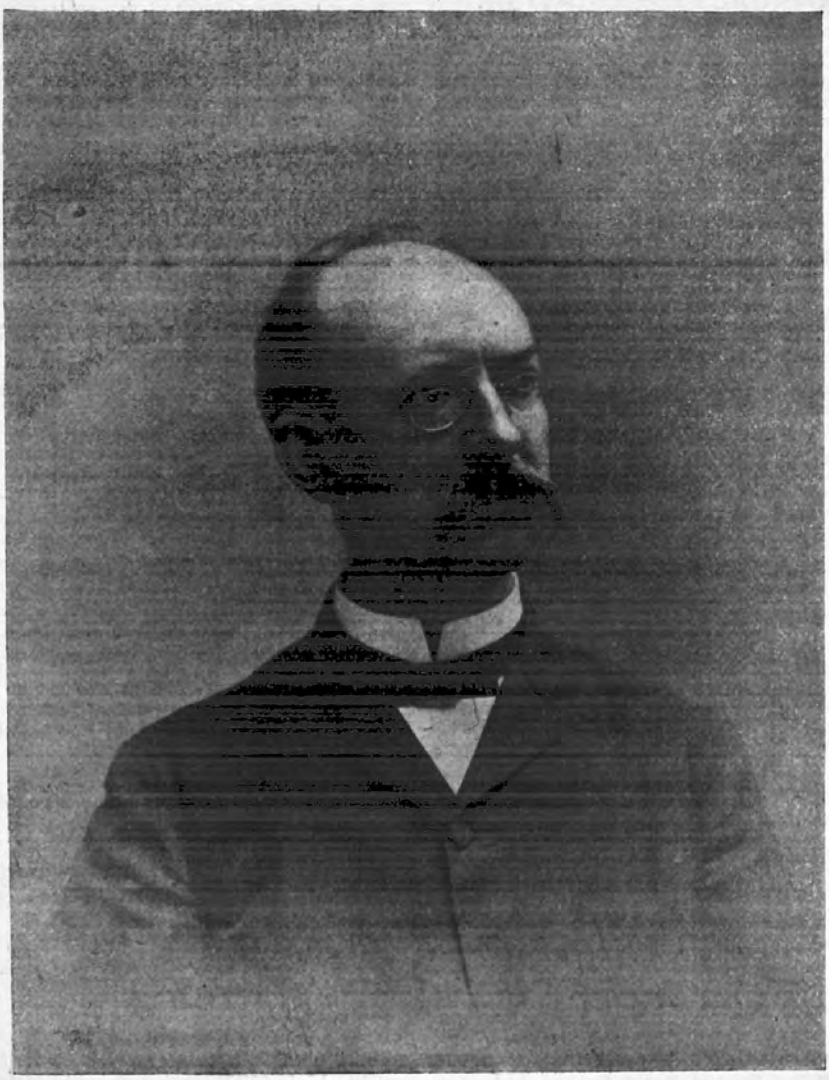
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THE EARLY ENGLISH POSTAL SERVICE.

The postal service of England dates back previous to the year 1500, and was primarily devoted to the transmission of the king's correspondence. Letters from merchants, however, were frequently carried, but no particular attention was paid to them; indeed, the carriers between Calais and Dover frequently refused to undertake the journey if there were no king's letters to be delivered. This neglect grew to such proportions that it was made the subject of remonstrance directed to the official whom we would term, at the present day, the Postmaster General. In 1607, James I appointed Lord Stanhope "Master of the Messengers and Runners, commonly called 'The King's Posts' as well within the Kingdom as in foreign parts beyond the seas, within the King's dominions." This Master received the munificent compensation of £66 13sh. 4d. This functionary and his successors in turn farmed out the carrying business, in some cases making their subordinates pay for the privilege of carrying the king's letters and reimburse themselves from the income of such extra service as their work put in their power to do for private persons.

In 1635 it is recorded that the king's postmasters carried the subjects' letters, but, up to that time, without reaping any benefit therefrom. At this time there was no arrangement recognized as a State service for the conveyance, within the kingdom, of letters of merchants. Later a regular charge was fixed for carrying letters, the proceeds were forwarded to the Master of the port and nominal wages were either paid in the coin of the realm, or in promises, to the local postmasters. To give them some real payment for their labor a monopoly of letting post horses to travelers along their routes was placed in their hands. The postmaster also had a right, in the king's name, to impress the horses of his neighbors for carriers when his own were not sufficient for the needs of the service.

The paternal attempt to accommodate the public was not always appreciated by those it was intended to benefit, and the postmasters were obliged to adopt drastic methods to prevent unauthorized persons from carrying passengers and mail contrary to law. In 1649 the London Common Council set up a rival post to that of Prideaux, who was then officiating as the domestic postmaster general, on the pretense that the Council required another weekly conveyance of letters for its own use, and it actually drove the official posts from the field, despite Prideaux's reduction of rates and establishment of additional mails. The fight was carried on with occasional pitched battles between the rival messengers, and efforts were made by Prideaux to delay the opposition, under pretense of keeping the Sabbath, while

his own agents respected it not, until in 1653, when a John Manley contracted to pay the Commonwealth £10,000 a year to farm the management of the inland and foreign post offices. Until that time the service to the continent had been separate. The separation came from James I taking advantage of the wording of Stanhope's original grant, and after Stanhope had built up a service abroad, selling for a handsome sum the office of "Postmaster of England for foreign parts, being out of the King's dominions."

The couriers from Germany and the low countries were for the most part peddlers who carried letters through the whole distance, delaying whenever it suited the convenience of their own traffic, instead of taking them for a stage and handing them over to other messengers. This system was so unsatisfactory that in 1633 Secretary Coke issued an order to foreign postmasters to send no more letters by carriers who came and went at their own sweet will, but, in conformity with the practice of other nations, to erect packet posts at certain distances, to run day and night without ceasing, and to be governed by a series of rules promulgated for the benefit of the service. It was provided that the foreign postmasters should take the oath of allegiance, should have an office in London, and should give notice of the time for the public to bring their letters for transmission. A register was kept of the writers of all letters and the persons to whom they were sent. The letters were placed in a packet and sent to Dover by daylight in order that they might be carried over the sea the same day. When the mail arrived from foreign parts, letters for the government and foreign ministers were immmediately delivered to them, after which a list of all other letters received was set up in the main office for all to see. This was the beginning of the continental regular mail service.

In the same year Thomas Witherings acquired the consent of both domestic and foreign powers to convey letters from stage to stage, day and night, to Germany and Italy; by which agreement letters were conveyed between London and Antwerp in three days. This was an improvement on the old carrier method which required from eight to fourteen days for the same distance.

London and Paris were up to that time 14 days apart, and it was agreed that letters should be delivered within five days. Thirty years later the time was reduced to four days, and to Madrid to 21 days. Geneva was 17 days distant, while the longer journey to Venice, owing to better roads, was made in 15 days, though to Leghorn it required 21 days. To Paris, the Hague, Brussels, Cologne, Hamburg, Copenhagen, and Leghorn mails went twice a week; to the other great cities only once. Early in the reign of Charles I the time for the transmission of mail matter was still further reduced.

About this time it was calculated that in the 32 counties of England there were at least 512 market towns which sent 50 letters each per week to London, which, with their answers at 4d. each, brought in £426 a week. The cost of conveyance being only £37, after a charge of £1,500 a year to pay postmasters for the care of the king's packets was deducted, a handsome profit was left. So it is seen that even at that day the carrying of mail for private persons gave a good return to those in charge.

Before the restoration the Postmaster Generalship was worth £10,000, and in 1660 the farm was granted to Dr. Benjamin Worsley for a term of seven years, at a rental of £20,000. His term of office was brief and his successor paid £21,500, while in 1674 the rent was £43,000. Before this time the profits of the post office had been settled by the king on the duke of York, and when Lord Arlington's grant as postmaster-general expired in 1677, the duke entered upon the management of the office and carried it on for a considerable time in his own hands.

A feature of the service under Charles II was the disposition of "dead letters," a term which was thus early in use. A letter of Deputy Postmaster-General Whitley concerning them is at once a revelation to postal methods and popular craft. This letter was as follows:

"This day Mr Lambe brought me a parcell of returned letters from you to ye damage of above eight pounds; ye losse being soe considerable and unusuall made me more inquisitive into the particulars; and opening three or four bundles, I found that almost all of them had bin apparently opened; which causes my greater admiration (wonder), comeing from soe discreete a person (and one of so much integrity and reputation as Mr Gloyne is esteemed to be). If they were opened by ye partyes to whom they were directed, they ought to have been first payd for; when ye contents are read, most letters are of small use afterwards. Perhaps ye persons you imploy may buy such letters at easy rates, and so impose them on you. I cannot tell how to understand it, but under one of these notions, and soe must returne them to you; resolving not to submit to such a practise, whether it proceed from ye ignorance, corruption (or perhaps want of care and diligence) of your officers; the respect I have for you keeps me from any reflection on your selfe; onely I must oblige you to more circumspection hereafter, for if the like were done in other stages, wee should not be able to support ye charge of ye office."

Such habits of circumventing high charges, however, need not be wondered at when we

recal. the impressed horses of a few years before, or read of the guile of the deputies between Dover and Canterbury, who, being allowed one-half penny more a mile for horse hire, because the Kentish miles were longer than the miles elsewhere, went and laid out the road with milestones the ordinary distance apart, and collected from traveler's ninepence more a trip than was their due. The postmen secured all they could from the public and the public got back all it could from the postmen and did not think it cheating the king. Men still cheat the government even when it is of their own making.

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

1845. 5c black. New York, used; S $12, G $7.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, $7.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.50

1846. 5c black. Providence, unused; S $6.50, G $5.50
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.25
25, W. Hadlow, London, 3.75

1846. 10c black. Providence, unused; S $40, G $45
Nov. 12, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 30.60

1845. 10c black. St. Louis, used;
Nov. 25, W. Hadlow, London, 55.00

1847. 5c brown, unused; S $5, G $7.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (white paper) 3.50
R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (blue paper) 4.00
Same, used; S $0.85, G $1.75
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (watermarked), 4.50

1847. 10c black, used; S $4, G 5
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, (white and blue papers, each) 3.50

1851-6. 5c brown, unused; S $50, G —
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 30.00
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 40.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 40.50
Same, used; S $11, G $8.75
Nov. 12, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 8.50
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.10

1851-6. 10c green, unused; S $15, G $13.75
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 8.25
Nov. 30, Cheveley & Co., London, 8.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (no gum), 6.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (dark shade), 7.50

1851-6. 30c orange, unused; (not priced)
Oct. 21, A. L. Cassino & Co., Boston, 5.00
Nov. 25, Puttick & Simpson, London, 2.25

1855-60. 5c brown, type I, used; S $3.50
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.10
Dec. 3. R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.75

1855-60. 24c lilac, unused; S $6, G $4.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, (gray), 4.00
R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, (gray slate), 4.80
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (gray slate), 5.00
R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (gray violet) 5.20

1855-60. 30c orange, unused; S $7.50, G $6.25
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.75
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (no gum), 5.50

1855-60. 90c blue, unused; S $22.50, G $17.50
Nov. 12, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 15.00
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 19.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 17.50

1861. 3c pink, used; S $8, G $6.25
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.10
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.10
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (orig. cov.), 4.00

1861. 5c yellow, unused; S $30, G —
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 20.10
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 34.00
Same, used; S $7, G $5.62
Nov. 12, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 2.25
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.40
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.50

1861. 24c lilac, unused; S $2, G $1.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.20
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.20
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00

1861. 30c orange, unused; S $3.50, G $2.12
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.80
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.60
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.60

1861. 90c blue, used; S $3.50, G $2
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (sky blue), 3.60
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.10

1862-6. 5c chocolate, used; S $2.50, G $1.37
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 1.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.75

1862-6. 24c red lilac, unused; S $7.50, G $1.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.00

1868. 3c rose, grilled entire, used; S $17.50, G $20
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 13.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 16.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.25
Same, grilled, 13 x 16, used; S $8, G $6.25
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.75
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.60

1869. 1c buff, unused; S $1, G $.62
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (double grille), 2.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (no grille), 1.25

1869. 12c green, unused; S $2, G $2
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.55

1869. 15c, no frame, used; S $3.50, G $3
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.75
Same, framed, unused; S $6, G $4.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.60

1869. 24c green and purple, unused; S $16.50, G 12.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 9.00
Nov. 25, Puttick & Simpson, London, 6.00
Same, used; S $7.50, G $6.25
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.00
Nov. 25, W. Hadlow, London, 4.50
29, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 4.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.65

1869. 30c blue and carmine, unused; S $15, G $12.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 15.10
25, W. Hadlow, London, 11.00
25, Puttick & Simpson, London, 6.75
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.00
Same, used; S $3.50, G $3
Oct. 30, Cheveley & Co., London, 2.92
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.00

1869. 90c black and carmine, used; S $17.50, G $13.75
Nov. 4, Puttick & Simpson, London, 9.50
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 15.25
25, Puttick & Simpson, London, 11.25
29, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 10.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 16.75

1875. 10c yellow, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 8.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.75

Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 9.25
1875. 15c brown and blue, unused; S $12.50, G $15
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.25
25, W. Hadlow, London, 13.12
29, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 8.00
1875. 24c green and purple, unused; S $15, G $17.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.00
25, W. Hadlow, London, 18.75
1870-71. 7c vermilion, 9 x 11 1-2, unused; S $10
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.05
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 6.00
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.00
1870-1. 15c orange, 9 x 11 1-2, used; S $6.50, G $7.50
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.10
1888. 90c purple, unused; S $2.50, G $2.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.80
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.60
1893. $1 salmon, unused; S $8, G $7.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.10
Same, used; S $6, G $6.25
Nov. 11, W. Hadlow, London, 3.25
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.25
1893. $3 yellow green, unused; S $4, G $5
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.15
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.30
Same, used; S $4, G $5
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.10
30, Cheveley & Co., London, 4.00
1893. $4 carmine, used; S $5.50, G $6.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.60
30, Cheveley & Co., London, 5.25
1893. $5 black, unused; S $6.50, G $6.87
Sept. 18, W. Hadlow, London, 5.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.50
Same, used; S $6.50, G $5.62
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.50
30, Cheveley & Co., London, 5.00
1893. Set complete, used; S $29.28, G $30.12
Sept. 24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 22.00
Nov. 4, Puttick & Simpson, London, 18.75
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 19.20
Postage Due. 3c red-brown, unused; S $4
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.00
Agriculture. Complete set, unused; S $27.65
Oct. 15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 17.50
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 22.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 18.90
Executive. 2c, used; S $8.50, G $10
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.25
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
Executive. 3c, used; S $6.50, G $5
Oct. 15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5.25
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
Executive. 6c, used; S $15, G $15
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.25
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.25
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 15.00
Executive. 10c, used; S $11.50, G $12.50
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.30
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.50
Interior. Complete set, unused; S $4.75
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.70
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.50
Same, used; S $4.15
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.10
Justice. 24c, used; S $10, G $12.50
Oct. 12, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.00
Nov. 15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5.25
Justice. 30c, unused; S $25, G $15
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 21.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 20.00
Same, used; S $25, G $20
Nov. 25, Puttick & Simpson, London, 8.00
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 13.00
Justice. 90c unused; S $60, G $35
Oct. 30, Cheveley & Co., London, 32.50
Nov. 12, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 28.12
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 46.00
Navy. 7c, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.75
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 9.75
State. $2, unused; S $17.50, G $15
Oct. 19, Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, 13.75
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.25
State. $20, unused; S $50
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 40.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 40.50
Treasury. Complete set, used; S $9.55, G $
Oct. 15, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.00
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.51
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.13
25, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.75
Newspaper. 1865. 5c col. border, unused; S $17.50, G $12.50
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 11.00
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 12.75
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 15.00
Newspaper. 1865. 10c green, unused; S $7.50
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.15
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50
Newspaper. 1865. 25c, unused; S $7.50
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.00
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.10
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.40
Newspaper. 1875. 9c, unused; S $15, G $11.25
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 8.25
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 12.00
Newspaper. 1875. 192c, used; S $4.50
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.15
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.90
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.50
Newspaper. 1875. $3, used; S $7
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.75

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.

BY RAYMOND L. PERRY.

The 40l Athens print of Greece is now issued in indigo color.

The Grecian 10l card now comes printed in red on greenish yellow stock.

A new 20r reply card for Horta is announced, bearing the type of current series. Printed in lilac on buff.

The Peruvian 4c card has been surcharged with arms and a large figure 4, in blue.

Russia,—The 4k cards of current type have been issued for use in the Levant. Green on buff.

The Mekeel Company report that the color of the ½p Bermuda has been changed from green to a deep green.

A one and five dollar stamp, new design, large type, have been chronicled for Straits Settlements.

The 20 ore current of Sweden is reported as coming in a new shade, slate-blue.

A new 2½p mauve South African Rep. has appeared. It is of current type, perf. 21½.

A new Finland post card, 10p. rose and black on cream, has been issued, with stamp of same type as adhesives.

Specimens of a new Provisional Unpaid

Letter Stamp, 30st on 50st, have appeared from Bulgaria; both perforate and imperforate.

The Victoria 2 shilling Postage Due, printed in two colors, is announced by The *Metropolitan Philatelist.*

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

No. 15. J. O. Jones, Wyman, Washington Co., Ark.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election will be held on the second Wednesday in January. Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote for each officer to be elected. Members are urged to send in their votes at once, so that the canvass may be promptly made and the results reported in the next issue.

NOMINATIONS.

The Secretary has received the following nominations for officers for 1896:

President, Rev. J. B. Hummert, Earling, Iowa.
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Minnesota, Chas. E. Hart, Pipestone.
Mississippi, Perry Bowslog, Bay, St. Louis.
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Colorado, E. S. Engel, Denver.
Pennsylvania, Chas. Zaruba, Pittsburgh.
Vermont, A. G. Deane, Fairhaven.
Connecticut, J. F. Dodge, Windsor.

SOCIETY NOTES.

The membership increased 18 during the past month.

New York and Iowa are tied for the first place in membership, with Illinois a close second.

Both sexes are now represented on our rolls.

Each member should present our vigorous young Society with a Christmas or New Year's gift in the form of at least one new member.

The season's greeting to one and all.

LEO FRITTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 7.

JOHN WALTER SCOTT.

It is with considerable pride that we lay before our readers a lifelike portrait of Mr. J. W. Scott, the leading American philatelist. John Walter Scott was born in London, Eng., on November 2, 1845, and was being educated for the Army, but his restless energy and business instinct could not be confined to the schoolroom, and at the age of sixteen he left the academy and started for the New World to establish himself as a stamp dealer in New York. At that time collectors were few and the opportunity to make a fortune commensurate with the ideas of a sanguine boy did not exist, so after a six months' trial he packed up his stock and started for the gold mines of Idaho. A few years wore away the novelty of a life in the mountains, and even the considerable success which attended his efforts could not compensate for the wildness incident to a mining camp. A leisurely journey along the entire length of the Pacific Coast with a return to New York *via* Nicaragua satisfied his roving instinct, and after a

trip to Europe to buy goods, he reëmbarked in the stamp business; in 1868 locating at 34 Liberty Street. It was from the above building that the first volumes of the *American Journal of Philately* were published.

The accommodations at 34 Liberty Street soon became too limited for the business, and successive changes were made to Nassau Street, Fulton Street and Broadway, and then to John Street. Twenty years' uninterrupted attention to business had brought the inevitable results — fame and fortune, and, yielding to the advice of his friends, he consented to turn the business into a corporation, "The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Limited," and such is the prestige of his personality that even now the magic name of "Scott" is sufficient to provide a remunerative business to the concern, although it is well known, at least to all New York collectors, that there is no Scott interested in the business.

After three years of idleness, he concluded to reënter trade, and with that liberality which has endeared him to two generations of collectors sent circulars to all leading amateurs, offering them an equal share in the new business which he proposed to establish on coöperative principles, so that those who bought the stamps should themselves derive the profit from the trade.

Mr. J. W. Scott has long been known as the father of Philately in America, and he well deserves the proud distinction. Nearly all our knowledge of the early issues of our own country's stamps is due to his indefatigable industry and patient investigation. As a dealer, he originated all the modern modes of conducting the stamp business. As a publisher, he has provided two generations with reliable catalogues, interesting philatelic information, and elegant albums, and as a judge of stamps he has no equal in America. Mr. Scott is a member of all the large societies in the country.

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U. S. 1847 5c	$0.75
1851 1c (type II)	.25
1851 3c, unused	.80
1851 10c, 1 pair	1.80
1857 12c, unused	1.60
1868 3c grilled, 12 x 14, unused, 1 pair	32.50
1869 24c	7.00
1869 30c	.70
1891 Postage Due, complete, unused, o. g.	3.20
1893 $1, unused, o. g. fine	6.00
1893 $3, unused, o. g. fine	3.80
1893 $5, unused, o. g. fine	6.00
Newspaper 5c, white border	1.60
" 10c, green	6.00
" 25c, red	6.00
Executive 2c, unused, well centred	8.00
Bahamas 1884 £1, unused, o. g.	4.00
Newfoundland 1863 18h, unused	.90

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More surcharged French Stamps for use in the colonies have appeared. The latest from Diego Suarez, the current French stamps having been surcharged "D. S." with a bar below in black. The denominations thus overprinted include the 15, 25, 30, 50 centimes, and the 1 franc olive.

Ernest R. Holmes reports that the 3c stamp of the present issue exhibited at the Atlanta Exposition, in the Government Building, is printed an ultramarine blue, almost identical with the 1c. This is in the set in which a single proof of each type is shown. In the full sheet of 3c, the color is normal.

A very interesting United States Local, Sullivan's Dispatch Post, was recently brought to light by a searching party in the vicinity of Louisville, Ky. The words "Sullivan's Dispatch Post" are inscribed within a double lined circle. The stamp paid postage from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Louisville in 1853. A fine photo-engraving of the stamp on the original envelope was given in a recent number of Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News*.

The Scott Company bring to light an interesting variety of the 1p. rose, current, New Zealand. The variety is in type, and occurs on but one stamp in a sheet, being the fifth stamp from the left in the second row from the bottom, and bears a short diagonal dash on back of head over ear. While minute variations such as this are probably common in a large number of stamps, it is nevertheless probably interesting information for the average collector.

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THE EVOLUTION OF PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

We have received copies of the *Daily Stamp Item*, which is issued by the "Cat" connected with the printing department of that hustling western concern, the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co. With the successful establishment of a daily paper devoted to philatelic matters the necessity of a monthly *news* journal ceases to exist. We hope that the Mekeel's latest venture will be a success, for we believe that there are a sufficient number of live advertisers and collectors who will patronize liberally a daily paper; but we should prefer seeing a daily paper issued which was not subject to the imputation that it is a house organ. The Mekeels have done yeoman service in the cause of philately, even if their every action has been tainted with self-interest, and their *Weekly Stamp News* is a model of excellence and an eagerly-sought-for periodical for its news and generally fair treatment of all subjects. We are more than pleased to render them this unstinted praise, because we realize that they have the real interest of the science of philately at heart and mean to advocate all that is good in the pursuit of stamp collecting.

COLUMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We call the attention of our readers to this Society which has chosen THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST as its official organ, and which is quite rapidly growing in membership. Its organization is still in an embryotic state, but its affairs are ably conducted, and it bids fair to become one of the leading organizations of the country. While we think the admission fee and dues are too low for a large body, still, under the circumstances, the officers think it advisable to keep the expenses down rather then tax too heavily those who desire to join a number of societies. The exchange department will soon be in good working order, will be conducted on broad business principles, and should prove a success. A blank application accompanies this issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST, and the publishers will be pleased to be one of the endorsements of anyone with whom they have acquaintance.

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All stamp collectors are invited to join this society. The cost of membership is very small, and it includes a year's subscription to the *BAY STATE PHILATELIST*, the official organ of the society. It is as follows: Dues, twenty-five cents; Initiation Fee, ten cents. This application must be accompanied by the initiation fee, and must be mailed to the Secretary, whose address is as follows: LEO FRITTER, 32 N. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 8.

FRANK A. KNOLL.

One of the finest general collections to be found in the vicinity of New York City is that owned by Frank A. Knoll of 98 Moffat Street, Brooklyn.

Mr. Knoll appears to be about thirty years of age; he is gentlemanly and very dignified, and in conversation with him he will tell you that he caught the "stamp fever" from a purchase of Centennial Envelopes while attending the exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876.

He is a leading member of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, although one of its younger members, and is as enthusiastic at the present time as when he purchased his first album after his return from Philadelphia.

Within the last eight years he has gathered together and classified a superb lot of choice stamps, and an inspection of the same by any philatelist is a pleasure to be long remembered.

A visit made to Mr. Knoll's residence a short time ago by two friends passed so quickly that the visitors were compelled to leave for home before the collection was half looked at.

On entering the Stamp Library the first object to catch the eye is a large framed picture, extending the full width of the mantel, composed of an artistic pen-and-ink arabesque scroll design, and lying on this design beautifully arranged is placed the fine collection of U. S. Postage proofs.

To the right of this frame is another smaller picture in which a large open fan is displayed, and attached to each stick of the fan is an envelope, on which is placed a U. S. Columbian Stamp, each envelope addressed to the owner, cancelled lightly, and showing in the frame the complete set from 1 cent to 5 dollars in numerical order spread out before you like a hand of cards.

The collection is arranged on loose cards, each card sketched with an artistic design in pen and ink, and as each card has a different design it is not tiresome, but a pleasure, to look at them.

Each country is placed in a separate portfolio, and the whole collection rests in a beautiful ebony closet in the library, in fact the room is used exclusively by Mr. Knoll for his hobby.

His United States collection is almost complete, and the United States of Columbia is a collection that the owner might well be proud of.

Justice cannot be done to this collection in the few lines written above, for it must be seen to be appreciated.

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

1845. 5c black. New York, used; S $8, G $7.50

Dec.	11, J. W. Scott Co., New York,	$6.75
	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	5.25

Same, unused; S $12, G $11.25

Nov.	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	12.50
Dec.	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	10.00

1846. 5c black. Providence, unused; S $6.50, G $5.50

Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York (single)	4.50
	Henry Gremmel, New York (block of 4),	29.00
	14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	3.00
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	3.15

1847. 5c brown, unused; S $0.85, G $1.25

Dec.	3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	.60
	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	.85
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	.90

1847. 10c black, unused; S $15, G —

Oc.	30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston,	7.50
Dec.	14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	7.30

Same, used; S $4, G $5

Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York (red cancel),	3.50
	14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	3.60
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	4.30

1851-6. 5c brown, used; S $11 G $8.75

Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	8.50
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	10.00

1851-6. 12c black, used; S $1.75, G $1.25

Nov.	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	1.40
Dec.	10, Puttick & Simpson, London,	1.10

1855-60. 5c red brown, used; S $7, G $5

Nov.	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	7.25
Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	8.50
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	7.00

1855-60. 12c black, unused; S $1.75, G $1.25

Dec.	3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	1.00
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	1.50

Same, used; S $0.85, G $0.62

Oct.	30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston,	.70
Dec.	14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	.55

1855-60. 24c lilac, unused; S $6, G $4.50

Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	5.00
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York (slate),	2.60

1855-60. 30c orange, unused; S $7.50, G $6.25

Dec.	10, Puttick & Simpson, London,	4.75
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	4.40

Same, used; S $6.50, G $6

Dec.	9, W. Hadlow, London,	3.25
	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	4.00
	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	5.00

1855-60. 90c blue, unused; S $22.50, G $17.50

Dec.	11, J. W. Scott Co., New York,	15.50
	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	18.00
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	16.25

1861. 90c blue, unused; S $12, G $7.50

Dec.	3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	8.00
	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	8.50
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	8.25

1868. 5c brown, 9 x 13, unused; S $10, G $7.50

Oct.	29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	7.25
Dec.	10, Puttick & Simpson, London,	5.00

1868. 10c green, 9 x 13, unused; S $3, G $2.50

Nov.	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	2.00
Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	2.00
	17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	2.10

1868. 12c black, 9 x 13, unused; S $3, G $2

Nov.	2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	1.95
	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	1.90

1868. 15c black, 11 x 13, used; S $8

Nov.	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	8.00
Dec.	3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	8.00

1868. 24c violet, 9 x 13, used; S $5, G $3.12

Dec.	14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	3.00

1868. 30c orange, 9 x 13, used; S $4, G $3.75

Nov.	19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York,	2.90
Dec.	13, Henry Gremmel, New York,	2.25
	14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York,	2.40

1868. 90c blue, 9 x 13, used; S $15, G $11.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.25
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 9.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.00
1875. 1c blue, reprint 1868, unused; S $12.50
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.50
1869. 1c buff, unused; S $1, G $0.62
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.00
1869. 10c yellow, unused; S $4, G $2.50
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.30
1869. 24c green and purple, unused; S $16.50, G 12.50
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.25
Same, used; S $7.50, G $6.25
Dec. 9, W. Hadlow, London, 5.75
10, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5.25
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 6.50
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.25
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
1869. 30c blue and carmine, used; S $3.50, G $3
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 3.25
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.20
1869. 90c black and carmine, used; S $17.50, G $13.75
Dec. 10, Puttick & Simpson, London, 12.00
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 15.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.25
1875. Reprint, 1c buff, unused; S $1.50, G $0.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.10
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, .70
1875. Reprint, 2c brown, unused; S $7.50, G $5
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.55
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 6.25
1870-1. 6c pink or carmine, 9 x 11 1-2, unused; S $10, G —
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.10
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.10
Same, used; S & G $4
Oct. 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.00
Dec. 14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.15
1870-1. 7c vermilion, 9 x 11 1-2, used; S $4, G $3.12
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.40
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 3.75
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.25
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.25
1870-1. 90c carmine, 9 x 11 1-2, used; S $6.50, G $5
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 6.00
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.75
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
1888. 30c puce brown, unused; S $0.85, G $1.62
Nov. 2, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, .55
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, .50
1890. Set of 11, unused; S $1.96
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.20
Dec. 14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.16
1893. $1 salmon, used; S $6, G $6.25
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 3.70
1893. $2 brown red, unused; S $5, G $6.25
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.20
Dec. 14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.50
1893. $3 yellow green, used; S $4, G $5
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 3.90
1893. $4 carmine, unused; S $5.50, G $6.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50
Same, used; S $5.50, G $6.50
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.90
1893. $5 black, used; S $6.50, G $5.62
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 6.00
20, Cheveley & Co., London, 5.00
1893. Complete set, unused; S $31.81, G $34.48
Nov. 12, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 22.00
Dec. 10, Puttick & Simpson, London, 23.75
Same, used; S $29.28, G $30.12
Dec. 20, Cheveley & Co., London, 21.50
1894. $2 deep blue, unused; S $4, G $2.50
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
1894. $5 dark green, unused; S $8, G $6.25
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.00
Agriculture. 12c, unused; S $8, G $10.00
Oct. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.25
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.00
Executive. 1c, unused; S $8.50, G $8.75
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.75
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.00
Executive. 2c, unused; S $8.50, G $7.50
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.05
10, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.10
Executive. 3c, unused; S $6.50, G $6.25
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
Dec 10, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.25
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.00
Same, used; S $6.50, G $5
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.25
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
Executive. 10c, unused; S $11.50, G $10
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.80
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co. (poor centre), 8.50
Same, used; S $11.50, G $12.50
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 8.25
Interior. Set, unused; S $4.75
Dec. 14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.90
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
Justice. 15c, unused; S $5, G $3.75
Oct. 16, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.00
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 5.00
Justice. 24c, unused; S & G, $10
Nov. 29, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.25
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 9.00
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 8.75
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.75
Same, used; S $10, G $12.50
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 7.00
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 8.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.15
Justice. 30c, unused; S $25, G $15
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 20.25
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 17.25
Justice. 90c used; S $60, G $40
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 25.00
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 39.00
Navy. Set, unused; S $32.30, G $39.60
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 22.55
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 21.00
State. 1-90c, unused; S $34.50
Nov. 9, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 28.60
19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 29.15
Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 31.90
State. $2, used; S $17.50, G $15
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 9.50
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 13.60
Treasury. Set, used; S $9.55, G $6.44
Dec. 10, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.25
11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 7.81
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.95
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.25
War. Set, unused; S $6.37, G $4.59
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.18
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.40
11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.72
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.40
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.50
Same, used; S $6.10, G $6.19
Nov. 19, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.97
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 2.75
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.41
Newspaper. 1865. 5c, unused; S $17.50, G $12.50
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 14.50
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.10
Newspaper. 1867. 5c, unused; S $2, G $1.50
Dec. 3, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.30
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 1.30
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.05

Dec. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.35
Newspaper. 1865. 10c, unused; S & G $7.50
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.00
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.20
Newspaper. 1865. 25c, unused; S $7.50, G $7
Dec. 13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 4.50
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.25
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.25
Newspaper. 1875. 9c, unused; S $15, G $11.25
Dec. 11, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 12.00
13, Henry Gremmel, New York, 10.00
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.50

AUCTION NOTES.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. will hold its 136th sale, February 3 and 4.

The W. Elliot Woodward Co. announces its first auction sale for March 11, 12, and 13 at Wesleyan Hall, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston.

At J. W. Scott Co.'s sale, January 16, a Nova Scotia shilling, mauve, sold for $117, a New Brunswick 6d yellow for $17, and a St. Lucia shilling, orange and black, for $36.25.

Ventom, Bull & Cooper's coming sales are announced for February 11, 12, 25, and 26; March 11, 12, 24, and 25; April 14, 15, 28, and 29, and May 7, 21, and 22.

R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s sale of January 28, 29, and 30, contained 1,142 lots, and included the finest stamps we have had the good fortune to examine in a long series of years.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held its 36th sale, January 30 and 31. The Society does not issue priced catalogues to the press, so we shall be unable to review the prices.

We have been given to understand that Cassino and Drew have held auction sales recently in Boston, but neither seem disposed to favor THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST with priced catalogues.

The 35th auction sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co. will be held in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 11 and 12. It consists of 637 lots of the stamps of the Leeward Islands. Brother Sanderson will adjourn the Legislature so as to be on hand.

At A. L. Cassino & Co.'s sale, January 16, the Canada 1852, 12d wove paper, used, on part cover brought $390; the New Brunswick 1851 shilling violet, with thin spot on back, $75; the Newfoundland 1857, 6½d scarlet-vermilion, used, $60; and the Newfoundland 1857 shilling, scarlet-vermilion, unused, $100.

There are a number of excellent bargains in the catalogue of the sale of Puttick & Simpson, of London, held January 28 and 29, but the advance copies did not reach this country in time for bids. This seems to us to be a grave ault on the part of foreign auctioneers, their dvance catalogues do not give Americans sufficient time to look over the pages and send in their bids.

Bogert & Durbin Co. will hold two auction sales on February 8 and 15 at their New York offices, 160 Nassau St. The earlier catalogue contains 532 lots and the later 399 lots. Their sale of January 4 included 390 lots and realized $2,484.56, the four highest bargains being a British Guiana, 1850, 8c green, cut to shape, as is always the case, but with a good margin, used, $90; an unsevered pair of Barbadoes 1d on 5sh, used, $82; another British Guiana, 8c green, smaller margins, used, $76; and a $5 State Department, unused but slightly scraped, $73.

W. Hadlow's sale of January 13, held in London, contained 303 lots, the highest prices being realized for the following: Vaud, 4c black and red, used, $70; Newfoundland, 1sh carmine-vermilion cut close, used, $41.25; Afghanistan, (1293) value in tablet, ½r black, used, $28.75; St. Vincent, 1sh deep brown, perf. 11½, unused, with o.g., $27.50; Newfoundland, 6½d carmine-vermilion, unused but cut close, $26.25; Mexico, 1872, the rarity, 100c green, error, surcharged "47," "68," and postmarked, $26.25; and a Basle, 2½r red and blue, used, $23.75.

At Ventom, Bull & Cooper's sixty-sixth sale, January 2, the following stamps were sold at good figures: Oldenburg, second issue, ⅓gr. black on green, unused, with part gum, $31.87; Wurtemberg, 1858, 3kr. orange, unused, with gum, $22.50; Switzerland, the double Geneva joined, $31.25; Canada, 7½d green, unused, with gum, $63; another specimen, $60; a 10d blue, unused, with gum, $30; a 6d purple black, perforated, unused, with gum, $63; Newfoundland, 2d carmine-vermilion, used, $31.50; 6½d carmine vermilion, used, $36.25; Nova Scotia, 1sh. cold-violet, used, $85; St. Vincent, 1d rose-red, imperforate, unused, horizontal pair with gum and complete corner margins, $67.50; 1sh indigo blue, perforated 12, an unused block of four, $52.50; 1sh indigo blue, perforated 11, an unused vertical strip of three, with gum and whole of top, bottom, and side margins, $55; New Zealand, 2d ultramarine, on thick paper serrated, used on a piece of original with round postmark, dated November 6, 1862, unfortunately torn into, but otherwise very fine, $27.50.

The following were the leading features of Cheveley & Co.'s sale, January 8 and 9: Naples, ½t blue, trinacria, used, $70: ½t blue, cross, used, $21; Oldenburg, second issue, ½gr black on green, unused, no gum, $31.25; 2gr black on rose, unused, no gum, $22.50; 3gr black on yellow, unused, no gum, $23.75; Spain, 1850, set complete, used, $27.50. Hong Kong, 96c yellow-brown, unused, no gum, $35; Antioquia, first issue, 2½c lightly

canceled, $50; same issue, 1p red, postmarked, $35; Dominican Republic, 1865, 1r black on yellow, cut close, used, $36.25; same issue ½r black on green, unused, $21.75; Nevis, litho., 4d orange, unused, mint state, $45; litho., 6d olive, used, $65; another one, $60; 6d green, used, $42.50; Nova Scotia, 6d dark green, unused, mint state, $50; St. Lucia, 1886, 1sh orange, $30; St. Vincent, 1sh blue, unused with gum, $22.50; 4d dark blue, star wmk., unused, $32.50; 5sh rose, star wmk., unused with gum, $75; Tobago, 6d ochre, C. A., used, $57.50; Trinidad, 1862, 1sh purple-blue, unused, $37.50; U. S. Columbians, complete set, unused and used, $20.50 each; and Virgin Islands, 6d rose, perf. 15, unused, no gum, $32.50.

THE NEW ENGLAND'S SALE.

The first auction sale held by the New England Stamp Co. occurred at the Stamp Bourse, Monday, January 20, and among the United States stamps sold were the following, all unused and with the orignal gum, unless stated to the contrary:

	PROVIDENCE. Entire sheet	$75.50
	ST. LOUIS. 10c die C, used, sheet	171.00
1847.	Pair 5c, used	1.25
	10c, used on cover	2.90
1851.	Pair 1c	2.75
	5c, used	9.50
	10c	6.75
	12c, horizontal pair, used	1.85
1856.	5c red brown	18.00
	Vertical pair, used	11.40
	5c brick red	16.50
	5c brown, no ornaments	2.25
	12c	1.30
	24c	3.25
	Horizontal pair	7.00
	30c, no gum	3.85
	90c	17.00
1861.	3c pink, used on cover	5.50
	5c brown	1.60
	5c yellow, used	5.25
	30c	1.90
	90c	8.50
	Horizontal strip of four, used	9.50
1862.	5c chocolate	6.25
1868.	30c, used	2.25
	90c, used	8.75
1869.	2c block of 4	1.85
	10c	2.75
	15c rare variety	5.75
	15c picture framed	3.60
	24c	12.40
	Another, used	4.80
	30c	10.75
	90c, used	14.00
	Reprint 1c	1.65
	" 2c	7.50
	" 3c	15.00
	" 6c	5.75
	" 10c	11.00
	" 12c	6.25
	" 15c	12.00
	" 24c	12.75
	" 30c	17.00
	" another, used	11.00
	" 90c	22.00
1870.	30c, used	23.00
1872.	7c National	2.75
	90c National	2.80
1872.	30c American, block of 4	$5.80
	90c American, block of 4	8.10
	6c red, reëngraved, block of 4	2.00
	12c, horizontally ribbed, used	5.10
	15c, horizontal pair, used	6.35
1888.	90c purple, strip of 10, used	8.25
1893.	$1 Columbian	5.25
	$2 Columbian, block of 4	13.50
1894.	$1, no wmk., strip of 3, plate No. 76	7.50
	$2, no wmk., strip of 3	8.75
	$5, no wmk., strip of 3	17.75

COMPARATIVE PRICES.

R. F. Albrecht & Co. have in preparation a comprehensive list of all prices quoted in the latest catalogues of Scott, Stanley Gibbons, and Senf, arranged according to the numbers in "Our Catalogue," together with the revised prices quoted by the publishers. The price will be but one dollar. The arrangement of the book is fully explained by the following sample lines:

BERMUDA.

OUR CATALOGUE			SCOTT	
No.	NEW	USED	NEW	USED
1	$ .10	$ .04	$ .12	$ .05
2	.20	.10	.25	.12
3	1.00	.20	1.00	.25
4	5.00	.75	5.00	1.00
5	.20	.10	.25	.25
6	1.00	.50	1.25	.60

GIBBONS		SENF	
NEW	USED	NEW	USED
$ .12	$ .04	$ .12	$ .05
.25	.12	.31	.12
1.00	.18	1.00	.18
5.00	.75	5.00	.75
.25	.12	.31	.18
1.25	.62	1.00	.50

IN PHILATELIA.

The Boston Philatelic Society will hold its annual auction during the month of February. Some very excellent bargains will be offered and Elks Hall should be crowded.

The Mekeels have got hold of another "error." This time is No. 14 of the *Item*, which was dated January 15 instead of 16 and 13 instead of 14. Case of the unlucky 13?

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of J. W. Palmer's "Philatelist's Almanack." It is quite a unique publication.

John Luther Kilbon, the able editor of *The Boston Stamp Book*, has been engaged as the Boston Correspondent for the *Stamp Item* and Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News*, a most admirable selection.

We have received two copies of a very ambitious publication called the *English Specialist's Journal*, published by H. L'Estrange Ewen, Swanage, England, and can cordially recommend it to all those who make a specialty of the stamps of Great Britain.

The 56th edition of the Standard Catalogue has been issued and is meeting with a large sale. It deserves it, for it is the best instance of a reliable price list now extant. Gotten up in a handy pocket size, printed from good clean type, on a fair quality of paper, it satisfies the eye and the understanding of every collector who uses it. We will supply a copy to any of our patrons at the uniform price of forty-five cents postpaid.

At last L. O. Bowman has been run to earth. He has swindled dealers right and left for the past three years, and finally through the assistance of Mr. H. Corbett of Boston he has been apprehended and the result will probably be salutary in its effect on others of his ilk. Now if the Post Office Department will apprehend the fly-by-night dealers who advertise and do not fill orders, another class of frauds would be punished.

Gremmel's Comprehensive Catalogue of the United States is out. Those who delight in varieties and wish to know about them and their values cannot do better than secure one of these catalogues.

Do you notice that the dear Department of Engraving and Printing are running the perforating machines through the plate numbers on the bottom of the sheets? We purchased 3,000 one cent stamps last month, and not only was the plate number at the bottom thus mutilated but the side margin was separated from each sheet. Stamp clerk said he had given them to some stamp crank who wanted hem.

F. Trifet has at last succeeded in purchasing the famous Kidder collection; other dealers were bidding for it but Mr. Kidder finally decided that as Mr. Trifet was instrumental in building up the collection and in its recovery after it was stolen, he ought to have the opportunity of securing this great bargain, which, as we have previously stated, was valued all the way from three dollars to three thousand dollars.

Honorable Samuel J. Pugh, member of Congress from Kentucky, has prepared a bill, and it is about introduced, which will permit cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants to obtain postage stamps of special designs, commemorating the history of said cities or in memory of noted residents now dead. Here is a chance for the Seebecks of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The Accountant General of Kashmir advertises for bids for the purchase of the surplus, stamps of his State, the Post Office having been handed over to the British Government. How about "remainders" and the S. S. S. S.? Let us be consistent, by all means.

The New England Philatelic Association is booming. It is placing itself on a par with the older organizations and will hold a convention this summer.

Do those who wish the Post Office Department to place on sale the Periodical and Due Stamps realize that the Department can only do so by order of Congress? Kerr Craige, the officer having charge of this branch of Uncle Sam's business, so declares.

We would advise those collectors who are also speculators to lay in a stock of Australasian high values. In the course of another year there will be a consolidation of the postal service of the various countries, and the prices of the then obsolete stamps will take a big jump.

Walter McMahon, a well-known dealer of Toronto, Canada, has been elected Auction Manager of the Toronto Philatelic Club.

The Interstate Philatelic Association of Oregon and Washington was organized early in December last with 45 charter members. Edgar F. Barth, of Seattle, resident Vice-President of the Philatelic Society of America for Washington, is President and Gordon S. Corbaley, of Waterville, Washington, Secretary.

F. H. and A. S. Capper have transferred the name and business of the Detroit Stamp Co. to A. R. Fernald and G. S. Amsden, who will conduct the business in the future.

Who will say that dealing in stamps is not a regular business when I. A. Mekeel, representing the Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., and John N. Luff, representing the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., have been "on the road" during the past month with consignments of stock, which they have displayed and sold just like other drummers.

The December issue of the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is a wonderful magazine of 130 pages. It reflects great credit upon the Napoleon of Philatelic politics, who is the energetic publisher.

BARGAINS FOR READY BUYERS.

U. S.	**1851.**	1c (type II)	$0.25
		3c unused	.80
		10c pair	1.80
	1857.	12c unused	1.60
	1869.	10c	.70
		24c	7.00
		30c	.70
	1872.	24c purple, unused, pair . . .	18.00
	1891.	Postage due, complete O, o. g.	3.20
	1893.	$1 unused, fine o. g.	6.00
		$2 ,, ,, o. g.	3.80
		$5 ,, ,, o. g.	6.00
		Special Delivery, 6 lines . . .	.15
		Newspaper 5c, white border .	1.60
		,, 10c green	6.00
		,, 25c red	6.00
		Executive 2c unused, well centred	8.00
Newfoundland.	**1863.**	15h unused . . .	.90

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All members who have not fully paid up their first year's dues are requested to remit same promptly to the secretary-treasurer. Certificates of membership will be sent upon receipt of dues in full.

In the future all applications for membership will be published in the Official Organ, and if no objections are received by the time the next monthly report is mailed, applicants will be accepted, and be notified in the Official Organ. This is done so that no improper person will be admitted to the society and as a protection against all frauds known to the members. I advise all members to closely watch the list of applications each month, and if there is the name of any one in it whom they know to be a fraud, or object to as a member, to promptly notify me. This is the only way in which our society can become of great use and benefit to the cause of Philately. Applicants will be notified of the receipt of their application by postal card.

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ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election was held on the second Wednesday of January, and resulted in the list of officers, named at the head of this notice, being elected. Quite a heavy vote was polled and many friendly contests occurred. Much interest was shown and I think we may safely say that our board of officers is a strong one, and they will steer us into the harbor of success during the coming year. We should congratulate ourselves upon being able to secure the coöperation of such able men to bring us through our infancy and to a grand success. By a glance at the list it will readily be noticed that all sections of our vast country are represented in it and no part should feel slighted. The members should all work with the officers in helping to increase our membership and the benefits to each other. Remember that the larger we grow, the greater will be the benefits that each member will enjoy. In union there is strength. The different departments of our society will be in running order by February 15, and I hope sincerely that the members will take an interest in them. Full particulars as to how they will be run will be given in next issue of Official Organ. Do your best to enlarge our society, and to convince both our friends and rivals that our society is a success. I will gladly send blanks to those applying for them.

PRIZES.

To the member securing the most new members from February 1 to May 1, 1896, the following will be given: —

Set Columbian stamps, used, one cent to fifty cent (adhesives), by the secretary, and a set of envelopes, consisting of one cent to ten cent Columbians; a five cent 1887; a two cent 1882, four wavy lines; four cent 1883, green, unused; and a ten cent Columbian, used by Mr. A. Rodermann, Vice-President for Missouri.

To the member securing the second largest number of new members in the same time will be given a year's subscription to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, by our Vice-President.

To the member securing the third largest number of new members in the same time will be given four U. S. envelopes cataloguing $1.00, by our Supt. Bureau of Information.

To the member securing the fourth largest number of new members in the same time will be given $1.00 worth of stamps from sheets, by our Exchange Superintendent.

Vice-President Lacour will also return to every fifth member, joining from Illinois, the yearly dues paid by that member. The only condition attached to the above prizes is that the winners of the first four must secure at least five new members.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

I herewith submit my first report for the period ending January 8, 1896, as Secretary-Treasurer of this Society, and hope same will meet with the approval of the members.

RECEIPTS.

From initiation fees	$ 5.60	
„ dues	10.25	
„ other sources	.87	
Total		$16.72

DISBURSEMENTS.

For postage	$ 6.49	
„ stationery	1.45	
„ subscriptions	5.00	
„ express	.40	
„ printing	.45	
Total		$13.79
Balance		$ 2.93

SOCIETY NOTES.

The J. W. Scott Co., L't'd, of New York, has given a year's subscription to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, for the library of our society. Our thanks they have.

Two of the fair sex are now on our rolls. Why not others?

The membership increased twenty-seven during the last month. Illinois and Connecticut are tied for first place in membership, with Wisconsin a very close second. New York drops back to third place and Iowa to fourth. Several of the other states are crowding the latter closely. Who will lead next month?

Members are requested to send to the Supt. Bureau of Information a list of all the Philatelic frauds of which they may have knowledge, as this will be a great help to this department.

Our genial Exchange Superintendent says he will do his best to make his department a success.

There is some talk of organizing local branches of our society in several cities. Nothing would help us more. I hope the talk will become a reality.

LEO FRITTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

COLUMBUS, Ohio.
January 20, 1896.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW

Says the Swamp which England is trying to grab in Venezuela can be bought for $25,000.00.

BUT HOW MUCH MORE PROFITABLE IT WOULD BE TO BUY

POSTAGE STAMPS!

"Are you there?" said the benzine to the watermark. "I am," said the star. To my many friends who have asked the same question lately, I make the same answer. I came home from my summer's trip in Europe a few weeks ago, and brought with me some stamps to sell. I now have them arranged and offer

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A VERY FINE LINE OF NET APPROVAL BOOKS

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Your Want Lists are respectfully requested, and same will be given PROMPT ATTENTION.

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AUCTION SALES.

The Mekeel Company and other approval sheet dealers are beginning to utter protests against auction sales, claiming that not only are they conducted on the "cheap John" plan but are detrimental to philately. We are willing to grant both contentions with the proviso that honestly conducted auctions must not be classed among those which have been held lately. We are confident that a great many of the sales which have been held during the first two months of the year have been held simply for the purpose of unloading, and were not legitimate auction sales.

One point, however, which the Mekeels make we believe to be absolutely unfounded. We believe that honestly conducted auction sales give the true market value of stamps and are an infallible guide for collectors. A dealer's stock is not a criterion as to prices; dealers make the prices according to their own wishes or at prices which they desire to obtain for their wares. If they cannot get these prices, they are reduced, and that is then simply the catalogue price of the dealer at which he is willing to sell. *Bona fide* auction sales, we feel positive, are a safe guide. Many, however, are of an adverse opinion. It is human nature to get the best prices possible, and the objectors to auction sales cannot believe that a man who is conducting a sale will not run the prices up, provided he sees a stamp is in demand. They cannot even imagine that there is in existence a man fair-minded enough to execute the business, just the same as the soldier executes the order of his superiors.

Stamp dealers, in general, do not look favorably upon auction sales because they interfere to a great extent with the approval sheet business, and on account of collectors being carried away by the excitement of the occasion, spending more money than intended. The buying capacity of collectors is practically exhausted after an auction sale, and consequently they cannot take many stamps from the lots sent them by dealers who do not hold auction sales. This explains the position of the non-auction dealers. They maintain that the auction sales are nothing but sham sales. We know some of them are, and those held in the city of Boston are the worst.

If a very fine stamp sells for one half catalogue price, that does not affect the value of that particular stamp; there was no demand maybe; but the next sale can tell whether this is established as the rule or is the real criterion of value for that stamp. Catalogue prices must be higher than auction prices, else where shall dealers renew their stock? They only have an opportunity to purchase the best stamps at *bona fide* auction sales.

OUR NEXT VOLUME.

After the No. 12 issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST the subscription price will be increased to fifty cents per annum in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and seventy-five cents to all other countries. In order that no one may claim that an unfair advantage has been taken of him, we will state that subscriptions will be received at the present rate until No. 12 has been issued.

At the same time we shall also advance the rates for advertising, preferring a few pages of advertisements from respectable and reliable houses to a conglomerate assortment from the fly-by-night dealers who never pay their bills or keep their expressed contracts with their patrons.

TO ADVERTISERS.

We guarantee good display and a large circulation, *but* we do not guarantee that immediately upon the issue of the magazine you will be overwhelmed with orders, or that you will retire a millionaire within thirty days. This seems to be the impression prevailing among a few advertisers.

IN PHILATELIA.

The Washington Philatelist lacks that spirit of courtesy which should always be manifested by one magazine toward another, and it deliberately twists an innocent remark to give its opposite meaning.

No. 4 of the *English Specialists' Journal* has arrived. It is proving an admirable aid to the collectors of British stamps and deserves a large patronage.

Edward W. Heusinger, of San Antonio, Texas, is about to publish a Directory of Texan Philatelists. He should not include a person named Rareshide, who, it is said, claims a residence in Houston.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 9.

CHARLES H. MEKEEL.

The intelligent face of Mr. Charles H. Mekeel, the head and front of the famous C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., adorns the first page of this issue. Mr. Mekeel, whatever his faults may be, is a thorough business man and deserves great credit for the ability shown in establishing and maintaining one of the largest and most successful stamp establishments in the world. He was born in 1863, and began collecting when only nine years old, mounting his first collection in one of the little yellow-covered Hostetter's Bitters memorandum books, which were distributed free at all drug stores. He purchased his first printed stamp album in 1876, and his enthusiasm over stamps was vastly increased by the display which he saw at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in that year. In 1877 he issued his first printed price list as a dealer. The "firm's" business was principally confined, at that time, to the public school which he attended. In 1881 he began the publication of the *Stamp Collector's Bureau*. It was not a brilliant financial success and only survived six or seven numbers. From 1881 to 1883 he studied law, and although he completed the prescribed course in the State of Illinois, he never practised. In 1884 he removed to St. Louis and during the following year began the publication of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, and after several years of hard work established the present business whose proportions have grown far beyond the expectations of the little dealer of 1877.

SALVADOR.

The Post Office Department here is perfectly organized and is in excellent condition. Salvador entered the Universal Postal Union in 1879. In 1891 the mails carried 1,654,341 pieces, and in 1892 the number increased to 1,781,589 pieces. On the 1st of July, 1893, a convention went into operation which had been concluded between the United States and Salvador for the establishment of a postal money-order system between the two countries. A parcels post convention had been previously negotiated and concluded with the United States in June, 1889.

SANTO DOMINGO.

Santo Domingo joined the Postal Union in 1880. In 1889, there were, besides the general post office in the capital, twelve central and forty-six subordinate post offices. In 1889, the inland letters, printed packets, etc., numbered 204,546, and the international, 182,015.

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

1845. 5c black. New York, unused; S $12, G $11.25
Jan. 14, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, $5.75
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 7.05
Same, used; S $8, G $7.50
Jan. 25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.30
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 7.25
1847. 5c brown, unused; S $5, G $7.50
Jan. 8, Cheveley & Co., London, 8.75
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.60
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 5.10
Same, used; S $0.85, G $1.25
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, .75
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, .63
1847. 10c black, used; S $4, G $5
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.20
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 2.90
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.40
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.50
1851-6. 5c brown, used; S $11, G $8.75
Jan. 8, Cheveley & Co., London, 8.50
14, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 9.50
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 9.50
23, Cheveley & Co., London, 8.50
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 7.50
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 9.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 10.00
1851-6. 12c black, used; S $1.75, G $1.25
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.10
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 1.60
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 1.70
1855-60. 24c lilac, unused; S $6, G $4.50
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 3.50
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.20
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.20
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 4.55
1855-60. 90c blue, unused; S $22.50, G $17.50
Jan. 14, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 23.75
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 18.75
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 17.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 17.50
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 15.05
1861. 5c yellow, used; S $7, G $5.62
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.80
14, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 6.50
15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.60
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 5.25
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.50
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.63
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.90
1861. 90c blue, used; S $3.50, G $2
Jan. 8, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 3.50
15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 2.75
18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.10
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.85
1868. 3c rose, used, grilled all over; S $17.50
Jan. 29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 14.20
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 10.00
1868. 90c blue, 9 x 13, used; S $15, G $11.25
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 10.00
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 8.75
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 6.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 15.25
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 10.95
1869. 15c, no frame, used; S $3.50, G $3
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 2.00
18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.50
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.00
Same, with frame, used; S $1.75, G $1.50
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.15
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.25
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 1.10
1869. 24c, unused; S $16.50, G $12.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 10.50
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 12.40
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 14.90
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 10.00
Same, used; S $7.50, G $6.25
Jan. 13, W. Hadlow, London, 3.50
15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.10
20, N. E. Stamp Co., New York, 4.80
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.60
Jan. 28, Puttick & Simpson, London, $4.50
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.75
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 4.90
1869. 30c, unused; S $15, G $12.50
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 10.75
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 16.00
Same, used; S $3.50, G $3
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.00
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.10
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.00
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 2.50
1869. 90c, used; S $17.50, G $13.75
Jan. 8, Cheveley & Co., London, 10.50
15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 14.50
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 14.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 17.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 15.00
1875. 2c, reprint, unused; S $7.50, G $5
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 7.50
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 6.15
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.00
1875. 3c, reprint, unused; S & G $15
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 15.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 10.00
1875. 10c, reprint, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.75
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 11.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 10.00
1875. 12c, reprint, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 7.35
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 6.25
Feb 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 6.00
1875. 15c, reprint, unused; S $12.50, G $15
Jan. 13, W. Hadlow, London, 9.50
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 12.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 9.00
1875. 24c, reprint, unused; S $15, G $17.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 9.25
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 12.75
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 13.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 10.05
1875. 30c, reprint, unused; S $22.50, G $20
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 14.50
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 17.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 17.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 17.50
1875. 90c, reprint, unused; S & G $30
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 22.00
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 22.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 32.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 22.00
1872. 7c vermilion, unused; S $5, G —
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 2.75
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.75
1888. 90c purple, unused; S & G $2.50
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.55
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 1.70
1893. $1, unused; S $8, G $7.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.50
15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.20
18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.25
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 5.25
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 5.20
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 4.00
1893. $2, unused; S $5, G $6.25
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.00
18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.70
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 3.38
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.75
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 4.00
1893. $5, unused; S $6.50, G $6.87
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 5.05
18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.85
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.75
Feb 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.30
1893. Complete, unused; S $31.81, G $34.48
Jan. 6, Puttick & Simpson, London, 21.00
8, Cheveley & Co., London, 20.50
14, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 23.12
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 24.37
1894. $1, unused; S $2, G $1.25
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.70

Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, $2.50
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.10
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.50
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 2.10

Agriculture. 12c, unused; S $8, G $10
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 7.20
23, Cheveley & Co., London, 5.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 7.50

Executive. 1c, unused; S $8.50, G $8.75
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 6.25
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 5.75
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 7.60

Same, used; S $8.50, G $7.50
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 4.70
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.50

Executive. 2c, unused; S $8.50, G $7.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.25
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 6.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 7.70
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 6.00

Executive. 3c, unused; S $6.50, G $6.25
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.00
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 4.30
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 6.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.80

Same, used; S $6.50, G $5
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 3.50
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 3.00
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 4.10

Executive. 6c, unused; S $15, G $12.50
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 9.10
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 12.25
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 9.50

Same, used; S & G $15
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 10.00
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 8.00

Executive. 10c, used; S $11.50, G $12.50
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 7.00
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 6.25
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 9.75
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 7.75

Interior. Complete, used; S $4.15
Jan. 4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.31
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 2.50

Justice. 24c, unused; S & G $10
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 8.60
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 9.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 9.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 8.75

Same, used; S $10, G $12.50
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 8.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 6.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.25

Justice. 30c, unused; S $25, G $15
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 18.05
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 18.30
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 19.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 17.00
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 18.50

Justice. 90c, unused; S $60, G $35
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 48.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 40.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 36.00

Navy. 7c, used; S $10, G $6
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 7.00
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 4.90
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 9.50

State. $2, used; S $17.50, G $15
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 13.00
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 15.50

War. 90c, unused; S $1.25
Jan. 18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.15
20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 1.05

JANUARY AUCTION SALES.

During the month of January there were sixteen auctions held, nine in London, five in New York, and two in Boston. The total amount realized was $55,199.49, of which $33,479.82, or 60.65 per cent was realized in London; $13,959.11, or 25.29 per cent in New York; and $7,760.56, or 14.06 per cent in Boston. The dates and amount realized at each sale were as follows:

Jan. 2, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, $3,468.70
4, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2,484.56
6, 7, Puttick & Simpson, London, 1,608.48
8, 9, Cheveley & Co., London, 5,091.62
13, W. Hadlow, London, 1,640.73
14, 15, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 4,725.15
15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 1,941.39
18, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 890.67
20, New England Stamp Co., Boston, 2,887.46
20, 21, W. Hadlow, London, 4,673.75
23, 24, Cheveley & Co., London, 2,994.62
25, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 777.22
28, 29, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5,135.70
28-30, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7,865.27
29, 30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4,873.10
30, 31, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 4,141.07

Total, $55,199.49

THE MANUFACTURE OF ERRORS AND ODDITIES.

BY SIRIUS.

The tendency towards gathering oddities and "errors," as they are called, seems to be gaining ground faster almost than the legitimate pursuit itself, and the ready sale they meet with has been the means of inducing more than one collector to try his hand at manufacturing them. It is therefore quite likely that in the future we shall see some amazing blunders alleged to have been made by the Government employés, and the unwary enthusiast would do well to look sharp and think twice before making any purchases.

Not a great while ago an enterprising young collector of an experimental turn of mind devised a scheme whereby he fooled dealer and collector alike and added to his wealth into the bargain. His plan was very simple: Securing quite a number of postal cards in the sheets he cut them up contrary to the usual way, and produced some varieties that were novel, if not startling in their effect. Some had the stamp and scroll work at the bottom instead of at the top, others had the stamp on the left side instead of the right, and others still had two busts with the scroll work in the centre, suggesting a three ring circus and making your eyes water to look at them, while a fourth variety had the printing directly in the centre, leaving no room to write the name and address, and so on till there were varieties galore. Then he started in to dispose of them, and the eagerness with which they were sought was certainly astonishing. One dealer must have thought he had a "cinch," — I should say sinecure, — for he did not wait for the mails but used the wires to convey his message, telegraphing a fabulous price for the supposed "errors" with instructions to forward immediately; and in

fact some of the largest concerns in the country purchased unsparingly and without regard to price, until the manufacturer began to think it was a pretty good sort of business, its only trouble being that it would n't last long enough.

Now this is not a new wrinkle by any means, and yet this young deceiver succeeded in "closing out the lot" to every dealer with whom he communicated, including some of our largest and most widely known firms. And the collectors who purchased these specimens no doubt think they have a very unique "error." So they have, in a manner, but it was n't made by the Government, which would alter its value very materially were the truth of the thing to be known.

Another trick that has been practised of late and to no small extent is that of taking an ordinary unused stamped envelope, soaking it open and folding it backward, thus leaving the inside impression of the press outside. This is a great prize in the hands of some collectors, one of whom it has been my privilege to meet. This fellow thought he had a bargain at one dollar and jumped at it just like the dealers did at the postal cards, but upon being enlightened as to its origin soon changed his mind, which proved cheaper than changing the envelope, for the dealer would n't exchange it.

Among the many oddities at present on the market, some of which are masquerading as "errors," are recent issues in an imperforate state, revenues used for postage, counterfeit surcharges, and shades produced by the aid of chemicals and other means. Nor is it a trade secret that the 5 cent yellow brown of 1861 can and is being manufactured by fading out the brown in the sunlight, after which it is put through a process of dyeing. One might wonder that such practices as these would be resorted to in such a pleasant and profitable pursuit as philately, and yet considering the strides it is making it is not at all surprising that counterfeiters in other lines should turn their attention in this direction.

It is getting to be almost an every-day occurrence to hear of some collector who has paid an extravagant price for a so-called "error" only to find that it was but a changeling, and that he has simply been duped. The other day in speaking to a dealer who is well posted on the subject, he said, "Why, only last week a case came under my notice of a London firm who had in their possession a stamp of one of the British Colonies that appeared to be an entirely different color from the ordinary variety, and sold it to a gentleman in this country. The stamp was examined by several experts and pronounced a changeling. But the firm refused to refund the money, saying that they had bought the stamp in good faith and sold it the same way, and that they could do nothing further in the matter."

However, it must not be inferred from the above that there are no *bona fide* "errors," nor that their purchase is to be discouraged, for everybody makes mistakes and the Department of Engraving and Printing does its share, but don't put your hard earned dollars into this class of stamps unless you have absolute proof or can see for yourself that what you are buying is an undoubted "error," and last but not least, don't pay extravagant prices even though you have money to "error" with.

UNNECESSARY U. S. ISSUES.

I have been very much interested in reading the reports of the S. S. S. S. in regard to the unnecessary issues in foreign countries, but find nothing about the United States commemorative issue of Columbians, or the speculative feature which has been carried out in the current issue, that is in the retention of the one, two, and five dollar stamps.

From all that I can learn from the postmasters of some of the largest cities in this country, it is a very rare occurrence to have a stamp of any of the above denomination pass through the mail, and when one is seen it is only for the purpose of cancellation.

It seems to me that one of the strongest proofs in favor of discarding these stamps is, that only four pounds can pass through the mail as first-class matter. The limit of postage would therefore only amount to one dollar and twenty-eight cents; * now, therefore, when can we use the two and five dollar denominations, are they not truly an unnecessary issue, as much so as the issuance of stamps to commemorate the Olympian games at Athens, the victory of Gen. Pierola, and many others upon which the S. S. S. S. has put its veto?

One is just as much a speculation and money-making scheme as the other.

For almost fifty years the United States Government never issued a letter postage stamp over ninety cents, and even that was uncalled for for legitimate mail purposes and would not have brought revenue enough to have paid the Government for making the dies were it not for the stamp collectors and dealers.

Now the question arises, are these stamps issued because of the demand of the people, and because they are a real necessity, or for the benefit of a few collectors? If from neither of these causes, then it must be because the United States Government receives a large revenue from the sale of these stamps, to dealers and collectors, and not because there is a demand for them postally.

Is not this just what other countries are doing and against which such a cry has arisen from the philatelic world?

Is it any wonder that dealers in this and other countries who have from one to seventy-

* Our correspondent is in error here.

five thousand dollars invested in these issues raise their hands in horror and cry down with all such needless issues of stamps? I think not, for they come faster than they could buy. It would indeed take a Vanderbilt or Rockefeller to keep up with them.

Many times within the last year I have heard collectors say, "I will not pay such prices for stamps, in fact, I will not collect them," and I can only say, "Bravo! Those are my sentiments too." I believe that this is the feeling of a large percentage of collectors to-day.

And now that dealers and collectors are, by their refusal to buy, sell, or collect any of these speculative issues, really trying to advance the study and science of philately, let us not be unmindful of the mote in our own eye, and let us refuse to either buy, sell, or collect even United States stamps that are not a real necessity for postage.

COLLECTOR.

ECUADOR.

Ecuador is a member of the Universal Postal Union, and has entered into parcel-post conventions with several countries. The money-order system was introduced into the country by way of experiment in 1889, between the cities of Quito, Ambato, Cuenca, Guyaquil, and Azognes. The Secretary of the Treasury, under whose control the branches of post offices and telegraphs have been placed in Ecuador, says in his report to the Congress of June 10, 1892, that the mail service is now as perfect as possible: "So far as regularity, safety, rapidity, and cheapness are concerned, nothing better can be expected, if the fact is taken into consideration that the mail is carried on mule-back. The service reaches every place in the Republic, and even the remotest and least important town or village enjoys its benefits." The Government expended in this branch $92,316.04 in 1890, and $99,366.65 in 1892.

HONDURAS.

Previous to the year 1887 the postal service of Honduras was in a very disorganized condition and the transmission of internal mails was neither regular nor certain. Since that time, however, great improvements have been made, and the service is now surprisingly prompt and regular, considering the lack of good roads and the fact that the mails are carried by couriers on foot. These men make astonishing trips over mountain trails and swollen rivers, climbing steep hills and fording streams with heavy mail bags on their shoulders, yet generally outstripping mounted travelers and arriving safely at their destination. In 1879, Honduras entered the Universal Postal Union, and a thorough reorganization was then made and a new tariff of charges adopted. Postage from the United States is 5 cents for letters not exceeding half an ounce; postal cards, 2 cents; newspapers, 1 cent per 2 ounces. From Honduras to United States: Letters, 10 centavos per half ounce; postal cards, 3 centavos; newspapers and books, 2 centavos per 2 ounces; registration, 10 centavos; charge for return receipt, 5 centavos. Postage to the interior of the Republic, and to Gautemala, Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, is as follows: Letters, from 15 to 50 grammes, 5 cents; printed matter, for each 50 grammes, 1 cent; commercial circulars, 5 cents for the first 250 grammes and 1 cent for each additional 50 grammes; samples, 2 cents for the first 100 grammes and 1 cent for each additional 50 grammes; packages, 3, 5, 15, and 25 cents for each 450 grammes for the respective distances of 5, 10, 20, and 35 leagues, 40 cents. Correspondence addressed to the bishop or postmasters is free of postage.

PARAGUAY.

The movement of the postal service of Paraguay is shown by the following results: In 1888 the sales of stamps and stamped envelopes and wrappers were $11,293.78; in 1889, $12,936.27; and in 1890, $15,680.70. The unstamped correspondence yielded, in 1888, $239.58; in 1889, $76.65, and in 1890, $43.60. The receipts from post office boxes were, in 1888, $1,045.60; in 1889, $1,396.80, and in 1890, $1,479.20. According to the *Diario Official* of December 3, 1893, the postal movement in Paraguay in 1892 was as follows:

Private letters	469,783
Printed matter	603,149
Postal cards	14,101
Samples	1,830
Official communications	46,275
Registered letters	36,812
Total	1,171,950

A new type of the 20c orange-yellow Italian stamp has been issued, with numerals of value at bottom, on watermarked paper, perf. 14.

We acknowledge the receipt of the rules of the City of London Philatelic Club, which the Secretary, Mr. C. Forbes, has so kindly mailed us.

The idiotic vaporings of the Metropolitan Club of San Antonio, Texas, anent plate numbers, are amusing. Collectors should not get excited over the matter, however, for plate numbers will probably be collected long after the boys of Texas have passed away.

THE COLUMBIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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The above applicants will be admitted to membership, if no sufficient objections are received by March 20, 1896. All members who have not fully paid up their first year's dues are requested to remit same to the Secretary promptly. Certificates of membership will be sent upon receipt of dues in full. I again caution members to be careful as to whom they bring into our society. We desire no one except active and *honest* stamp collectors. Each applicant will be notified of the receipt of his application, by postal card.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

No. 3. Warner Hammond, Box 43, Palmyra, N. Y.
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CORRECTIONS IN NAME AND ADDRESS.

No. 43. Chas. T. Taylor, 220 Grand Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.
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SUSPENSION.

No. 17. W. F. Cherrington, Box 27, Viroqua, Wis.

LIBRARY.

The Secretary has received contributions for the library from H. G. Searle and Chas. Zaruba, for which they have the Society's thanks. I hope the members will be liberal with their contributions to this department, which can be made of great benefit to the members. Many have informed me that they will give something to the library, and I hope they will do so as soon as possible. Send all contributions to the Librarian.

OUR GROWTH.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I inform the members that our membership is now 92, which is doing very well, considering our age and the many difficulties we have had to overcome. Shortly after our organization some expressed a doubt of our ever securing 100 members, but I think our chances for so doing are very good. Can't you help to demonstrate this fact by securing some new members? I am sure all will do their best. By a glance at the list of applications this month it will be seen at once that several of our members are doing their best to increase our membership, and they deserve much credit. I especially request the Vice-Presidents to do their best to increase the membership in their respective States. All of the departments of our society are now in running order and I sincerely hope the members will interest themselves in them. The officers of the different departments will do their best to please you, and will gladly furnish any information pertaining to their departments, if requested to do so. I hope all members are as anxious to make this society a success as I am.

PRIZES.

To the member securing the most new members from February 1 to May 1, 1896, the following will be given: — Set Columbian stamps, used, one cent to fifty cents (ad-

hesives), by the secretary, and a set of unused Columbian envelopes, entire, consisting of one cent to ten cents; a five cent 1887 entire unused envelope; a two cent 1882, four wavy lines, unused, entire; a four cent 1883, unused, entire; and a used ten cent entire Columbian envelope, by Mr. A. Rodermann, Vice-President for Missouri.

To the member securing the second largest number of new members in same time, will be given a year's subscription to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, by our vice-president.

To the member securing the third largest number of new members in same time will be given four U. S. envelopes cataloguing $1.00 by our Superintendent Bureau of Information.

To the member securing the fourth largest number of new members will be given $1.00 worth of stamps off sheets, by our Exchange Superintendent.

Vice-President Lacour will also return to every fifth member, joining from Illinois, the yearly dues paid by that member. The only condition attached to the above prizes is that the winners of the first four must secure at least five new members.

Our president will give to the member securing the most new members, during April, an unused 50 cent Columbian, provided the number secured is at least 15.

SOCIETY NOTES.

The membership increased 23 during the past month. Connecticut leads, with New York second. Wisconsin is tied with Illinois for third place, and Ohio and Iowa for fourth place. Which will lead next month?

Where can you find a more representative society? All parts of our vast country are represented upon our membership rolls. So far we have no foreign members, but they will come in due time.

The average age of our members is almost 24 years; very good, and speaks well for the future of our society.

Members are requested to send to the Superintendent Bureau of Information a list of all the philatelic frauds of whom they may have knowledge.

What do you think of having a badge? I think it would be a good idea and hope the members will submit some designs.

Fellow members, take advantage of the opportunities offered in the different departments, and increase your collections, with little expense thereby; by so doing you will help yourselves and, at the same time, others. This is one of the principal reasons for which we are banded together.

Every member should present the society with at least one new member. If this were done, how soon we would rival the older societies! Don't you consider it your duty to do this? Let us all try.

Fellow members, contribute something in the way of stamp papers, catalogues, etc., to our library. Send any contributions you may care to make to the secretary.

The Constitution and By-Laws are now being prepared. It is important that these should be very carefully formulated, and it will take some time to do the work thoroughly.

We have members in 22 States. We hope soon to have them in all the States and Territories.

Mr. Thad. Simmons has declined serving as a trustee, as he finds it impossible to devote the necessary time and attention to the duties of the office. All will regret Mr. Simmons' decision. The vacancy will be duly filled and announced in our next monthly report.

LEO FRITTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

February 20, 1896.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

Having been elected Auction Manager of the Columbian Philatelic Society, I would be pleased to receive lots for the first sale. With the aid of the members I can make this department a great success, and I hope I will be able to do so. The charge for selling will be 10% of the amount realized. If lots remain unsold, they will be returned to the consigner without expense to him. Members only are allowed to place lots in sale, but bids are solicited from every one. There is no doubt that Auction Sales give buyers and sellers more opportunities of getting bargains and of disposing of their surplus stamps than can be attained in any other way. Thanking my friends for the office, and hoping they will help me to make it a success, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
N. R. LOWRY.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Having been duly elected as Ex. Superintendent to the Columbian Philatelic Society, I beg to state that this department is now in full running order and needs the support of *each* and *every* member to make it a success. All members or dealers belonging to the society having good stamps to dispose of should send at once for books and full instructions; those who wish to be put on circuit should so notify the Superintendent. Give this prompt attention, as you can make some very fine additions to your collection through this department. Books to hold 100 stamps may be purchased from the Superintendent for 10 cents each; 3 for 25 cents, or 6 for 50 cents. Write without delay.

H. G. EARLE,
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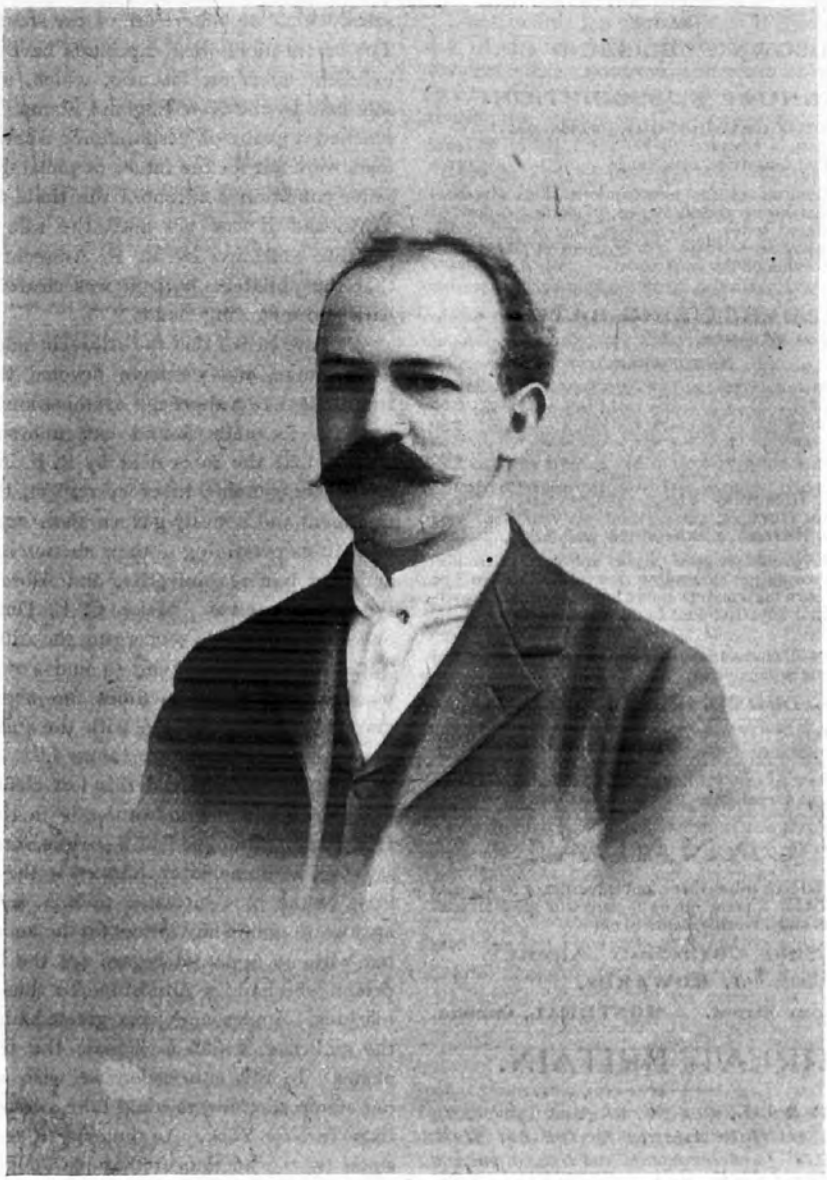
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BOSTON AUCTION SALES.

We made the statement last month that many of the sales held in Boston have been shams pure and simple, and have been held to unload poor specimens on youthful collectors or to realize high prices for stamps held at a secret reserve. We shall not, in the future, quote any prices of stamps sold at any such sales, which we believe are of the sham order. The before-mentioned exposures have had an excellent effect on business, which, until the sale held by the New England Stamp Co., had reached a plane of despondency where grave fears were felt for the future of philately. The same condition confronted the trade in New York, and it was not until the sale of the Vatable collection by R. F. Albrecht & Co. that the philatelic horizon was cleared of its dark and menacing clouds.

We have heard that the Albrecht sales were not genuine, and we have devoted the past twenty days to a thorough examination of this firm and its methods and can unhesitatingly declare that the sales held by R. F. Albrecht & Co. are genuine in every respect, that fair treatment and honesty govern their actions in all matters pertaining to their auction business, and that honesty, integrity, and Albrecht are synonymous terms. Major C. E. Dutton, of San Antonio, writes concerning the Albrechts: "It is extremely gratifying to find a dealer to whom high bids, sometimes far above the market, can be intrusted with the full confidence that they will not be abused."

We would recommend this last clause to a bidder at the late Woodward sale in this city. If a stamp catalogued at $40 was started at, say, $12, he immediately jumped to the highest limit of the bids intrusted to him, seemingly anxious to obtain high prices for the auctioneer but with no apparent regard for the helpless person who had the misfortune to thus intrust his bids. Smiles and jeers greeted him from the audience, which early saw the trend of affairs. In this connection we wish some of our stamp auctioneers could take a lesson from those in New York. In that city it is understood by the auctioneer that his auditors can read, and he does not insult their intelligence by reading the catalogue description. In New York the buyers do the talking, but in Boston

one's own voice sounds sweeter evidently, and the auctioneer kills any attempt at joking. As a gentleman said to us one night: "What is the use of reading the description in the catalogue, you have it before you; you come prepared, all collectors do, to bid on such stamps as they desire. I think it is insulting; it seems to me this auctioneer takes the audience for fools, as if they did n't understand anything. It is a waste of time; it is tiresome; it is not a pleasure, but in New York it is a pleasure." He is right, it is a pleasure, especially as from two to three hundred lots are sold in an hour, whereas, in Boston, if we can sell fifty an hour we think we are approaching the heart disease stage of rushing things. Go to Merry, auctioneers, and learn to be wise and to hustle.

SECOND-CLASS RATES.

A bill is before Congress which aims a blow at all class publications. We refer to the Loud bill, to increase the rate on mail matter of the second class to eight cents a pound, and to virtually prohibit the mailing of sample copies at the pound rate. Every daily newspaper in the country is in its favor, because it will affect the weekly and monthly journal and make a preferred class of the daily, which is contrary to American notions. The postal department is, or ought to be, able to support itself if the immense revenue was used judiciously, but under the present administration such a judicious use is apparently impossible. The Loud bill would kill a large portion of the mail order business and reduce the revenue of the Government more than would be saved by the refusal of pound rates to weekly and monthly papers. We do not believe that the time is ripe for the reduction of first-class rates to one cent an ounce, but if this reduction is made no publisher would object to paying four cents a pound for second-class rates, as he would save enough on his first-class matter to compensate for the loss occasioned by the increase of the rate on his second-class matter. *Printer's Ink* very tersely observes on this subject: "If the Post Office Department would wipe clean its incomplete and ridiculous record of decisions concerning the classification of matter, and return to the provisions of the law as it exists, the said Department would take a longer step in the direction of progress than would be accomplished by the passage of forty such bills as that Mr. Loud is at present advocating."

IN PHILATELIA.

Some people get the idea that if they advertise, it matters not how, an abundance of answers will be received, and when only a few replies, if any, come in, we can imagine the abuses the editor of that paper receives. — *International Philatelist.*

One of the wearers of the Mekeel collar does not believe in auction sales as a criterion for gauging catalogue prices. We do not expect that the Mekeels or any dealer will so consider them. They are dealers and they cannot see over their own counters.

The price lists issued by the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, are always attractive and No. 34 is no exception to the rule. Those of our readers who have not seen a copy should send for one at once and take advantage of the numerous bargains contained therein.

Mauritius has issued a new adhesive bearing a neat representation of the arms of the colony, the one we have seen being the 3c in lilac; a wrapper with the same stamp has also been issued, together with a new international 6c post card, bearing a stamp of similar design. An entirely new issue of the stamps is daily expected.

Uruguay's latest, engraved by Waterlow & Sons, are very beautiful specimens of the engraver's art. This later set will supersede the issue of 1894, which will be obsolete and not acceptable for the prepayment of postage after April 1.

Our thanks are due the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* for its editorial statement relative to the suspension of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST. This magazine has not yet given up the ghost, and does not intend to. We confess that we have not obtained the 5,000 subscribers we aimed for, but we are confident they will come.

New Zealand recently issued a letter card with scenic designs, and so great was the demand from dealers that the supply was soon exhausted. The authorities then changed the color of the card, and the demand for the different color was almost as great as it had been for the original series. In seven months nearly 400,000 cards were sold, realizing for the Colony a profit of about $10,000.

Provisional Postage Due stamps for Borneo are announced. This was brought about by the current series being locally surcharged in black "Postage Due."

THE CANADIAN POSTAL SERVICE.

By George Johnson, F. S. S.
Government Statistician.

By an act of the Imperial Parliament, 1851, the management of the postal systems in the colonies of British North America was transferred to the various provincial authorities, and up to the time of Confederation each Province controlled its own system, under its own laws and regulations. After Confederation, these various laws were allowed to remain in force until April 1, 1868, when the "Post Office Act" came into effect, establishing uniform rates and regulations for the Dominion.

In 1875 an agreement was made with the United States by which a common rate of postage between the two countries was adopted, each country retaining all money collected, and no accounts being kept between the two post offices in regard to international correspondence. An agreement which went into effect March 1, 1888, specially provided for the establishment of an exchange of general articles of merchandise, open to inspection, between the two countries, subject to certain regulations, for the protection of customs, with respect to articles liable to duty, and superseded the agreement of 1875, but all the principal provisions were retained.

The development of the country has required, and will require, for some years continued enlargement of postal facilities. From Cape Breton Island across the widest part of the continent to Vancouver Island is a long distance, and from York Factory, on Hudson Bay, to Pelee Island, in Lake Erie, is ten degrees of north latitude. Yet over distances so enormous, for the most part sparsely settled, the postal department has to transport letters for three cents an ounce. If transportation were as easy, or letters as frequent, over great stretches of prairie or mountain as they are in the western peninsula of Ontario, the postal revenue would, no doubt, closely approximate to the expenditures.

The total expenditure during 1894 was $3,517,261, and the total net revenue $2,809,341 — a loss of $707,920. The following sums were expended for carrying mails: By rail, $1,215,728; by land, $820,369; by steamers, $77,235; total, $2,113,332. The development of the business in the past ten years is as follows:

	1884	1894
Number of post offices	6,837	8,664
Miles of post routes	47,131	64,072
Letters sent by post	66,100,000	107,145,000
Miles of railway	8,932	14,170
Revenue	$2,330,741	$3,734,418
Value of M. O. issued	$6,441,439	$7,524,286
Post cards sent	13,580,000	23,695,000

The post office department has postal contracts with 47 railways, whose combined length is 14,170 miles, being an increase of 467 miles in the year. It uses 152 postal cars.

The following table gives the number of post offices in the Dominion, and the number of letters sent in each year from July 1, 1867, to June 30, 1894:

Years.	Number of Post Offices.	Number of Letters Sent.			Post Cards.
		Registered.	Free.	Total Letters Posted.	
1868	3,638	704,750	733,000	18,100,000	——
1869	3,756	850,000	874,000	21,920,000	——
1870	3,820	1,000,000	1,034,000	24,500,000	——
1871	3,943	1,100,000	1,218,000	*27,050,000	——
1872	4,135	1,280,000	1,125,000	*30,600,000	——
1873	4,518	1,377,000	1,091,000	*34,579,000	——
1874	4,706	1,562,000	1,432,200	*39,358,500	——
1875	4,892	1,750,000	1,290,000	*42,000,000	——
1876	5,015	1,774,000	1,059,292	41,800,000	4,646,000
1877	5,161	1,842,000	1,096,000	41,510,000	5,450,000
1878	5,378	1,980,000	1,250,000	44,000,000	6,455,000
1879	5,606	1,940,000	1,384,000	43,900,000	6,940,000
1880	5,773	2,040,000	1,464,000	45,800,000	7,800,000
1881	5,935	2,253,000	1,838,000	48,170,000	9,640,000
1882	6,171	2,450,000	2,390,000	56,200,000	11,300,000
1883	6,395	2,650,000	2,600,000	62,800,000	12,940,000
1884	6,837	3,000,000	2,824,000	66,100,000	13,580,000
1885	7,084	3,060,000	2,960,000	68,400,000	13,800,000
1886	7,295	3,400,000	3,310,000	71,000,000	15,100,000
1887	7,534	3,560,000	3,160,000	74,300,000	16,356,000
1888	7,671	3,580,000	3,500,000	80,200,000	16,586,000
1889	7,838	3,649,000	3,872,000	92,668,000	19,355,000
1890	7,913	3,280,000	3,870,000	94,100,000	19,480,000
1891	8,061	3,292,000	4,078,000	97,975,000	20,300,000
1892	8,288	3,286,700	4,606,000	102,850,000	20,815,000
1893	8,477	3,254,000	4,732,000	106,290,000	22,790,000
1894	8,664	3,237,200	4,925,500	107,145,000	23,695,000

*Including post cards.

During 1894, 187 new offices were opened, and the total number of offices is now considerably more than double the number at the time of Confederation, there having been an increase of 5,026. As compared with 1893, there was a decrease of 16,800 in the number of registered letters, and an increase of 193,500 in that of free letters, and 855,000 in the total number of letters sent. Considering that the privilege of free postage was taken away from members of the Dominion Civil Service early in 1892, the increase in the number of free letters is surprising. The decrease in the number of registered letters is due, no doubt, to the increased registration fee. The increase in the total number of letters sent was considerably less than the increase in 1893 as compared with 1892.

The number of stamps, post bands, letter cards, post cards, etc., issued to postmasters during 1894 was 160,796,100 as compared with 159,933,850 in 1892, being an increase of 862,250, and almost the whole postal revenue is derived from this source, the amount received from the sale of stamps, post cards, etc., in 1894 having been $3,550,214.

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 10.

JOHN N. LUFF.

All the world loves a man with a happy, genial disposition, and certainly one look into the eyes of the portrait of Mr. Luff will convey the information that here, indeed, is a man who is a friend to all, a man who has gained and retained the friendship of those with whom he has come in contact, and this despite the agony he has brought upon us by his latest escapades in the field of "plate numbers." Were not the duties of a chronicler of philatelic lore and idiosyncrasies onerous enough without branching out into this nightmare of nightmares? But we can forgive almost anything of Brother Luff.

Mr. Luff was born in New York in 1860 and went to California in 1882. Here he bought a vineyard, near Santa Cruz, and with his customary ardor started to raise, as he says, "gray-apes." He remained a devoted student of this art for eight years and declines to enter into details as to the cost of the experiment. Here he first got his idea of plate numbers. After disposing of his vineyard Mr. Luff became buyer for the Pacific Hotel in San Francisco. Here he secured his first insight in the mysteries of yellow-brown, carmine-red, and other fancy shades. After three and a half years in Frisco we find him back on his native heath looking after the immense business connected with the approval sheet department of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

Mr. Luff began collecting in 1888, as an amusement to while away the long winter evenings, and he gradually became a most enthusiastic and intelligent collector. Finding it impossible to complete a general collection, he in 1893 disposed of all save the stamps of the United States, British Colonies, Japan, Hawaii, Shanghai, and a few other countries of the Pacific coast. His present collection is, from an advanced collector's standpoint, simply superb. Mr. Luff as a philatelic writer is known throughout the length and breadth of this land. The first article which brought him to the attention of the world was on the U. S. 3c pink of 1861, published in the *American Journal of Philately* in 1892. So great was the enthusiasm which this article caused that it was seriously intended to secure subscriptions for a massive monument and to place Mr. Luff underneath it; but calmer counsels prevailed and he was allowed to exist, to inflict upon us the "plate number craze." But, fortunately for his well-being, this was something which the dealers could enjoy and make a profit from, and we now read in every catalogue and advertisement that "Messrs. —— can supply all the plate numbers from —— to ——." But will the dealers permit Mr. Luff to live when it becomes known that before perpetrating this "craze" he had bought up nearly every plate number in existence? Probably not, and possibly Mr. Luff may have designs on our welfare now that his nefarious scheme has been given publicity.

CATALOGUE vs. AUCTION VALUES.

"Stamps should be catalogued by the prices realized at auction, and by the demand more than the supply." — *S. W. Maywood.*

"Auction prices are really no guide to the actual worth of stamps. Many times the stamps sold for less than catalogue prices are not in perfect condition." — *Eastern Philatelist.*

"The satisfactory result of this sale has produced a very excellent effect upon trade and upon collectors. . . . The gloomy forebodings of a few weeks ago have all been dissipated, and the future of prices is not a matter of apprehension and doubt." — *J. M. Andreini.*

It is reported that the issue of one million, five hundred thousand one penny South African Republic stamps, new design, to commemorate the Introduction of Inland Penny Postage, were sold out in four hours after being placed on sale.

Mr. Seebeck has again presented the Philatelic World with a new and beautiful (to the eye) set of stamps for Salvador. Seebeck's and new issues at the present rate of increase will be the ruin of stamp collecting.

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

[The stamps, envelopes, etc., listed below are described in the various auction catalogues as being "superb," or in fine condition. No stamps in poor condition will be listed except in the case of rarities, and the condition of such will always be given. All stamps listed below have been sold legitimately and to *bona-fide* purchasers, and no record of sham sales will be admitted. The letters and values following the description of the stamps mean that, according to Scott's 36th catalogue (S), the price is as mentioned, and the value following the letter G means the price according to the 10th catalogue of the Stanley Gibbon's Co., London.]

1845. 5c New York, unused; S $12, G $11.25
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 11.00

Same, used; S $8, G $7.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.25
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.00
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 6.75
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 5.10
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.25
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.25
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 8.00

Same, used, variety; S $30
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 13.50
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 28.00

1846. 5c Providence, unused; S $6.50, G $5.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.80
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 3.00
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.00

1845. 5c St. Louis, used; S $250
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, (die 3), 440.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, (die B), 251.00
——— (die A), 77.50

1845. 10c St. Louis, used; S $200
Jan. 20, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 171.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 105.00

1847. 5c brown, unused; S $5, G $7.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.50
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 10.41
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 5.10
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.75

1847. 10c black, used; S $4, G $5
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2.30
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 4.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 3.50

1851-6. 1c blue, variety, used; S $15, G $8.75
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 12.75
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 6.80
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 9.00

1851-6. 5c brown, used; S $11, G $8.75
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.50
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 12.00
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 5.25
17, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.10
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 10.00

1851-6. 10c green, unused; S $15, G $13.75
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 12.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.30
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 8.50

1851-6. 12c black, used; S $1.75, G $1.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 1.70
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 1.10
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 2.65

1855-60. 3c outer line, unused; S $15
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 12.75
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 9.35

1855-60. 5c brown, type I, used; S $3.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.60
Feb 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 3.30
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2.75

1855-60. 5c red-brown, used; S $7, G $5
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.15
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, $8.50
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 9.25
4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 9.10
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 11.25

1855-60. 10c, unused; S $1.25, G $1.12
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 1.50
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, (four, each) 2.17

1855-60. 12c, unused; S $1.75, G $1.25
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 1.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 1.60
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.25
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 1.50

1855-60. 24c, unused; S $6, G $4.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.05
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 6.00
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.25
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.05
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.00

1855-60. 30c, unused; S $7.50, G $6.25
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co , New York, 5.50
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 4.10
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.40
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 7.25

1855-60. 90c, unused; S $22.50, G $17.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 17.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 17.50
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 15.70
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 9.50
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 21.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 16.25
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, (no g), 12.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 18.25

1861. 3c pink, used; S $8, G $6.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York 5.05
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 4.15
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 7.50

1861. 5c brown, unused; S $4, G $1.25
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.00

1861. 5c yellow, used; S $7, G $5.62
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.15
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.75
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 6.50
17, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.00
24, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 6.50

1861. 24c lilac, unused; S $2, G $1.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 1.60
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 1.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 3.30

1861. 30c, unused; S $3.50, G $2.12
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.10

1868. 3c, grille all over, used; S $17.50, G $20
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.50
6, W. Hadlow, London, 12.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co , New York, 15.00

1868. 3c, 13 x 16, used; S $8, G $6.25
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.25
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00

1868. 5c, 9 x 13, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Feb. 17, Puttick & Simpson, London, 2.75
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 6.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co , New York, 5.25
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.75

1868. 15c, 11 x 13, used; S $8
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.25
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.25
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.10

1868. 24c, 9 x 13, used; S $5, G $3.12
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 3.00

1868. 90c, 9 x 13, used; S $15, G $11.25
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 9.10
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 6.25
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 7.00

Feb. 17, Puttick & Simpson, London, $6.50
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.75
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 11.05
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 12.00

1869. 15c, framed, unused; S $6, G $4.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3 25
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 3.80
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.50

1869. 24c, unused; S $16.50, G $12.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 10.00
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.00
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 12.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 9.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 13.75
Same, used; S $7.50, G $6.25
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.25
Feb. 6, Cheveley & Co., London, 5.00
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 3.44
17, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.50
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.00
24, Puttick & Simpson, London, 5.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.00

1869. 30c, unused; S $15, G $12.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 13.25
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 15.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 14.00
Same, used; S $3.50, G $3
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2,55
24, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.25
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 2,33

1869. 90c, unused; S $35, G $25
Jan. 28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 22.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 27.00
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 32.50
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 44.00
Same, used; S $17.50, G $13.75
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.25
28, Puttick & Simpson, London, 10.50
Feb. 6, Cheveley & Co., London, 10.50
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 9.50
17, Puttick & Simpson, London, 13.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 15.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 13.25

1875. 1c, reprint, unused; S $1.50, G $0.50
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 1.00
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, .90
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 1.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 1.63

1875. 2c, reprint, unused; S $7.50, G $5
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.50

1875. 3c, reprint, unused; S $15, G $15
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.00
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 6.75

1875. 6c, reprint, unused; S $7.50, G $6.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 5.00
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.50
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.50

1875. 10c, reprint, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.75
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 6.50

1875. 15c, reprint, unused; S $12.50, G $15
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 8.00
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 8.50
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York (used), 8.00

1875. 24c, reprint, unused; S $15, G $17.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.25
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 10.00

1875. 30c, reprint, unused; S $22.5c, G $20
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 15.00
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 15.50

1875. 90c, reprint, unused; S $30, G $30
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 23.75
15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 20.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 26.00

1870-1. 7c vermilion, used; S $4, G $3.12
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.15
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.10

1870-1. 10c brown, used; S $10
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 4.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 8.75

1870-1. 15c orange, used; S $6.50, G $7.50
Jan. 15, J. W. Scott Co., New York, $4.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.50

1870-1, 30c black, used; S $25, G $11.25
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 15.25

1870-1. 90c carmine, used; S $6.50, G $5
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.50
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 5.03
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.00

1872. 12c dark purple, unused; S $10
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.75

1872. 24c purple, unused; S $10
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 5.50
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 6.75
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 7.25
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 7.75

1870. 90c carmine, unused; S $5
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.50
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 3.75

1888. 90c purple, used; S $1.25, G $0.87
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 1.05
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 1.00

1893. $1, unused; S $8, G $7.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.70
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.10
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.10
Same, used; S $6, G $6.25
Feb. 13, W. Hadlow, London, 3.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.12

1893. $2, unused; S $5, G $6.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 4.00
6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.60
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.60
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.40
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.25

1893. $3, unused; S $4, G $5
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.15
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.25

1893. $4, unused; S $5.50, G $6.50
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.20
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.50

1893. $5, unused; S $6.50, G $6.87
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.30

1893. Complete set, used; S $29.28, G $30.12
Feb. 6, Cheveley & Co., London, 17.50
—— another set, 18,75
24, Puttick & Simpson, London, 22.00

1894. $2, unused; S $4, G $2.50
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 3.10
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.15

1894. $5, unused; S $8, G $6.25
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 5.55
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 5.60

Agriculture. 10c, unused; S $5
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 3.50
18, Boston Philatelic Society, 3.85
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.10
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.25

Agriculture. 12c, unused; S $8, G $10
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 6.25
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 6.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 8.50

Agriculture. 15c, unused; S $3
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 1.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.10

Agriculture. Set, unused; S $27.65
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 16.65
8, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 11.70

Executive. 1c, unused; S $8.50, G $8.75
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 7.75

Executive. 2c, unused; S $8.50, G $7.50
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 8.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 8.50

Executive. 3c, unused; S $6.50, G $6.25
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.50

Executive. 6c, unused; S $15, G $12.50
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 15.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 15.00

Executive. 10c, unused; S $11.50, G $10.00
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, $10.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 11.50
Interior. Set, used; S $4.15
Feb. 8, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.70
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.20
Justice. 24c, unused; S $10, G $10
Feb. 6, Cheveley & Co., London, 8.00
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 8.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 9.75
Justice. 90c, used; S $60, G $40
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 20.00
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 24.00
Navy. 7c, unused; S $10, G $7.50
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 10.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 11.00
Navy. 90c, unused; S $7.50
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 5.50
Navy. Set, used; S $32.10, G $23.43
Jan. 23, Cheveley & Co., London, 16.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 14.85
P. O. Set, used; S $6.26
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.50
Feb. 8, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.60
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.90
State. 2c, unused; S $2
Feb. 18, Boston Philatelic Society, 3.50
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.00
State. 24c, unused; S $5
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.60
(used), 4.10
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.60
State. 30c, unused; S $5
Feb. 6, Cheveley & Co., London, 3.75
19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.60
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 4.75
State. 90c, unused; S $7.50
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 9.75
State. $10, unused; S $60
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 46.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 55.00
Treasury. Set, used; S $9.55
Feb. 17, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.84
Newspaper. 1875. 9c, unused; S $15, G $11.25
Feb. 3, Scott S. & C. Co., New York, 9.50
6, Cheveley & Co., London, 7.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 8.75
Newspaper. 1875. 192c, used; S $4.50
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.50
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.10
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 3.50
11, Woodward Co., Boston, 3.05
Newspaper. 1875. $60, unused; S $45
Feb. 3, Scott S & C. Co., New York, 24.00
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 35.25

AUCTION NOTES.

At the 136th sale of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., February 3, the following high prices were realized: 5c purple, Athens, Ga., on part cover, $50; Buenos Aires, 5 (cinco) pesos, orange, used, $70; Mauritius, 1858, 2p blue, large fillet head, mended, $51; New Brunswick, 1sh violet, mended, unused, $100; Roumania, 1858, 54p blue on green, used, $88; Roumania, 108p blue on rose, used, $185; Spain, 1851, 2r orange, used, $152.50; 1852, 2r red, vertical strip of 4, heavily canceled, $136; Zurich, 1843, vert. lines, 4r black, No. 2, unused, $120; another, No. 1, mended, used, $91; Naples, 1860, ½t blue (trianacria), used, $102; Lubeck, 1863, 4s brown, entire envelope, unused, $60.

At the first sale of the Walter S. Scott Stamp Co., February 6, the only stamp, outside U. S., realizing over twenty dollars was the Dominica 1sh lake, C. A. unused, which brought $25. The second sale was held February 19, and the following high values were obtained: British Guiana, 1850, 1c magenta, used, $29.75; 1862, prov. 1c pink, used, $27.50; St. Christopher, 1882, C. A., 4p blue, unused, $38; U. S. entire envelope, 1888, 2c green on manilla, H. 1058, rejected die A, used, cat. $100, $49.50; Confed. States, Marion, 5c black, used, $55; Western Australia, 1864, C.C., perf. 14, 4d carmine, unused, $50.50.

Among the high prices realized at the eighty-second sale of Cheveley & Co., London, February 6 and 7, were the following: 6d, octagon of Great Britain, unused, $20; Zurich, 4rp, type 4, slightly stained in one spot, $65; Vaud, 5c, unused, without gum, $24; Tuscany, 1qu black, on blue paper, unused, pair, mint state, $26.25; New South Wales, Sydney Views, 1d red, plate 2, unused, outer line slightly cut away, $23.75; Mauritius, postpaid, 2d blue, early state of plate, slight defect at lower right-hand corner, but lightly postmarked, $21.25; Mauritius, the rare 1sh yellow envelope stamp, cut square, $52.50; Virgin Islands, 1sh, outer line, unused, mint state, $23.75; block of twelve Trinidad 5sh, perf. 14, C.C., unused, mint state, $40; Dominica, 1sh carmine, C. A., unused, mint state, $27.50; New Brunswick, 1sh violet, large margins, light postmark, $87.50; another one, $80; St. Vincent, 4d on 1sh, $57.50; Nevis, 1sh violet, unused, pair, mint state, $22; Nova Scotia, 1sh plum, no margins, $52.50; Nevis, 1sh yellow-green, $21; St. Lucia, 1885, 1sh orange-brown, unused, o. g., $26.25; Nova Scotia, 1sh cold violet, creased, $38.75; Nevis, 1sh violet on entire envelope, $23.75; Turks Island, 4d on 1sh prune, mint state, $21.87.

The seventy-first sale of W. Hadlow, London, February 6, contained no very rare stamps, but a general assortment, the highest prices being for the following: Portuguese Indies, first issue, two 10r black, on part cover, $15; Nevis, 6d litho., perf. 15, unused, $15.75; 4d litho., error, imperf., used, large margin, unchronicled, $15.75; Newfoundland, 1sh orange-vermilion, cut close, $43.12; United States, Columbian set of 5c to $5, unused, $20; complete set U. S. periodicals, 1894, unused with o. g., $130. At the seventy-second sale, February 13, the following prices were realized: Great Britain, "Telegraph," 3sh slate, plate 1, watermark crowns, $15; Nevis, 4d rose, $15.75.

At the fifty-sixth sale held by Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, February 8, the following foreign were sold: Austria, newspaper, 10k

yellow on ribbed paper, unused, $10; Bolivia, 1871, 500c black, 11 stars, unused, $10; Canada, 12d specimen on India paper, $12; Antioquia. 1869, 10c blue, error, used, $25; Denmark, 16s, rouletted, unused, $10; France, 1850, 1fr, *tete-beche*, pair, used, $18.10; St. Lucia, 1885, De La Rue type, 1sh orange, slightly soiled, unused, $24.25; Saxony, 1850, 3pf, used, $21. A better class of stamps and better prices ruled at the fifty-seventh sale, held February 15: British Honduras, 1sh gray, unused, $10.25; British Guiana, 1850, 4c yellow, cut to shape, used, $80; 8c green, cut to shape, used, $45; 12c blue, cut close, used, $30; 1856, 4c magenta, cut octagonally and slightly rubbed at bottom, used, $27; 4c blue, cut octagonally, creased, used, $30; 1862, 1c, border of grapes, no signature, unused, $15; 1c, border of pineapples, used, $18.50; 2c, border of pearls, with signature, unused, small speck, $19; 4c type III, no signature, unused, $25; 4c, type I, no signature, unused, $25; Cape of Good Hope, 4d light blue, wood block, used, $10.75; Nevis, 1884, 1sh violet, unused, $12; St. Vincent, 1861, 4d dark blue, unused, $10.25; 1883, 4d ultramarine, C. A., perf. 12, unused, $15.50; 6d green, perf. 11, star, unused, $12; 1871–80, 1sh claret, unused, $21; 1sh vermilion, unused, $17; 1888, ½ on 6, unsevered pair, original cover, $18.50; Turks Island, 2½ on 1d, used, $12; Trinidad, Lady McLeod, used, original letter, $46.

The highest prices realized were for the following stamps at the sixty-ninth sale of Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, February 11 and 12: Luheck, 1st issue, error, 2½sch brown, used, $30; Naples, ½t blue, cross, unused, part gum, $22; New South Wales, Sydney Views, plate II on laid paper, 1d red, pair Nos. 14 and 15, error, no clouds, $34.37; Canada, 7½d green, unused, mint state, $52.50; 10d blue, unused, mint state, $33.75; Nova Scotia, 1sh violet, slight defect, $20; New South Wales, plate II, 2d deep blue, pair Nos. 4 and 5, $42.50; Victoria, 5sh blue on yellow, $20; Western Australia, 2d brown on red, rouletted on three sides, unused, $102.50; 6d bronze, rouletted at bottom only, unused, slight tear, $38.75; 1sh brown, rouletted all round, unused, $40; St. Lucia, 1885, 1sh red brown, unused, o. g., $20; St. Vincent, 1d on half of 6d dark green, on part cover, $20; 4d on 1sh vermilion, $36.75; Virgin Islands, 6d rose, perf. 15, unused, no gum, $28.75.

Puttick & Simpson, London, held a sale February 17 and 18, at which the following prices were realized: St. Helena, block of 18, unused, with gum, 1d carmine, imperf. surch., 19 mm., $40; a similar block of 17, $37.50; Nova Scotia, 1sh violet, large margins, $95; Nevis, litho., 6d green, unused, o. g., $42.50; Tobago, 6d ochre, C. C., used, $21; Trinidad, litho., 1d blue, good margins, $22.50; New South Wales, imperf., 5d green, used, pair, $55. The sale of February 24 realized the following: Great Britain, octagonal, 10d brown, large margins, mint condition, $20; Ceylon, 4d rose, imperf., fine margins on three sides, mended, $20; Cape of Good Hope, 1d red, wood block, large margins, $21; 1d blue, the rare error, repaired, $127.50; 4d red, rare error, cut close, defective, $92.50; St. Helena, 1d carmine, imperf., surch. 19mm., unused block of 17, $45; another block of 14, $35; another block of 6, $17.50; Newfoundland, 1sh carmine-vermilion, good color, cut close, defective, $30; St. Louis, 5c black on bluish paper, damaged, $31.25; British Guiana, 1856, 4c magenta, cut, repaired, $25; Buenos Aires, 1858, 3p green, $27.50; 5p orange, mended, $25; Columbian Republic, 1863, 50c red, error, $85.25; New South Wales, 1d red, laureated, no wmk., no leaves to right, believed to be cleaned, $23.75.

The 70th sale of Ventom, Bull & Cooper occurred in London February 25 and 26, and among other lots sold were the following: France, 1fr deep orange, canceled with dotted postmark, $45; 1876, error, 15c brown, on rose in a pair with a 10c, the latter has perfs., slightly clipped at side, unused, with full gum, $31.50; Spain, 1852, 2r red, vertical pair, used on part cover, $110; Basle, 2½ rappen, $21; Canada, 7½ green, unused, slightly skinned at top, $42.50; 10d blue, unused, full gum, $32.50; Newfoundland, 6d carmine-vermilion, superb color, margin slightly nicked, $21; St. Lucia, first issue, 4d blue, unused, $22; Virgin Islands, 6d rose, perf. 12, variety with large "V," unused, $22; Antioquia, first issue, 5c green, slight tear, $29.37; Buenos Aires, 3p green, $21; Tolima, reconstructed plate of 10 in two vertical strips of 5, 5c black on bluish quadrille, $80.

At R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s sale, March 4, the following were some of the prices realized: U. S., 1875, wrapper, 2c die A, vermilion on manilla, lightly cancelled, cut 47x43mm., Scott's No. 965, $44.25; U. S., Prop. Rev., 1871, 50c black and green on green paper, $14.05; Bremen, 7 grote yellow, used, fine margins, $14.25; Oldenburg, 1858, ½gr green, unused, $21.50; Saxony, 1850, 3pf red, used, $18.75; Wurtemberg, 1873, 70kr mauve, unused, large margins showing dotted frame all around, $15.25; Bahamas, 1859, 1d lake, unused, mint state, block of eight, $25.60; Barbados, 1871, 6d red, large star, unsevered, unused pair, but imperforate, $24; another pair, $24.10; Fiji, 1875, 2d black on 6c green, fancy V R, used, $20.25; St. Vincent, 1861, 1d rose, no wmk., horizontal strip of four, imperf., unused, with gum, $28; Switzerland, Zurich, 1843. 4r black, horizontal lines, used, $86.50. Total value of stamps sold, $2,497.43.

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84. W. H. Barnum, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, O.
85. F. W. Miller, Amana, Iowa.
86. N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wis.
87. Alfred Jungmann, 527 12th St., Milwaukee, Wis.
88. Georges Carion, P. O. Box 2457, San Francisco, Cal.
89. C. B. Warner, 538 W. Onondago St., Syracuse, N. Y.
90. George C. Lockhart, Box 207, Colorado Springs, Col.
91. H. D. Ruehlman, Sharon, Wis.
92. J. A. Wilson, 146 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

The above members will be sent their certificates of membership upon receipt of the dues (25 cents) to January 1, 1897. I hope the above will remit promptly and will participate in the different departments, which are in running order.

APPLICATIONS.

The name of each applicant is given below, together with his address, and is followed by the names of his references:

M. E. Whitehead, 506 18th Street, Denver, Col. Leo Fritter, E. S. Engel.
Samuel Coons, 132 Erin Street, Pittsburg, Pa. Chas. Zaruba, Leo Fritter.
Otto Brinkmann, 110 West 9th Street, Austin, Tex. N. R. Lowry, H. C. Leitnaker.
Chas. Bergholz, Millville, Ark. N. R. Lowry, H. C Leitnaker.
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C. W. Lawton, Patterson's Mills, Pa. Chas. Zaruba, C. W. Kissinger.
C. W. Mexia, 2d Calle San Lorenzo 15, Mexico, Mexico. H. G. Earle, Leo Fritter.
Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.
N. G. Wilson, Box 878, St. Joseph, Mo. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.
S. P. Ballard, Sharon, Wis. H. D. Ruehlman, H. G. Earle.
John J. Wieland, Denison, Iowa. Hugo Gebert, M. E. Lies.
A. J. Stoll, Denison, Iowa. M. E. Lies, Hugo Gebert.
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W. S. Wilmot, White Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport, Conn. J. F. Dodge, Leo Fritter.
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Victor E. Archambault, P. O. Box 3, Sherbrooke, Province Quebec, Canada. Leo. Fritter, F. P. Vincent.
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Herbert Stratton, 2038 Mt. Vernon Street, Philadelphia, Pa. H. G. Earle, Leo Fritter.
H. F. Volkmann, So. Moline, Ill. N. R. Lowry, J. E. McLeay.

The above will be admitted to membership, if no sufficient objections are received, by April 15, 1896. All members who have not fully paid up their dues are requested to remit promptly to the secretary. Members are cautioned that the name of one local reference must accompany the name of each applicant. Some have been careless in this respect. Also be very careful about those you bring into our society. Each applicant is notified by postal of the receipt of his application.

SUSPENSION.

No. 14. E. J. Hedden, Box 768, Palmyra, N. Y. (for nonpayment of dues).

OUR GROWTH.

This society now has a membership of one hundred and eleven. It has steadily increased month after month until it now has passed the century mark, which is a goal we have long desired to reach. Now that we have done so the members should not relax their efforts, until this number is doubled, which can be done if each one does his part. One of our officers confidently predicts that our society will have 200 members by August. How easy it would be if each of our members would get one more! And they could do so without very much effort. Why not each one say I will help the society to have 200 members by August, or I will know the reason why? I hope that the few who prophesied (?) at our organization that we would never secure 100 members, feel ashamed at their bad guess, and will show their good faith in the matter by joining. I will gladly send blanks to all requesting same.

PRIZES.

In addition to the prizes offered (reported in March issue of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST) are the following: $3 worth of stamps from the approval sheets of N. R. Lowry, our auction manager, to the member securing the most new members between February and May, 1896. Mr. C. R. Gerding, St. Louis, Mo., will give a Dr. M. A. Simmons, Inka, Miss., medicine stamp, silk paper, catalogued $1.50, to the member *residing in Missouri* who secures the most new members (not less than 7) residing in said State.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

As there are determined efforts being made in several places to organize local branches of this society, a few remarks upon the advantages gained by same will not be amiss. The benefits accruing from such branches are innumerable. Members can meet as often as they wish and discuss different subjects and matters pertaining to the society in general. They have the benefit of personal contact with other members. They can exchange their duplicates with the other members, and also meet and look over together any Exchange books they may receive from the Exchange Superintendent. This benefit alone is worth all the trouble attendant upon organizing such a branch. Their interest in the society will not have time to grow cold as it is liable to do when they receive no information other than that given in each monthly report in the official organ. You can get better acquainted with your fellow members, and any one who has some intimate philatelic friends knows what it is to meet and talk about stamps. And there are numerous other benefits which can only be appreciated by enjoying them. If there is not enough members of our society in your town, hustle around and get enough, and you will thereby be helping yourself and the society too. It is only necessary to have five or ten. If you meet in this way, it will be much easier to get others to join. I hope to soon see such branches established in several places. Who will have the honor of establishing Branch No. 1?

SOCIETY NOTES.

The membership increased 20 during the last month. Connecticut still leads, with Wisconsin and New York tied for second place. Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Illinois are tied for third place, and Ohio is fourth, with several others in close pursuit. Who will lead next month?

Two foreign countries are now represented upon our membership roll. They are only the forerunners of many others who will be represented in our membership as we get older. The honor, and honor it certainly is, of securing the first foreign member belongs to Mr. H. G. Earle, our ex. superintendent. That of the second to the secretary, and of the third, to Mr. Lowry, our auction manager.

Several members are doing all in their power to win the prizes offered for securing new members, and have good chances of winning. But it is not too late for others to enter the contest.

There does not appear to be a general desire upon the part of the members to have a badge, as only one design has been submitted in answer to my request for same in last report. This was sent by one of our Trustees, Mr. W. H. Christman. It is a very striking design. Let others submit their idea of one.

The C. P. S. has grown old enough now to have a "Beard," and it cannot therefore be treated in the future as an infant. Every one should take notice of this fact.

Members, contribute something in the way of philatelic papers, catalogues, etc., to our library. Anything, however small, will be thankfully received by the Librarian. He is anxious to make his department a success.

Members should report to the Superintendent Bureau of Information any frauds of whom they may have knowledge. This is the only way in which he can benefit the society.

LEO FRITTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 15, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received the following papers for the library, for which the donors have my thanks: —

4 numbers *Pet Philatelist*, from E. S. Moyet, Naperville, Illinois.

1 number *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, from same.

5 yearly subscriptions to the *Philadelphia Stamp News*, from H. M. Porter.

20 numbers stamp papers from the Librarian.

Fine lot stamp magazines, from H. G. Earle.

Fine lot stamp magazines and price-lists, from Chas. Zaruba.

Fine lot stamp magazines from Leo Fritter.

1 yearly subscription to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, beginning with January, 1896, from J. W. Scott Co., Ltd., New York City.

Annual report of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, of Birmingham, England, from the Secretary of same.

WARNER HAMMOND,
Librarian.

PALMYRA, N. Y., March 9, 1896.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

I hereby tender my first report of the Exchange Department of C. P. S. I have received thus far eleven books filled and aggregating in value $84.77, which is pretty good considering the fact that this department has been in running order only twenty days. Three circuits have

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No.	UNITED STATES.	No. in lot.	Res.
1	1868 10c green, grill 9x13, poorly centered	1	
2	1872, 12c purple	1	.45
3	*1888, 30c, 2 perfs. gone from corner	1	.40
4	*Entire envs. '88, 5c on white, blue and o.b.	3	.30
5	Same, used and cut square	3	
6	1887 4c car. on blue, amber, and oriental buff	3	.25
7	Post Office 1 and 6c	2	
8	War, strip of 3, 12c fine	3	
9	Med. Rev. 1c black Burdsal wrapper	1	
10	Med. Red. mixed lot, cat. at $2.25	25	
11	50 2c '90, left "2" capped	50	
12	100 8c Columbians	100	
13	58 Special Del., well mixed	58	
14	100 3c purple, 1890	100	.90
15	Another lot same	100	.90
16	470 10c 1890	470	65
17	600 mixed 1 and 2c Dues	600	
18	50 mixed B. & O. Tel.	50	.30
	CONFEDERATE STATES.		
19	1862 2c green, used on cover	1	2.25
20	1861 10c blue, used on cover	1	.75
21	1861 5c light green, used on cover	1	.30
22	1861 5c dark green	1	.28
23	1863 strip of 5 2c rose	5	
	MISCELLANEOUS.		
24	Packet of 400 var. foreign	400	
25	Packet of 200 var. foreign	200	
26	Collection of 300 var. Phil. papers	300	
27	Collection of 50 var. auc. cats.	50	
28	Scott's 53, 54 and 55th ed. cats, good con.	3	
29	Mekeel's Stamp Coll. Souvenir	1	
30	100 copies Mekeel's Weekly before Vol. 7	110	

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been started. I need more names to put on circuit lists, as this is just as essential as to receive books to send out on circuit. I certainly hope that all the members will make this a personal matter and drop me a card at once and receive full instructions in regard to the department, and have their names put on circuit and also put some stamps on sale if possible. Let me hear from you. Books to hold 100 stamps may be obtained from me at ten cents each, three for twenty-five cents, or six for fifty cents.

H. G. EARLE,
Ex. Superintendent.

507 Pabst Building,
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

CITY OF LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

The sixth meeting of the season was held at Kennan's Hotel, Crown Court, 64, Cheapside, E. C., on Monday, February 10, the chief item of interest being the second of the recently organized auction sales. Many rare stamps, chiefly English and English Colonials, were put up for sale by the various members and sold at good prices.

Owing to the great success of these auctions, the committee have decided to make them a regular feature of the Club, and they will be held in future the first meeting night in each month, until further notice, the next sale being on Monday, April 6, at 8 P.M.

Country members having stamps they would like to dispose of through the medium of these sales can do so by sending the stamps to the Secretary, and as all bids must be paid for on the night of the sale, stamps not sold will be returned, together with a remittance for those sold, within three days from date of auction.

At the meeting held on Monday, February 24, Mr. H. Hilckes displayed the stamps of Uruguay.

Gifts of books and papers for the Library should be sent to the Hon. Librarian, Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E., who will be pleased to acknowledge same.

Application for membership and all communications with reference to the Club should be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E.

THE NEW ENGLAND'S SALE.

The New England Stamp Company will make another venture in the auction field, April 13, at Elks Hall. The stamps are advertised as being held absolutely without reserve, and every stamp is guaranteed genuine, "now and always." The catalogue also gives the true meaning of "mint state," an expression which has been dishonored by countless dealers.

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A LIE NAILED.

Rev. Mr. Kilbon is filled with indignation concerning the attitude of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST in regard to sham auction sales. He evidently believes in them; we do not. The publishers of this magazine do not hold auction sales, nor do they employ Mr. Kilbon or any one else to hold them, in order to disguise the source of the supply. If they did, it might be possible that they would feel as strongly as does our worthy contemporary. THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST has made no charges of dishonesty in connection with the late but brilliant Woodward auction sale, as Mr. Kilbon affirms it has done. We stated a fact, however, that the bidding of a certain person, whose identity is unknown to us, was not such as would command the respect of a disinterested observer; that it was *seemingly* in favor of the auctioneer, not of the person who had the misfortune to have so poor a representative. We cast no reflection on Mr. Woodward, and no unprejudiced reader would consider that we did. We used this unknown bidder simply as pointing a moral, and Mr. Kilbon agrees with us, for he acknowledges that "the bidding was clumsily managed." We are not soreheaded, nor do we make assertions and then apologize in order to avoid legal complications.

Another Boston writer, who evidently draws his inspiration from the same source as Mr. Kilbon, calls our remarks a "blatant attack on the Woodward (and other) Boston sales." We congratulate this person upon his good taste in inserting the words "and other." It relieves him of considerable responsibility and annoyance. No intelligent person, after reading the editorial in the April issue, will say we attacked the honesty of the Woodward sale; we have not attacked the New England Stamp Co.'s sales; in fact we stated they were honest; and we have not mentioned the name of B. L. Drew & Co. in this connection. Who else hold auction sales in Boston?

We protest and do continue to protest against the system, not the firm. It is right enough, perhaps, from the owner's point of view, for the owner to bid against outsiders in the hope of running up the price of his lots and, maybe, bidding them in when it looks

dubious for his side; but such a sale is not legitimate, and it is this feature to which we and every honest dealer and collector in the country object. It is the unknown and secret reserve placed on a lot by an owner, who attends in person to protect his goods. If he were honest, he would publish his reserve price and take his chances along with others. A sale at which lots of this kind are sold, not to the general purchaser, but to the owner, is not a legitimate sale, but is a sham, pure and simple, and if Mr. Kilbon and his admirers believe to the contrary we congratulate them upon discovering a new degree of honesty.

SAVE THE BOY COLLECTOR.

We think a great deal of credit is due the J. W. Scott Company of New York for its early appreciation of the fact that the young collector was rapidly becoming conspicuous by his absence, and the issuing of a general catalogue pricing stamps according to issue, without going into minute details and varieties, is a move in the right direction. The "boy" element must not be disregarded; it must be fostered with considerable care, or the popularity of philately will soon become a thing of the past. Speculation has ruined many things before now, and the speculative fever bids fair to wreck our popular fad, if long continued. Another firm, which is also deserving of unstinted praise in this direction, is the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company of St. Louis. This house has recently turned its immense machinery toward reclaiming old collectors and arousing interest among those who have never appreciated the fascination, the satisfaction, or the education which stamp collecting induces, and it ought to be complimented by every dealer and publisher in the land. We certainly do not intend to withhold our share of praise.

THEO. TOPPELL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Theo. Toppell, one of the fairest dealers we have ever met; a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, and one who will be missed among the stamp fraternity of New York and Philadelphia.

TWEEDLE DEE VS. TWEEDLE DUM.

There is a certain firm of stamp dealers, which shall be nameless, which is dreadfully opposed to the practice of selling stamps by auction, but which has hit upon the very happy method of straddling the fence by holding "cash sales." A catalogue is issued, with a certain price affixed to each stamp; a description is given in the grandiose style of all auction catalogues, and bids are solicited, just like any ordinary, commonplace, but detestable auction firm, with the sole difference that first come first served. So great has been the success of this method of disposing of stamps that another "cash sale" will be held in the dim future. If this is not another instance of the pot and the kettle argument as to the degree of color each contained, we are willing to take back all we have ever said about an auction sale being a criterion of values.

OUR FIRST VOLUME.

With the issuing of this number we have completed the first year of our existence. All the promises made in the initial number have been fulfilled, and our magazine has grown in quality with each succeeding number. During the coming year we have a number of novelties which we are prepared to introduce, provided the support accorded us by our advertisers will warrant the necessary expense. We have never sought one word of commendation from our advertisers or readers, but have received thousands of letters complimenting us upon the appearance of the magazine and wishing us all manner of success. Until the appearance of THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST, the auction feature of philately was rarely commented upon, but since the inauguration of our Comparative Auction Reviews, nearly every philatelic publication of importance has endeavored to imitate, thus evincing the sincerest flattery. We have in preparation a supplemental feature of the auction reviews which will prove of inestimable value to all dealers and collectors and which will probably be published in the June issue.

Have you renewed your subscription? Better do it now before you forget it.



We present above a representation of the latest stamp cancelling device adopted by the Montreal, Canada, Post Office. This is the patent of the Imperial Mail Marking Machine Co. of Canada. It is a vast improvement over the latest cutting device used in New York and some of the other large cities of this country.

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

[The stamps, envelopes, etc., listed below are described in the various auction catalogues as being "superb," or in fine condition. No stamps in poor condition will be listed except in the case of rarities, and the condition of such will always be given. All stamps listed below have been sold legitimately and to *bona-fide* purchasers. The letters and values following the description of the stamps mean that, according to Scott's 56th catalogue (S), the price is as mentioned, and the value following the letter G means the price according to the 10th catalogue of the Stanley Gibbon's Co., London.]

1845. 5c New York, used; S $8, G $7.50
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, $7.25
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.30
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.10
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 6.50

1846. 5c Providence, unused; S $6.50, G $5.50
Mar. 21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.00
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2.55
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.25
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 3.88

1847. 10c black, used; S $4, G $5
Mar. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.10
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.05
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.38

1851-6. 5c brown, used; S $11, G $8.75
Feb. 26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 11.25
Mar. 16, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.75
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.25
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 7.75
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 11.90
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 6.75

1855-60. 5c red-brown, used; S $7, G $5
Feb. 25, Cheveley & Co., London, 4.25
Mar. 2, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.42
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.40
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 9.25

1855-60. 30c orange, used; S $6.50, G $6
Mar. 4, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 4.75
20, W. Hadlow, London, 5.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.50

1855-60. 90c blue, used; S $35, G $25
Mar. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 15.75
20, W. Hadlow, London, 12.00
24, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 14.00

1861. 5c yellow, used; S $7, G $5.62
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 4.00
25, Cheveley & Co., London, 5.50
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 4.50
Mar. 2, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.75
11, Puttick & Simpson, London, 4.75
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 6.30
20, W. Hadlow, London, 4.00
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.10
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.00
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 5.25

1861. 30c orange, unused; S $3.50, G $2.12
Mar. 14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.00
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.50
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 2.57

1861. 90c blue, unused; S $12, G $7.50
Feb. 6, Cheveley & Co., London, 6.00
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 10.00
26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 11.75
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 13.50
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 9.50
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 14.00
Same, used; S $3.50, G $2
Feb. 6, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2.10
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.45
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 3.50
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.90
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.20
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 2.90
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.20

1862-6. 3c scarlet, unused; S $60
Feb. 26, J. W. Scott Co., New York (stained) 45.00
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 75.50

1868. 3c, 13 x 16, used; S $8, G $6.25
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 6.25
14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.10
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 4.75

1869. 24c, used; S $7.50, G $6.25
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 3.92
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.53
Mar. 4, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.75
11, Puttick & Simpson, London, 3.00
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.00
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.20

1869. 30c, used; S $3.50, G $3.00
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 3.25
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.33
Mar. 14, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.50
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 2.20
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.00
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 1.55
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.00

1869. 90c, used; S $17.50, G $13.75
Feb. 25, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 9.00
25, Cheveley & Co., London, 7.50
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 13.50
Mar. 11, Puttick & Simpson, London, 10.25
17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 10.25
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 15.60
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 15.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 13.00

Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 18.00

1893. $1, unused; S $8, G $7.50
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 4.25
Mar. 20, W. Hadlow, London, 3.75
21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.20
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.30
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.65

1893. $2, unused; S $5, G $6.25
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 3.75
Mar. 21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.10
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.80
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.50
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 2.75

1893. $3, unused; S $4, G $5
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 3.75
Mar. 21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.00
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.10
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 3.40

1893. $4, unused; S $5.50, G $6.50
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 4.75
Mar. 21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.05
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 4.10
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 4.20

1893. $5, unused; S $6.50, G $6.87
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 5.50
Mar. 21, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.00
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 5.20
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 5.10

1893. Complete set, unused; S $31.81, G $34.48
Feb. 15, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 17.60
Mar. 2, Puttick & Simpson, London, 20.00
11, Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, 19.37
18, Cheveley & Co., London, 21.00
20, W. Hadlow, London, 18.75
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 20.00

Justice. 30c, unused; S $25, G $15
Feb. 26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 18.75
Mar. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 18.25
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 22.00

Justice. 90c, unused; S $60, G $35
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 40.00
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 37.50
Mar. 17, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 35.00
30, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 24.00

Post Obitum, unused; S $4, G $4
Feb. 24, W. Hadlow, London, 4.50
26, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 3.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 2.63
24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 3.00
28, Bogert & Durbin Co., New York, 2.40

State. $2, unused; S $17.50, G $16.25
Feb. 19, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 17.75
26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 15.10
Mar. 24, W. S. Scott Co., New York, 14.20
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 15.75

State. $5, unused; S $125
Jan. 28, R. F. Albrecht & Co., New York, 126.25
29, B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, 110.00
Feb. 26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 127.00
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, (D) 117.50

State. $10, unused; S $60
Feb. 26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 49.00
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 64.00

State. $20. unused; S $50
Feb. 26, J. W. Scott Co., New York, 49.00
Mar. 11, Woodward Co., Boston, 46.50
Apr. 13, N. E. Stamp Co., Boston, 46.00

The new Cuban government has authorized an issue of postage stamps to be used in the transportation of all mail matter within the interior of Cuba, as well as to foreign ports where the use of a special messenger service is necessary. They are 2c gray, 5c blue, 10c orange, and 25c green. Letters sent to this country reach us through private channels, and the expense is heavy, as special messenger service is required for their transportation and safe delivery.

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The above members will be sent their certificates of membership upon receipt of the dues (25 cents) to January 1, 1897. I hope the above will remit promptly and will participate in the different departments, which are in running order.

APPLICATIONS.

The name of each applicant is given below, together with his address, and is followed by the names of his references:

Wm. B. Hopson, 1109 S. 28th St., Omaha, Neb. J. F. Dodge, L. Brodstone.
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Edward Palmer, New Boston, Mich. J. F. Dodge, S. W. Maywood.

The above will be admitted to membership, if no sufficient objections are received, by May 15, 1896. All members who have not paid their dues in full are requested to remit same promptly to the secretary. I am compelled to again request that one *local* reference be furnished by applicants. Please remember that this rule must be adhered to. Members should also be very careful as to whom they recommend. Remember that our society aims to become one of the leaders, and that we desire to have it so that *it will be a recommendation to a philatelist to become a member of this society.* This cannot be said of any society of a philatelic nature in this country today. Watch each list of applications and report any one whom you know will be a creditable addition.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

No. 87. Alfred Jungman, 529 12th Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

I beg to announce the appointment of the following resident Vice-Presidents, viz.:

For California. — Georges Carion, P. O. Box 2457, San Francisco.
For Indiana. — Harry Hussey, Cromwell.
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SOCIETY NOTES.

The membership increased 27 during the last month. Wisconsin and New York are tied for first place. Connecticut is second, with Illinois third, and Pennsylvania is fourth. Some of the other States are crowding the latter closely. Who will lead next month?

The following foreign countries are represented upon our membership roll: Mexico; Province of Quebec, Canada; Province of Ontario, Canada; Nova Scotia, Canada, and Holland. Mr. H. G. Earle, our genial Exchange Superintendent, induced his Holland friend to join this, the coming society.

I expect that by the time this report is read by the members the prize contest will have closed. Much interest has been shown, and at this writing several of our members are about even in the number secured. Who will win is the question. Full particulars, with the names of the winners, will be given in next report.

Members who desire to be put upon the exchange circuits, should so inform the Exchange Superintendent. He is anxious to make his department a success.

Let me urge the members to patronize the auction department. The first sale will be held on May 15, 1896. It was published in the April number of official organ. The next sale will be held June 5, 1896. Send in your lots and your bids at once.

Members, do not allow your interest in this society to diminish, just because it gets a little warmer. No true philatelist will put aside his philatelic connections for such a reason.

Our enterprising Superintendent Bureau of Information is at present not well, as he has worked very hard at his large and increasing stamp trade, until he has run himself down in health. We trust that his illness is not serious and that he will soon be as well as ever.

Our President will take a trip to Europe in June to be gone three months. In his absence our Vice-President will act in his place. Let us all wish our President a safe and pleasant journey.

Members should report to the Superintendent Bureau of Information any frauds of whom they may have knowledge. This is the only way in which he can be of service to the members.

Members should enclose return postage when writing the officers, as it will ensure a quicker reply, and save the officials needless expense.

LEO FRITTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 15, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received one year's subscription to the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, from publishers of same for our library, beginning with January, 1896; I have received the first four numbers. No other contributions to this department have been received this month. Information will be furnished gladly to all enclosing return postage. When writing please give C. P. S. number. Contributions to this department are solicited from all. Acknowledgment of same will be made in my monthly reports.

SECOND AUCTION SALE OF C. P. S.

To be held June 5, 1896.

Bid so much for each lot, as no lot will be broken. Do not send money with bids, as highest bidder will be notified after auction. *signifies unused. No commission will be charged for buying. C. P. S. members are requested to send in lots for next sale, which will be held July 5, 1896. 10% commission charged on all lots sold, those remaining unsold returned postage free. Bids solicited from every one. Address all lots, bids, etc., to

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Austin, Texas.

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No.		No. in Lot.	Reserve.
1.	*entire env. Scott's, No. 879	1	$0.80
2.	25 entire envs. Scott's, No. 614	25	.75
3.	*5 entire envs. Scott's, No. 791	5	.35
4.	*5 entire envs. Scott's, No. 725	5	.35
5.	*5 entire envs. Scott's, No. 825	5	.35
6.	10 15c Columbians	10	1.25
7.	5 30c Columbians	5	1.25
8.	*2c green Confederate States	1	
9.	2c blue Memphis badly centered and torn	1	9.00
10.	50c claret due	1	

PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

11.	Southern Phil., Vol. 1, Nos. 4, 7, Vol. 2, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12	10	
12.	Southern Phil., Vol. 4, complete	12	
13.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 4, Nos. 3 and 5, Vol. 6, No. 5, Vol. 7, Nos. 5 and 6, Vol. 8, Nos. 2 and 3	7	
14.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 8, complete	6	
15.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 9, complete	6	
16.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 10, complete	6	
17.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 11, complete	6	
18.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 12, complete	6	
19.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 13, complete	6	
20.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 14, complete	6	
21.	Eastern Phil., Vol. 15, complete	6	
22.	Philatelist (Lewis Bishop), complete	4	.20
23.	P. J. of A., Nos. 49, 63, 64, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91, 94, 96, 97, 100, 102, 103, 104	28	1.25
24.	P. J. of A., 6 copies of No. 77. Scarce	6	.30
25.	Post Office, No. 1 to 52, complete. Very fine lot	52	2.00
26.	Post Office, Vol. 3, complete	11	.25
27.	Post Office, Vol. 4, complete	13	.25
28.	Collector, Vol. 3, complete	12	.25
29.	Collector, Vol. 4, complete	12	.20
30.	Collector, Vol. 5, complete	5	.10
31.	Rhode Island Phil., Vol. 2, Nos. 6 to 12	7	.30
32.	Rhode Island Phil., Vol. 3, complete	8	.30
33.	Phil. Era, Vol. 5, complete	12	
34.	Phil. Era, Vol. 6, complete	12	
35.	Phil. Era, Vol. 7, complete	12	
36.	Another volume of Vol. 7	12	
37.	Phil. Facts and Fal., Vol. 1, complete	12	.35
38.	Phil. Facts and Fal., Vol. 2, complete	12	.30
39.	Penn. Phil., Vol. 7, complete	6	.15
40.	Transcontinental Phil., complete	5	
41.	A. J. of P., Vol. 1, No. 10, Vol 3, No. 11	2	.15
42.	Color Chart	1	.35
43.	Stamp Collector's Souvenir	1	
44.	"Stamps, how to buy and sell"	1	
45.	"Canada and her stamp collectors"	1	.15
46.	"Postage Stamps of Peru"	1	
47.	Hubbard's "Black List"	1	
48.	Coffin's "Fraud Directory"	1	
49.	Aldrich's Phil. Annual, '87	1	.15
50.	Albrecht's Vest Pocket cat., '95 and '96	2	

OUR PHILATELISTS.

No. 11.

J. M. ANDREINI.

The subject of our sketch this month is one of the best-known collectors in the United States. His first collection was made in 1865–70, and his present one was begun in 1891, through a renewal of interest while arranging his son's collection. Mr. Andreini has specialized in United States and British Colonies; with the latter he has devoted much time in studying West Indies, narrowing his specialism first to Leeward Islands and then to Nevis, which is, at the present time, his specialty in specialism. Experts say that Mr. Andreini's Nevis collection is the finest and most perfect in America. About a year ago Mr. Andreini turned his attention to plate numbers of the United States 1894 issue and was made the target of many criticisms and jocular remarks from publishers, dealers, and collectors. However, the dealers have relented, and today they are coining money selling plate numbers, and collectors are eagerly seeking the things they ridiculed. Mr. Andreini wields a trenchant pen and has long been known as an able contributor to the *Weekly Stamp News* and other publications.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* for December foretold us of a contemplated issue of postage due stamps from Belgium.

A variety in the way of perforation has been discovered in the 25p blue '90 Finland. It has been seen perforated 13½ x 13 instead of 12½.

Le Timbre Poste in a recent issue reports a new officially sealed stamp for Hong Kong, printed in brown and blue on white paper, perf. 12½.

Provisional Postage due stamps for Borneo are announced. This was brought about by the current series being locally surcharged in black "Postage Due."

Can You Beat These Prices?

xBahamas, 1882, 1p vermilion, o.g.	$2.25
Bahamas, 1861, 6p violet	3.00
xBarbadoes, 1852, 1p blue (blue paper, o.g.)	3.25
xBarbadoes, 1852, 4p red (blue paper, o.g.)	3.70
xBritish Honduras, 1882, 1p blue	1.50
xQueensland, 1882, 2sh 6p, o.g.	2.00
xSt. Christopher, 1p rose, St. Kitts Revenue	1.80
xSt. Christopher, 1/ reseda green, St. Kitts Rev.	5.75
xU. S. 1893, 15c, o.g.	.20
xU. S. 1893, 30c, o.g.	.50
xU. S. sp. delivery, 6 lines, o.g.	.20
xU. S. Postage Due, 1879, 30c, o.g.	.75
xU. S. Postage Due, 1879, 50c, o.g.	.95

Stamps marked x are unused.

PELL & COMPANY,
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Circulation No. 2 3,000

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No. 2 will be out promptly on June 15, 1896. It will contain 32 pages, have a colored cover of neat and artistic design, and 3,000 copies will be printed and **honestly** circulated in all parts of the **world.**

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There are some stamp dealers who are anxious to secure only the gilt-edged trade, but we are satisfied with the penny orders. We have no $3,000 stamps for sale, but we have

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We have them for the beginner and for the collector who has a number of blank spaces to fill, but we have none for those who want $100 stamps. These we keep in a glass case for our own delectation.

We want to correspond with those alleged "kids" who are anxious to learn a few things about stamps, and are willing to begin in a small way, and do not want to be bothered with all the varieties which the crazy cranks are losing so much sleep over.

Boys, why not try some of the following packets for a starter? You will find them excellent specimens and will get your money's worth. We have not advanced our prices or changed the character of the contents since the 56th catalogue:

No. 5. Our British North and Central Packet. Contains 15 stamps of the British North and Central American issues. Price, **50 cents,** post free.

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With each Packet is sent a sufficient number of Perfect Hinges, to fasten the stamps in your album.

Try one of these Packets and you will want them all. Cash with order.
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Mattapan Philatelic Company,
STATION O,
BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A.

AN OLD-TIME POSTAGE BILL.

A curious and amusing paper has been found among the effects of the late Abner Slade, who was a large property owner in Haverhill. This is a bill for postage charged by John A. Wood, who in 1851 was postmaster at Swansea. It would appear that stamps were not then in use in Swansea, and that the postmaster had to make out bills in the case of permanent patrons of the office. Thus he charges, in a bill for $3.55, 52 cents postage on the Providence *Journal* for six months, 78 cents for the *Friends' Review* for one year, 30 cents for a "letter for his wife," a similar sum for one for Mr. Slade himself, and for one from California 40 cents. A charge of five cents for a letter is very common in this bill, suggesting, in connection with the higher charges, what a luxury correspondence must have been in the olden days. A citizen to whose mind a perusal of the bill recalls the different terms of correspondence 50 and 60 years ago, says that in the thirties it cost as much to get a letter from New York as it did to bring a barrel of flour; namely, 18¾ cents.

A PHILATELIC PRESS LIST.

To the many recipients of Edwards' eight-page list, especially those interested in the collection and preservation of philatelic literature, we would advise that such list be kept for future reference. Tall oaks from little acorns grow and "Edwards' Philatelic Press List and Advertiser of Philatelic Supplies" will increase in size and value in the near future. Promptly on June 15, List No. 2 will be issued, having a colored cover of neat design and containing at least 32 pages; 3,000 copies will be printed and honestly circulated. Publishers of the regularly issued philatelic journals are not slow to recognize a good thing when they see it. Publishers of the many hundreds of handbooks, directories, encyclopædias, etc., and dealers and manufacturers of philatelists' supplies, all recognize the value of having their announcements appear in the above-mentioned list. You will find Mr. Edwards' advertisement in this issue.

Postmaster Hesing, of Chicago, after much consultation with the Department at Washington, has just made public the fact that thoroughly equipped post offices will be placed in as many as five or six of the department stores of that city. He qualifies this statement with the addition that they will be discontinued if too many of these stores ask for the branch offices, or if they should take advantage of the fact of their presence by using them as a means of advertising their business.

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Set of 7 Indian Stamps, 50c. (2sh.)

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Victoria, 1864, 2 sh blue, unused, og	2 75
Turks Islands, 1882, 4d, a bargain	60
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Trinidad, 1859, 6d green	2 00
Nevis, 1867, 1d rose, unused	1 75
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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

It is just as well to occasionally call attention to the regular adhesive issues of our own country; especially is the time ripe for such a presentation as will follow, now that efforts are being made to recover the lost interest of the younger element in philately. If what is given below seems trite to the advanced collector, let him remember that there was a time when this information was new to him.

Previous to 1847 the use of sundry labels or private stamps had been permitted by the authorities, as it was found to facilitate the despatch of correspondence. The first stamp used was the City Despatch 3 cents, issued in August, 1842, by the postmaster of New York without any authority, and was followed by the various postmasters' stamps of St. Louis, Brattleboro, New Haven, Providence, Alexandria, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Worcester, and Pittsfield, all issued from 1845 to 1847.

The first governmental issue was made in July, 1847, and consisted of the 5 and 10 cent values, imperforate, bearing the portraits of Franklin, the first Postmaster-General, and Washington, the first President. The original plates and dies, as well as the unsold stock of stamps on hand, were destroyed in 1851, on the introduction of the new issue, so it is pretty sure to declare that most of those that are now sold as original are the government reprints, as the dies were reëngraved at the time of the Centennial Exposition. These 1847 stamps, in the original plates though official, were only supplied to those postmasters who applied for them, their use by the public being optional, and during their four years of issue so little were they used, that only 3,712,000 of the 5c and 891,000 of the 10c were sold.

On July 1, 1851, owing to the rates of postage having been changed, new issues of 1, 3, and 12c were delivered to the various post offices, but even then their use was optional, no fine being exacted for non-payment. These stamps, as well as the "Carrier" and the 1c "Eagle" stamp which superseded it, were engraved by Toppan, Carpenter & Co., of Philadelphia. Only 300,000 of the Carrier stamps were issued or printed, and as the stamp was only in existence for a few days, it is very doubtful if more than a few thousands were ever really used; it being then suppressed, owing to its resemblance to the 3c of the current issue. Its successor, the 1c Eagle, became obsolete on January 27, 1852. It was, however, not until March 3, 1855, that a law passed Congress making prepayment of postage on all inland letters compulsory. A 10c stamp was added in May, 1855, and one of 5c in January, 1856, owing to a further change in postal rates and the introduction of registration; and three months after a 24c stamp was ordered and printed, but never issued in its imperforate state, though one entire sheet is known to have existed.

It was not until the early part of 1857 that the five stamps comprising the current issue were perforated. In June and August, 1860, the higher values of 24, 30, and 90c were issued to facilitate the payment of foreign letters.

The termination of the contract for printing with Toppan & Co., and the outbreak of the Civil War were almost coincident. The whole issue of eight stamps was accordingly withdrawn from circulation, in order to prevent the large stock of them still in the hands of the Southern postmasters being improperly used, but the Federal Government re-purchased up to September 1, 1861, any stamps that happened to be in the hands of the public.

The engraving of the new issue was intrusted to the National Bank Note Co., of New York, and on August 14, 1861, eight values, the equivalents of the suppressed issues, were put in circulation, and form part of the well-known set with the letters "U. S." for the first time printed in the lower angles, and the perforation altered to 12. On July 1, 1863, and in April, 1866, were issued first the 2c full face of Jackson; and then the 15c Lincoln, the latter printed in black to show the mourning of the nation for its recently assassinated President.

The report of the Postmaster-General for the year ending June, 1867, sets forth that experiments had been made proving that stamps printed on embossed or "grilled" paper was less liable to fraudulent manipulation. Before the scheme was permanently adopted, some experiments were made on the 3, 5, and 30c, the whole back of the stamp being covered with the grille. There are but few genuinely grilled stamps, however, of this nature, and even those are looked upon with suspicion by the elect. The grille was discarded in 1872.

On March 19, 1869, the well-known fancy set of ten values, printed by the National Bank Note Co., was issued to the public, but, not meeting with general approval, was superseded in May, 1870, by the series of heads of notabilities which with some additions have been in use up to the Columbian issue in 1893. The 1870–5 issue was printed by the National Bank Note Co., which also supplied the designs, and which printed them until the expiration of its contract in May, 1873, when the printing, from the same dies, passed into the hands of the Continental Bank Note Co., which later on merged into the American Bank Note Co., in whose hands the printing remained until 1894.

The rate of inland postage was, on October 1, 1883, reduced from three to two cents,

necessitating a new 2c issue bearing the head of Washington and printed in green.

In April, 1865–7, the Government issued its first periodical stamps, namely, 5c blue, 10c green, and 25c vermilion, but they were little used except in the Western cities, and were finally withdrawn February 1, 1869; but in 1875 were reprinted for the benefit of collectors and dealers. In 1874, fresh newspaper stamps were issued, but were never sold to the public, being used and destroyed within the Department, and all copies now in existence outside of post offices were originally obtained by fraud.

In 1882 appeared for the first time the 5c brown Garfield, the color being changed to blue in 1887. The 2c maroon, printed in 1883, replaced the 2c vermilion, both with the head of Washington; the color was changed to green in 1887. In 1883 was issued the 4c green with a portrait of Jackson, the first time this denomination was used; the color was changed to carmine in 1888. The first "postage due" stamps were issued in 1879 and remained in use until the end of 1894, but the color was first changed from yellowish to red brown and then to claret in 1891. The latest issue is of smaller size but more elaborate design, and of a bright but fleeting color. On July 1, 1873, the famous Departmental stamps were issued and remained in use until suppressed in May, 1879. The value of 7c appears in those of the Navy, State, Treasury, and War Departments; this value previously appeared in the general issue of 1870–5. The oblong green registered stamp was issued in February, 1872, and abolished in 1875, and the "Officially Sealed" was first issued early in 1877.

In 1890 the Wanamaker series, so-called, was issued, values ranging from 1 to 90 cents in which the face of Grant appeared for the first time on the 5c stamp, once considered the place of honor, and also a new denomination, 6c Garfield. This issue was temporarily suspended in the early part of 1893 for the celebrated and popular Columbian issue. In this series, which was purely speculative, the 90c was omitted and 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 dollars stamps were issued, for what reason no one has been able to discover up to the present day. Coincident with the appearance of the Columbian issue appeared an 8c stamp called "the Sherman." In 1894 the Columbian issue was alleged to have been withdrawn (they are still on sale, however, all over the country), and the 1890 issue was reproduced with a triangle at each upper corner of each stamp. In 1895 a few miserable counterfeits were discovered in Chicago, and a watermarked paper was introduced to prevent fraud. The watermark cannot be discovered by any known means except by the outer strip upon which there is neither gum nor ink.

Washington and Franklin, the great leaders of the Revolution, have been pictured on every portrait issue of the United States, the portrait of the former being on the 10c, 1847, and on no less than five stamps of the 1857 and 1861 issues; on the 6c of 1869, the 3c of 1870, the 2c of 1883, the 2 and 3c of 1887, and the 2c of 1890, 1894, and 1895. Franklin appears on the 5c of 1847, and since then his portrait has invariably been used for the 1c stamp.

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The railway mail service of the United States has reached vast proportions. Mails are carried on 169,768 miles of railway. Postal clerks are employed in the distribution of the mails on 149,401 miles, the service on the remaining 20,367 miles being performed by means of closed pouches. The rolling stock of the railway post office lines consist of 550 whole cars in use and 175 in reserve, 1,911 apartment cars in use and 526 in reserve, making a total of 3,162 cars under the control of the department. There are 1,136 railway post office lines in operation, upon which 6,256 postal clerks are employed in the distribution of the mails. In addition, there are 34 steamboat lines, upon which 42 regular and two acting clerks are employed, making a total of 6,300 clerks performing duty.

The 58th sale of the Bogert & Durbin Co. took place March 7 and realized $1,847.03. Among the stamps sold were the following: U. S. envelope, 1853, Horner No. 15, unused, $46.50; wrapper, 1860, 1c, Horner No. 31½ used, $26; British Guiana, 1850, 12c blue, cut round, used, $33; St. Lucia, 1883–5, 1sh orange, unused, $40.25. The 59th sale was held March 14, and the total sales were $1,099.43, and among others sold were the following: Baton Rouge, 5c used on part cover, $27.25; a piece of blue paper, in the centre of which was printed the word "PAID" in capital letters, above which was written "Ten Cents" and below "I. Bruce," placed on the upper right corner of the envelope, and in the opposite corner the Greenwood Depot (Va.) postmark — the owner paid $100 for this envelope — sold for $30.

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CUT AND COME AGAIN.

" Me pinguem et nitidum bene curata cute vises, . . . Epicuri de grege porcum."

The season has ended. Summer and the conventions are at hand. Politics and not auction sales will engross the "massive eye and eagle brain" of our highly esteemed and devout contemporary. The contribution basin has been passed around, the doxology sung, the congregation dismissed, and the preacher has descended from the pulpit wherein he had been discharging shafts of sparkling witticisms at his unconscious audience of auction buyers, to seek the calm seclusion of his study and ponder over the things he has and has not done. He has cut aloof from his former anchorage; he is his own master and now his virtues will plead like angels, trumpet-tongued. We found him an argument, we were not obliged to furnish him with an understanding.

AN APOLOGY.

We must apologize to the young lady who writes such cute letters from Boston to Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*, for dubbing her "that person." We thought she was some big, horrid man, but since we have been informed she was a lady, we hasten to take back what appears to be an epithet. We would, however, suggest to this bright young per—, we mean lady, that it is considered better taste to use the word "person" in preference to "party." We would also say that one story is good until another is told. If the young lady in question had purchased a dozen pairs of gloves, and the horrid tradesman had sent but eleven pairs, would the young lady pay for the dozen? If the tradesman's representative had agreed to bring the missing pair the next day, and was perfectly willing to wait until he did so before receiving the payment due, would she not feel justified in accepting his promise and waiting for him to keep his agreement?

COMPARATIVE AUCTION REVIEW.

Below we give an analysis of the auction business of the season in this country and in England, so far as the sales relate to certain stamps of the United States. The stamps described were in the best of condition and nothing is listed upon which there rests the suspicion of sham or shame. We have considered only stamps sold singly or in pairs, strips, or blocks. With the exception of the sets of 1869 and 1893 no attention has been paid to general lots.

The stamps quoted as being sold in America include sales held in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago, Kansas City, and other American cities, besides a number of sales held in Canada. Those in England have been held in London. In this connection we wish to thank the auction dealers for their uniform kindness in forwarding priced catalogues, and our correspondents in Baltimore, Chicago, and Kansas City for their efforts in our behalf.

The proper method of reading the following presentation is here given: The New York, 1845, 5c black is catalogued, in an unused condition, by Scott as being valued at $12, by Stanley Gibbons at $11.25, and by Senf, the great German dealer, at $9.60. There were sold, during the auction season of 1895–6, in America 12 fine copies of this stamp, the total value realized being $119.55, or an average value of $9.96 each, being $2.04 less than Scott's price. In England were sold two copies valued at $11.75, or an average of $5.88 each, being $5.37 less than Gibbons' catalogue value. According to Albrecht's Auction Epitome, covering returns from 29 auction sales held in New York, the average value obtained was $7.74. The only object in presenting these latter averages is for purposes of comparison, not that we believe they are of absolute value.

We believe that the following presentation fully confirms our expressed conviction that auction prices are a better criterion of values than the prices quoted in the catalogues of the various dealers of the country.

1845. New York. 5c Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $12; Gibbons, $11.25; Senf, $9.60
America, sold, 12; value, $119.55; av. val., $9.96.
England, sold, 2; value, $11.75; av. val., $5.88.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $7.74.
USED: Scott, $8; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 49; value, $273.60; av. val., $5.58.
England, sold, 7; value, $53.25; av. val., $7.61.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.30.

1846. Providence. 5c Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $6.50; Gibbons, $5.50; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 42; value, $153.60; av. val., $3.66.
England, sold, 8, value, $25.86; av. val., $3.23.

1847. 5c Brown.

UNUSED: Scott, $5; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $2.88.
America, sold, 42; value, $145.95; av. val., $3.48.
England, sold, 11; value, $73.91; av. val., $6.72.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.09.
USED: Scott, $0.85; Gibbons, $1.25; Senf, $0.96.
America, sold, 68; value, $67.72; av. val., $1.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.56.

1847. 10c Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, —; Senf, $9.60.
America, sold, 16; value, $128.15; av. val., $8.01.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.57.
USED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 53; value, $205.04; av. val., $3.87.
England, sold, 10; value, $24.25; av. val., $2.43.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.73.

1851-6. 1c Blue. Type II.

UNUSED: Scott, $2; Gibbons, $1.25; Senf, $0.94.
America, sold, 25; value, $57.96; av. val., $2.32.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.36.

1851-6. 1c Broken Circle.

USED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, $8.75; Senf, —.
America, sold, 10; value, $130.30; av. val., $13.03.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.98.

1851-6. 5c Brown.

UNUSED: Scott, $50; Gibbons, —; Senf, $19.20.
America, sold, 11; value, $358.50; av. val., $32.59.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $27.61.
USED: Scott, $11; Gibbons, $8.75; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 55; value, $502.90; av. val., $9.14.
England, sold, 16; value, $114.25; av. val., $7.14.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.74.

1851-6. 10c Green.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, $13.75; Senf, $2.40.
America, sold, 19; value, $146.05; av. val., $7.69.
England, sold, 2; value, $13; av. val., $6.50.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $6.17.
USED: Scott, $1; Gibbons, $0.87; Senf, $0.84.
America, sold, 32; value, $35.01; av. val., $1.09.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.59.

1851-6. 12c Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, $4.37; Senf, $3.60.
America, sold, 10; value, $72.35; av. val., $7.24.
USED: Scott, $1.75; Gibbons, $1.25; Senf, $1.56.
America, sold, 59; value, $108.73; av. val., $1.84.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.07.

1855-60. 3c Red. Outer Line.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, —; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 20; value, $184.45; av. val., $9.22.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.71.

1855-60. 5c Brown. Type I.

USED: Scott, $3.50; Gibbons, $3; Senf, $2.88.
America, sold, 42; value, $128.45; av. val., $3.06.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.83.

1855-60. 5c Red Brown. Type I.

UNUSED: Scott, $25; Gibbons, —; Senf, $19.20.
America, sold, 14; value, $149.10; av. val., $10.65.
USED: Scott, $7; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 44; value, $270.98; av. val., $6.16.
England, sold, 13; value, $64.90; av. val., $4.99.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.06.

1855-60. 5c Brown. Type II.

USED: Scott, $2.50; Gibbons, $2; Senf, $1.92.
America, sold, 22; value, $37.56; av. val., $1.71.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.46.

1855-60. 10c Green.

UNUSED: Scott, $1.25; Gibbons, $1.12; Senf, $0.72.
America, sold, 38; value, $50.42; av. val., $1.33.
England, sold, 3; value, $4; av. val., $1.33.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.35.
USED: Scott, $0.37; Gibbons, $0.37; Senf, $0.36.
America, sold, 30; value, $25.32; av. val., $0.84.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.19.

1855-60. 12c Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $1.75; Gibbons, $1.25; Senf, $1.20.
America, sold, 36; value, $42.95; av. val., $1.19.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.65.
USED: Scott, $0.85; Gibbons, $0.62; Senf, $0.72.
America, sold, 14; value, $9.60; av. val., $0.69.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.46.

1855-60. 24c Lilac (shades).

UNUSED: Scott, $6; Gibbons, $4.50; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 45; value, $198.65; av. val., $4.41.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.
USED: Scott, $4.50; Gibbons, $2.50; Senf, $3.60.
America, sold, 27; value, $81.85; av. val., $3.03.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.74.

1855-60. 30c Orange.

UNUSED: Scott, $7.50; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 39; value, $219.61; av. val., $5.63.
England, sold, 3; value, $14.25; av. val., $4.75.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.21.
USED: Scott, $6.50; Gibbons, $6; Senf, $4.32.
America, sold, 23; value, $100.50; av. val., $4.37.
England, sold, 4; value, $14.50; av. val., $3.63.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.37.

1855-60. 90c Blue.

UNUSED: Scott, $22.50; Gibbons, $17.50; Senf, $14.40.
America, sold, 40; value, $649.55; av. val., $16.24.
England, sold, 12; value, $180.62; av. val., $15.05.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $8.61.
USED: Scott, $35; Gibbons, $25; Senf, $18.
America, sold, 8; value, $114.50; av. val., $14.31.
England, sold, 12; value, $211.62; av. val., $17.64.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $7.50.

1861. 3c Pink.

USED: Scott, $8; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 26; value, $121.40; av. val., $4.67.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.87.

1861. 5c Brown.

UNUSED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $1.25; Senf, $1.20.
America, sold, 16; value, $39.15; av. val., $2.45.

1861. 5c Yellow.

UNUSED: Scott, $30; Gibbons, —; Senf, $19.20.
America, sold, 7; value, $180.10; av. val., $25.73.
England, sold, 5; value, $132.49; av. val., $26.50.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $10.14.
USED: Scott, $7; Gibbons, $5.62; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 53; value, $259.78; av. val., $4.90.
England, sold, 31; value, $152.50; av. val., $4.92.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.60.

1861. 24c Lilac.

UNUSED: Scott, $2; Gibbons, $1.50; Senf, $0.84.
America, sold, 28; value, $79.25; av. val., $2.83.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.59.

1861. 30c Orange.

UNUSED: Scott, $3.50; Gibbons, $2.12; Senf, $1.92.
America, sold, 47; value, $122.95; av. val., $2.62.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.32.

1861. 90c Blue.

UNUSED: Scott, $12; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 21; value, $232.50; av. val., $11.07.
England, sold, 4; value, $19.50; av. val., $4.88.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.45.
USED: Scott, $3.50; Gibbons, $2; Senf, $2.04.
America, sold, 47; value, $111.25; av. val., $2.37.
England, sold, 6; value, $19.66; av. val., $3.28.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.39.

1862-6. 3c Scarlet.

UNUSED: Scott, $60.
America, sold, 3; value, $187.50; av. val., $62.50.

1862-6. 5c Chocolate.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, $10.
America, sold, 6; value, $44.45; av. val., $7.41.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.67.
USED: Scott, $2.50; Gibbons, $1.37.
America, sold, 15; value, $24.95; av. val., $1.66.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.98.

1868. 3c Rose. All Grilled.

UNUSED: Scott, $35; Gibbons, —; Senf, $24.
America, sold, 4; value, $157.50; av. val., $39.38.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $22.53.
USED: Scott, $17.50; Gibbons, $20; Senf, $12.
America, sold, 11; value, $142.95; av. val., $13.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $11.32.

1868. 3c Rose, 13 x 16.

USED: Scott, $8; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 18; value, $75.50; av. val., $4.19.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.48.

1868. 5c Brown, 9 x 13.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 16; value, $135.25; av. val., $8.45.
England, sold, 4; value, $15.50; av. val., $3.88.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.84.

1868. 10c Green, 9 x 13.

UNUSED: Scott, $3; Gibbons, $2.50; Senf, $0.96.
America, sold, 10; value, $20.60; av. val., $2.06.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.96.

1868. 12c Black, 9 x 13.

UNUSED: Scott, $3; Gibbons, $2; Senf, $0.96.
America, sold, 12; value, $34.90; av. val., $2.91.

1868. 15c Black, 11 x 13.

USED: Scott, $8; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $1.20.
America, sold, 22; value, $74.15; av. val., $3.37.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.28.

1868. 24c Violet, 9 x 13.

UNUSED: Scott, $12.50; Gibbons, $10; Senf, $7.20.
England, sold, 2; value, $19.37; av. val., $9.69.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.26.
USED: Scott, $5; Gibbons, $3.12; Senf, $2.40.
America, sold, 9; value, $26.70; av. val., $2.97.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.53.

1868. 30c Orange, 9 x 13.

USED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $3.75; Senf, $3.60.
America, sold, 20; value, $54.98; av. val., $2.75.
England, sold, 4; value, $11.50; av. val., $2.88.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.58.

1868. 90c Blue, 9 x 13.

USED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, $11.25; Senf, $12.
America, sold, 29; value, $270.60; av. val., $9.33.
England, sold, 12; value, $73.50; av. val., $6.13.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $7.41.

1869. 1c Buff.

UNUSED: Scott, $1; Gibbons, $0.62; Senf, $1.20.
America, sold, 23; value, $21.30; av. val., $0.93.

1869. 6c Blue.

UNUSED: Scott, $3; Gibbons, $1.87; Senf, $1.68.
America, sold, 10; value, $23.19; av. val., $2.32.

1869. 10c Yellow.

UNUSED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $2.50; Senf, $1.44.
America, sold, 14; value, $37.65; av. val., $2.69.

1869. 15c. No Frame.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, $10; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 14; value, $102.10; av. val., $7.29.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.81.
USED: Scott, $3.50; Gibbons, $3; Senf, $2.40.
America, sold, 13; value, $31.45; av. val., $2.42.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.

1869. 15c. With Frame.

UNUSED: Scott, $6; Gibbons, $4.50; Senf, $2.40.
America, sold, 23; value, $84.70; av. val., $3.68.
England, sold, 2; value, $7; av. val., $3.50.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.83.
USED: Scott, $1.75; Gibbons, $1.50; Senf, $1.44.
America, sold, 12; value, $14.76; av. val., $1.23.
England, sold, 0; value, $6.75; av. val., $1.13.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.23.

1869. 24c Green and Purple.

UNUSED: Scott, $16.50; Gibbons, $12.50; Senf, $9.60.
America, sold, 18; value, $144.40; av. val., $8.02.
England, sold, 13; value, $108.75; av. val., $8.37.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $6.12.
USED: Scott, $7.50; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 29; value, $117.49; av. val., $4.05.
England, sold, 37; value, $152.63; av. val., $4.13.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.11.

1869. 30c Blue and Carmine.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, $12.50; Senf, $10.80.
America, sold, 14; value, $170.20; av. val., $12.16.
England, sold, 6; value, $65.50; av. val., $10.92.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $6.56.
USED: Scott, $3.50; Gibbons, $3; Senf, $2.88.
America, sold, 79; value, $199.70; av. val., $2.53.
England, sold, 14; value, $41.03; av. val., $2.93.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.09.

1869. 90c Black and Carmine.

UNUSED: Scott, $35; Gibbons, $25; Senf, $16.80.
America, sold, 6; value, $184; av. val., $30.67.
England, sold, 7; value, $163.12; av. val., $23.30.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $13.14.
USED: Scott, $17.50; Gibbons, $13.75; Senf, $12.
America, sold, 35; value, $471.10; av. val., $13.46.

England, sold, 26; value, $245.24; av. val., $9.43.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $8.25.

1869. Complete Set.

UNUSED: Scott, $93.55; Gibbons, $73.36.
England, sold, 1; value, $68.75.
USED: Scott, $36.82; Gibbons, $29.99.
England, sold, 10; value, $161.87; av. val., $17.81.

1875. 1c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $1.50; Gibbons, $0.50; Senf, $0.96.
America, sold, 49; value, $49.95; av. val., $1.02.

1875. 2c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $7.50; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $1.44.
America, sold, 20; value, $107.85; av. val., $5.39.

1875. 3c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, $15; Senf, $9.60.
America, sold, 18; value, $155.45; av. val., $8.64.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.73.

1875. 6c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $7.50; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 20; value, $110.18; av. val., $5.51.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.90.

1875. 10c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 17; value, $140; av. val., $8.24.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.67.

1875. 12c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 15; value, $111.50; av. val., $7.43.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $6.60.

1875. 15c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $12.50; Gibbons, $15; Senf, $8.40.
America, sold, 15; value, $141; av. val., $9.40.
England, sold, 6; value, $59.12; av. val., $9.85.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.46.
USED: (not priced in catalogues.)
America, sold, 7; value, $50.45; av. val., $7.21.
England, sold, 3; value, $34.12; av. val., $11.37.

1875. 24c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, $17.50; Senf, $12.
America, sold, 17; value, $201.55; av. val., $11.86.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $6.15.
USED: (not priced in catalogues.)
England, sold, 7; value, $94.50; av. val., $13.50.

1875. 30c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $22.50; Gibbons, $20; Senf, $14.40.
America, sold, 16; value, $262.75; av. val., $16.42.
England, sold, 3; value, $50.74; av. val., $16.91.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $8.72.

1875. 90c Reprint of 1869.

UNUSED: Scott, $30; Gibbons, $30; Senf, $20.40.
America, sold, 17; value, $386.25; av. val., $22.72.
England, sold, 4; value, $88.64; av. val., $22.16.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $12.96.

1870-1. 6c Pink, 9 x 11 1-2.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, —; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 8; value, $71.90; av. val., $8.99.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.05.
USED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $4; Senf, $3.60.
America, sold, 10; value, $28.30; av. val., $2.83.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.38.

1870-1. 7c Vermilion, 9 x 11 1-2.

UNUSED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, —; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 8; value, $61.10; av. val., $7.64.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $10.30.
USED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $3.12; Senf, $3.60.
America, sold, 16; value, $36.35; av. val., $2.27.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.44.

1870-1. 10c Brown, 9 x 11 1-2.

USED: Scott, $10; Gibbons, —; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 10; value, $68; av. val., $6.80.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.48.

1870-1. 15c Orange, 9 x 11 1-2.

UNUSED: Scott, $15; Gibbons, —; Senf, $12.
America, sold, 13; value, $93.50; av. val., $7.19.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $7.21.
USED: Scott, $6.50; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $6.00.
America, sold, 10; value, $42.05; av. val., $4.21.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.81.

1870-1. 30c Black, 9 x 11 1-2.

USED: Scott, $25; Gibbons, $11.25; Senf, $9.60.
America, sold, 10; value, $121.70; av. val., $12.17.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $6.31.

1870-1. 90c Carmine, 9 x 11 1-2.

USED: Scott, $6.50; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 14; value, $56.05; av. val., $4.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.19.

1872. 7c Vermilion.

UNUSED: Scott, $5.
America, sold, 16; value, $45.30; av. val., $2.83.

1872. 12c Dark Purple.

UNUSED: Scott, $10.
America, sold, 13; value, $79.50; av. val., $6.12.

1872. 24c Purple.

UNUSED: Scott, $10.
America, sold, 21; value, $146.90; av. val., $7.

1872. 90c Carmine.

UNUSED: Scott, $5.
America, sold, 14; value, $48.90; av. val., $3.49.

1888. 90c Purple.

UNUSED: Scott, $2.50; Gibbons, $2.50; Senf, $2.40.
America, sold, 15; value, $28.10; av. val., $1.87.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $1.37.
USED: Scott: $1.25; Gibbons, $0.87; Senf, $0.72.
America, sold, 141; value, $126.35; av. val., $0.90.
England, sold, 24; value, $18.64; av. val., $0.78.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $0.47.

1893. $1 Salmon.

UNUSED: Scott, $8; Gibbons, $7.50; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 54; value, $216.39; av. val., $4.01.
England, sold, 4; value, $16; av. val., $4.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.80.
USED: Scott, $6; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $4.80.
America, sold, 24; value, $88.20; av. val., $3.68.
England, sold, 12; value, $40.25; av. val., $3.35.

1893. $2 Brown-Red.

UNUSED: Scott, $5; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $2.88.
America, sold, 45; value, $157.12; av. val., $3.49.
England, sold, 6; value, $21.75; av. val., $3.63.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $2.43.
USED: Scott, $5; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $3.36.
America, sold, 11; value, $34.15; av. val., $3.10.

1893. $3 Yellow-Green.

UNUSED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $4.32.
America, sold, 30; value, $97.50; av. val., $3.25.
England, sold, 6; value, $21.50; av. val., $3.58.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $3.25.
USED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $5; Senf, $5.04.
America, sold, 7; value, $22; av. val., $3.14.
England, sold, 15; value, $47.10; av. val., $3.14.

1893. $4 Carmine.

UNUSED: Scott, $5.50; Gibbons, $6.50; Senf, $6.
America, sold, 26; value, $110.85; av. val., $4.26.
England, sold, 8; value, $36.25; av. val., $4.53.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $4.39.
USED: Scott, $5.50; Gibbons, $6.50; Senf, $6.72.
America, sold, 7; value, $29.60; av. val., $4.23.
England, sold, 4; value, $21; av. val., $5.25.

1893. $5 Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $6.50; Gibbons, $6.87; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 20; value, $104.50; av. val., $5.23.
England, sold, 4; value, $21; av. val., $5.25.
Average value, Albrecht's Epitome, $5.47.
USED: Scott, $6.50; Gibbons, $5.62; Senf, $8.40.
America, sold, 6; value, $29.30; av. val., $4.88.
England, sold, 4; value, $20; av. val., $5.

1893. Complete Set.

UNUSED: Scott, $31.81; Gibbons, $34.48; Senf, $26.1
America, sold, 5; value, $96.80; av. val., $19.3
England, sold, 19; value, $390.73; av. val., $20.
USED: Scott, $29.28; Gibbons, $30.12; Senf, $28.8
America, sold, 4; value, $70.60; av. val., $17.6
England, sold, 15; value, $309; av. val., $20.60.

1894. $1 Black.

UNUSED: Scott, $2; Gibbons, $1.25; Senf, $1.56.
America, sold, 22; value, $39.60; av. val., $1.8
USED: Scott, $1.25; Gibbons, $0.62; Senf, —.

America, sold, 20; value, $20.70; av. val., $1.04.
England, sold, 18; value, $16.60; av. val., $0.92.

1894. $2 Blue.

UNUSED: Scott, $4; Gibbons, $2.50; Senf, $2.88.
America, sold, 28; value, $92.46; av. val., $3.30.

1894. $5 Green.

UNUSED: Scott, $8; Gibbons, $6.25; Senf, $7.20.
America, sold, 26; value, $153.21; av. val., $5.89.

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The above members will be sent their certificates of membership upon receipt of the dues (25 cents) to January 1, 1897. I hope the above will remit promptly and will participate in the different departments, which are in running order.

APPLICATIONS.

The name of each applicant is given below, together with his address, and is followed by the names of his references:

E. S. Petersen, 164 Wisconsin St., Milwaukee, Wis. H. G. Earle, Leo Fritter.
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A. S. Marland, Box 43, Ware, Mass. F. H. Drown, Wm. T. Zacker.
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Geo. C. Andrews, 316 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. H. D. Ruehlman, H. G. Earle.
Chas. Wm. Gramm, 122 E. 104th St., New York City, N. Y. J. F. Dodge, N Herkt.

The above will be admitted to membership if no sufficient objections are received by July 1, 1896. All members who have not paid their dues to 1897 are requested to remit same *at once*, as all who have not done so by the first of August, 1896, will be suspended, and remain so until their dues are paid. In the future *no* application will be accepted unless it is accompanied by one *local* reference, and one of a member. This rule is imperative and must be obeyed. No one is desired as a member who cannot secure one local reference, *other than that of a member*.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

No. 21. — R. M. Bettsworth, 1384 E. Ravenswood Park, Ravenswood, Chicago, Ill.

OBJECTIONS.

I have received six objections to the admittance of B. S. Ross to membership in our society. I have therefore deferred accepting his application until the trustees can investigate the charges. If they are true, I will

refuse him admittance. If found untrue, I will admit him. I acted as his reference upon the assumption that he was all right, as he claimed to hold membership in the P. S. of A., A. P. A., National, and other leading societies. But I will as readily refuse him admittance, if proven a fraud, as any one, although I did recommend him. Any member who has more objections to admitting him should at once send same to the trustees. No dishonest collector or dealer will find it comfortable to endeavor to secure membership in this society.

PRIZE CONTEST.

The contest for the prizes offered by several members of the society to those securing the most new members closed May 1, 1896. Much interest was shown by the several contestants. I believe it was the means of bringing into our beloved society many new members. The winners of the prizes and the number of new members secured by each are as follows: —

First Prize — J. F. Dodge, secured 25 new members.

Second Prize — H. G. Earle, secured 16 new members.

Third Prize — Leo Fritter, secured 8 new members.

Fourth Prize — N. R. Lowry, secured 5 new members.

Let there be no relaxation upon the part of these and others in their efforts to secure new members.

PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION.

Rev. J. B. Hummert has found it necessary to resign as president of our society, owing principally to ill-health and lack of time to properly discharge the duties of his office. While we must all regret the necessity of making a change in our executives at this time, Mr. Hummert's wish to be relieved must be respected, and, therefore, I have accepted his resignation. The trustees have chosen Mr. J. P. Lacour, our present vice-president, as Mr. Hummert's successor. Mr. Lacour will undoubtedly make an efficient officer, and the members should coöperate with him to make his administration a success. A vice-president will be chosen to fill the present vacancy very soon, and announcement made in our next report.

SOCIETY NOTES.

There were 24 applications received during the last month. The following is the rank of the States having over ten members: —

First, Connecticut — 17 members.
Second, New York — 16 members.
Third, Wisconsin — 14 members.
Fourth, Massachusetts — 13 members.
Fifth, Illinois — 12 members.

Several other States are crowding the above closely. Who will lead next month?

Three foreign members were added to our membership during the past month. Two in Province of Quebec, Canada, and one in India. We desire reliable members in all countries.

Fellow-members, I cannot help speaking a good word for Mr. Dodge, our efficient Superintendent Bureau of Information, in his endeavor to help his department by publishing a paper devoted to the Columbian Philatelic Society and to publishing monthly a list of frauds, for the benefit of his readers. He calls his publication *The Columbian Philatelist*, a name very near related to our own. He cannot go on with his good work unless the members give him their support by subscribing. The subscription price is only 15 cents yearly, and he gives a very good paper for the money. Please subscribe and thus help along the good cause. A history of our society will be begun in the next number. Do you desire to read it?

Mr. Lowry, our Auction Manager, says there is not much interest shown by the members in his sales. He is working hard to make his department a success and deserves the support of all members. Send him some bids.

I would like very much to see our society have 200 members by August 1, 1896. This can easily be done if each member will do some missionary work, and secure *one* new member. If you don't succeed the first time, try again.

Three representatives of the fair sex joined our society the last month. This is indeed encouraging, and only shows the women are beginning to take as much interest in our societies as the men. Is this an advance of the new woman?

It is encouraging to note how closely the members are watching the list of applications each month, as evinced in the case of Mr. Ross.

Members who have fully paid up their dues can contract for an exchange notice in THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST for one year for one dollar, and change same once every three months, without extra charge.

There will be no issue of the official organ in July or August, and consequently no report. The next report will be published in the September issue. Members and officers, please take notice of this fact.

Yours for success,
LEO FRITTER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 17, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received the following contributions to the library: —

One copy Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser from publishers.

Ten Philatelic papers from the librarian.

Report of The Northwest Provinces Philatelic Club of India, from the Honorary Secretary of the same. Lieut. T. E. Madden.

There are about 150 papers in the library now. Yearly subscriptions to philatelic magazines are solicited from the publishers of same, and will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged in my reports.

WARNER HAMMOND,
Librarian.

L. Box 43, Palmyra, N. Y.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 1, 1896.

Up to May 1, I have received in all 35 books filled to be put on circuit. The total value of same is $250.20. Sales so far are not really what they ought to be, but I trust they will be better later on. I would like more names to be put on circuit list. Among books received there have been some very desirable stamps at very low prices, and I think any member would profit by using this department. Give it a trial at least. If you have any duplicates to dispose of, let me hear from you. Exchange books to hold 100 stamps 10c. each, 3 for 25c., or 6 for 50c.

Yours fraternally,
H. G. EARLE,
Exchange Superintendent.

A CONTRAST.

We do not, as a rule, print any of the glowing tributes of praise which we receive by mail, but the first two letters we opened one morning read as follows: —

No. 1.

"You need not renew my subscription to The Bay State Philatelist. Any paper which makes such a brutal attack on such a truly good man as the Rev. Mr. Kilbon deserves to be severely left alone." (We are not responsible for our ex-subscriber's use of language.)

No. 2.

"Enclosed please find one dollar for two years' subscription to your valued magazine. I notice you are in 'hot water' about Boston auctions. I know how that is. I have been there."

The 37th retail price list of the Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., has just been issued and should be in the hands of every collector. Send for one and you will find a number of summer bargains. There is one feature which is quite prominent with this company, and that is, you get what you buy and are not put off with a lot of trash when you order good goods.

HISTORICAL AND PHILATELIC MATTERS OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

The history of Schleswig-Holstein is an old and memorable one, and their fate a manifold one. In the year 1460 both duchies were united with Denmark, but remained independent and the King of Denmark had only the title Duc of Schleswig-Holstein. Their legal duc had to abdicate! But only for a century. In the year 1530 a Holstein prince became Duc Frederic of Schleswig-Holstein, and after his death, in the year 1544, his sons divided both duchies among themselves, and until 1772 Schleswig was a duchy and Holstein was a duchy. But their neighbor, Denmark, again invaded their country and conquered Schleswig.

The Duchy of Holstein remained independent until 1806. In that year Napoleon I, the great emperor of France, had conquered almost all Europe, and the Duchy of Holstein was given to Denmark and the legal ducal family became fugitives. Both duchies remained Danish provinces until the year 1864. Little Denmark had to settle some matters with Prussia and declared war. This war, in which Denmark was defeated, settled again the fate of Schleswig and Holstein. Both provinces were invaded and annexed by Prussia and Austria, and both these powers ruled there. But Austria wanted to be "boss." The Austrian emperor, who was recognized by all German States as their protector, declared war to little but plucky Prussia. All German independent States sided with Austria, and Prussia faced the music alone! Meantime Bismarck and Moltke had arisen on the political horizon. Within six months the Prussian army was standing "before the gates of the Austrian capital, Vienna" (they would not enter the city), and Schleswig-Holstein became a Prussian province. To console the people, William, as prince of Prussia, married a princess of Schleswig-Holstein and that poor ducal girl of Schleswig-Holstein has meantime become empress of Germany!

Under Danish rule as well as under Prussian-Austrian rule both duchies had issued their own postage stamps. Under Danish rule the duchies together as one Danish province issued postage stamps in 1850: 1 schilling (Danish) blue and 2 schilling rose. In the centre within the body of a double eagle are the arms of Schleswig-Holstein. On top in the corners are the initials S. and H. Under Prussian-Austrian rule were issued for Schleswig-Holstein in 1865 the denominations ½ schilling rose, 1¼ sch. green, 1⅓ sch. mauve, 2 sch. blue, 4 sch. fistre. Within an oval in the centre are the numerals, surrounded by the inscription, "Schleswig-Holstein. Schil-

ling" (all rouletted). For the duchy of Schleswig were issued in 1864: 1¼ schilling green, 4 schill. carmine. In 1865 were issued 1¼ schilling mauve, 1⅓ schilling rose, 2 schilling blue, 4 schill. lustre. Inscriptions and descriptions same as preceding (except the word Holstein). For the Duchy of Holstein were issued in 1864 the following values: 1¼ schilling blue, which was made with a small and with a long inscription. On top is the word "Post," below is the value, in centre again the value in an oval, on the left side the word "Herzgl" (ducal), on the right side "Frum" (Postage Stamp), in the four corners is a post horn. In the same year, 1864, another value 1½ schilling was issued, blue color, same inscription as preceding but with plain centre and inside the centre the words, "Schilling C. R. T." (Courant). For Holstein were further issued in 1865: ½ schilling green, 1¼ schilling lilac, 2 schilling blue. In an oval within a circle is the value, surrounded by the words "Herzogth Holstein" (Duchy of Holstein) and "Schilling," in white letters. The same denominations are also in colored letters. In the year 1866 were issued 1¼ schilling mauve, 2 sch. blue, same description as preceding. In July, 1866, Prussia made Schleswig-Holstein a Prussian province, and since that time only regular German postage stamps are in circulation. "Genuine" unused or used postage stamps are very scarce. — *Schleswig-Holstein Meerumschlungen.*

AN INQUIRY AND A REPLY.

GENTLEMEN: —

I intend to expend each year the sum of five dollars for philatelic literature, and being a comparative novice, beg that you will give me a list of the most desirable journals.

Respectfully, A. B. C.

ANSWER.

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Jewett's Weekly Philatelic Era	.50
American Journal of Philately	.50
Eastern Philatelist	.25
Rocky Mountain Stamp	.25
Bay State Philatelist	.50

Of course, if you desire a larger assortment, you can dispense with the Mekeel publications and subscribe to a number of cheap magazines at twenty-five cents per annum, but we would advise you to do nothing of the sort. The *Daily Item* and the *Weekly News* will keep you posted in both foreign and domestic matters much better than any other magazine, and the other journals are leaders and contain special articles and features not to be found in any two of the above list or in any other not in the above list.

IN PHILATELIA.

It is a matter of universal congratulation that the immense plant of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company was not damaged during the tornado which devastated such a large portion of the city of St. Louis. Philately could illy spare this house or its brave efforts in the cause of stamp collecting.

Nesco's remarks anent the objects of the Boston Philatelic Society have borne fruit. A committee was appointed at its last meeting to prepare and publish a reference list of United States Revenues. If any of our readers have any rarities which, so far as known, are uncatalogued, they will confer a favor on the society and a benefit on philately if they will permit the committee to inspect such. If sent in care of Rev. John Luther Kilbon, Congregational House, Boston, Mass., they will be in safe hands and will be returned free of charge, and by registered mail.

Every New England member of the American Philatelic Association should support the ticket advanced by the newly organized Boston Branch, including, as it does, such prominent collectors as Willard C. Van Derlip, Rev. John Luther Kilbon, and George L. Toppan for vice-presidents. There is no question as to the ability of these gentlemen, and the interests of the society will be carefully guarded by them.

A new candidate for the support of Boston collectors has appeared in the issue of *The Boston Philatelist*, published by E. B. Horn, Jr. We welcome it and trust that it may enjoy an extended existence. It is little, but it is chock-full of newsy items of interest.

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THE ELECTIONS.

The convention of the American Philatelic Association is near at hand and in the interest of the Society we think it would be the part of wisdom to elect Mr. Olney as President, John Luther Kilbon as a Vice-President, N. W. Chandler as Treasurer, and Clifford W. Kissinger as Secretary. The praises of Mr. Olney and Mr. Chandler have been sung by others more eloquently than by us, but those of Mr. Kilbon and Mr. Kissinger have not received the attention which they deserve. Mr. Kilbon is a philatelist of renown, a graduate of the Congregational church, and a man of the purest integrity. His knowledge of stamp matters is probably unsurpassed by that of any living man, and his executive ability is second to none. We must have a man as vice-president who is respected and honored by all who know him, and who is thoroughly competent to fill the office and perform the duties of the presidency should some untoward accident deprive the Association of Mr. Olney's services. We hope all New England members, at least, will cast their nine votes for Mr. Kilbon.

As to Mr. Kissinger, we all know him. He has his enemies among the disgruntled element of disappointed office-seekers, but there is no questioning his ability and his success during the past season as Secretary. We have scanned the applications of the past year and nearly two-thirds of them were proposed by Mr. Kissinger. He has worked heart and soul for the good of the Association and has left no stone unturned to promote its welfare. True, he is a young man, but that is an ill we have all suffered and a complaint which time alone can cure. No other Secretary since the Association was founded has secured as many new members as has Mr. Kissinger during his one term. The younger element in philately follow his lead, and without the infusion of new and young blood the Association will cease to grow. Mr. Kissinger has been an able Secretary and deserves reëlection.

AUCTIONS IN 1896-7.

We consider that our efforts to purify the auction sale business have borne good fruit. In spite of wilful misrepresentations made against us by those who were desirous of picking a quarrel, we feel that our attacks on the pernicious system of secret reserves has had a salutary effect. We find among the numerous announcements for next season a disposition to avoid the rock of last season, and that in the future all lots upon which a reserve is placed by the owner will be so noted in forthcoming catalogues. If this is honestly carried out and dealers will avoid the placing of damaged stock on the market to sell to out-of-town bidders on defective catalogue descriptions, no one need worry about the success of the auction branch of the business next season. Still, we would caution all intending buyers to fight shy of "absolutely without reserve" sales for the present, or at least be governed by the name of the firm holding the sale. There are a *few* who do sell absolutely without reserve.

PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

With the increased popularity of stamp collecting, and the publication of newspapers and magazines devoted to its interests, has come a new code of journalism, *i. e.*, "A spade is not a spade but an implement produced by a skilled artisan for the purpose of causing an upheaval of the soil."

This new code also states that no matter if you know a grown man is a philatelic fraud, is the friend of philatelic frauds, deals in philatelic frauds, auctions philatelic frauds, you must not inform the buying public. But if he is a poor, little schoolboy with morals only half formed, then jump on him, put him in jail and *make* him a criminal; but the dealer, bless him! he advertises and you must not hurt his feelings; if you do, you will be apt to lose his trade.

TU QUOQUE, BRUTE!

A wicked man has undone us. He told us that "Nesco," of Jewett's *Era*, was a young lady, and that she felt dreadfully piqued because we alluded to her as a "person." Now, alas and alack! we find that our once trusted friend has maligned a really nice young man, Kennedy by name, and induced us to do the same. This places us in a delicate predicament. We don't know whether we should apologize to the young lady we had in mind for thinking she could be a young man, or to the young man for thinking he could be a young lady. We are so nonplussed, we really don't know whether to offer an ice-cream soda, or a gin fizz, as a short route to a resumption of the *entente cordiale*. Will some one kindly enlighten us?

C. W. KISSINGER.

We print again the portrait of Mr. C. W. Kissinger, who is a candidate for the office of Secretary of the American Philatelic Association. We supported Mr. Kissinger for this office when he made his first canvass last year, and we shall do so again, and we urge his election. He has, personally, or through his influence, secured nearly two-thirds of the new members during the past year. He has devoted almost his entire time for the good of the Association and has left no stone unturned to promote its welfare. He has the support of the younger element which the Association needs to retain its proud position as the leading philatelic organization of the world. His election last year has encouraged the young collector to join the Association. His experience as Secretary has taught him the best methods of conducting the office, and his eleven years' career as a philatelist aids him greatly in attending to the duties of the office. He has the endorsement of every prominent member, and during his one term of office he has secured more new members than any other secretary who had served previously. He deserves well of the members, and we look for his reëlection as a merited testimonial of his labors and appreciation for his sterling qualities.

SHADES AND COLORS.

In the third number of this magazine we called attention to the need of a universal color chart. The matter was taken up by the wide-awake philatelic journals of Great Britain, but utterly ignored in this country. One journal brought to the attention of philatelists a "Tintometer" and dwelt on its adaptability to the philatelist's use in distinguishing shades and varieties. We have carefully read what has been said concerning it and are left in the same position as the able editor of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, who in the April issue says:

By diligent study of divers of our contemporaries, we believe we have discovered— rather late in the day perhaps — what a *Tintometer* is; what we have not yet succeeded in discovering is how the use of the Tin Tommy — as we understand the irreverent have already nicknamed this scientific apparatus — is going to revolutionize our philatelic nomenclature, and enable each one of us to discover which of our specimens is the rare shade, catalogued at 25s., and which the common one at 2d. a dozen. The Tintometer, we may state for the benefit of those of our readers who happen to know less about it than we do, is an appliance by means of which any colored substance can be examined side by side with slips of colored glass, which slips can be interchanged and combined until they show the exact tint of the colored substance with which they are being compared; we have then only to note the glasses used, and we are able to say at any time that the tint in question consists of so many parts of *red*, so many of *blue*, etc., and we can reproduce that tint at any time, with our glasses, so as to be able to ascertain whether another stamp, or another sample of colored material, is the same tint as the first or not.

So far, so good; and if every dealer and every collector invests in one of these ingenious machines, it will not only be a very good thing for the fortunate patentee, but we shall all be provided with a very interesting occupation for our leisure time, in going over our little accumulations of stamps, marking each one with a number on the back, and recording its results in a series of ledgers. But the question arises, to *our* mind at least, what is the humble chronicler and cataloguer to do? Is he to embody the produce of all this Tintometering in his pocket catalogue, and when he gets what may be a new shade, to at once Tintometer it, and see whether it differs sufficiently from anything yet recorded to constitute a new variety? Because, if so, the life of the chronicler and cataloguer will become even less worth living than it is at present.

And again, when he has done all this, what is he to call the tint that he has elaborately identified? Such unscientific terms as *red-violet* and *lilac-rose* are to be abolished, but we are not sure that the proposed new ones are likely to convey any more accurate idea to the reader. We hear of *saddened orange-red* for a tint formed of a mixture of more *red* than *yellow*, with a little *black*, and we presume that there may be such a thing as a *joyful blue-green*; but how are we to indicate an *orange-red* that is a trifle less melancholy than the normal *saddened*, or a *blue-green* that is a shade more exhilarating than the normal *joyful*? Nomenclature has always been our great difficulty and the Tintometrist does not much help us here.

We have an idea that the old unscientific names will still be found the more convenient for practical use, though it will be of interest to know of what colors the tints are composed. For instance, what is *ultramarine*, as distinguished from the normal *blue*? Is it *saddened*, or *gladdened*, or what? *Red-violet* is, of course, an impossible term, if, as those who understand these things, assure us, *violet* is a color between *blue* and *mauve*. In that case, the addition of *red* will transform violet first into *mauve* and then into *purple*, and perhaps finally into *crimson*. And we have an idea, possibly quite incorrect, that a mixture of *white* with some of these will give us the shades that we are accustomed to call *lilac*, *pink*, and *rose* — names than which nothing could be simpler or more convenient for use, if we could but decide upon what they mean; and if the wise men of the Tin Tommy will but help us to this, we shall suffer them gladly, seeing we ourselves are fools.

STAMPS ONCE USED.

Very few persons realize that the use of a stamp which has served the purpose for which it was intended, whether it is canceled or not, is in violation of the penalty clause of one of the sections of the revised statutes. This provides that:

"Any person employed in any department of the post office establishment of the United States who shall wilfully and knowingly use or cause to be used, in prepayment of postage, any postage stamp, postal card, or stamped envelope . . . which has already been used for a like purpose, or shall remove or attempt to remove the canceling or defacing marks from any such postage stamp, or stamped envelope, or postal card, with the intent to use or cause the use of the same a second time, or offer to sell the same . . . shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be imprisoned for not less than a year, nor more than three years."

Another clause provides that if any person not employed in any department of the post office establishment of the United States shall commit any of the offences described in the section just quoted from, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished by imprisonment for not less than six months, nor more than one year, or by a fine not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, for each offence, or both.

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REVENUES.

The fad for the philatelic season of 1896–7 will be the collection of United States revenue stamps. During the past two years certain speculators have purchased all the revenues which could be obtained in anticipation of the coming boom. It is quite possible that the Scott Stamp and Coin Company will catalogue *unused* revenues in the 57th edition, and it is among the possibilities that high prices will prevail. The Boston Philatelic Society will prepare, under the direction of a competent committee, a list of die varieties and publish same in its official organ in time for the next season, so that collectors may anticipate an exciting time during the coming winter. Below we quote a few of the prices which were realized at the various sales held during the past season placed in comparison with Scott's catalogue which will show the present tendency of values.

FOR DOCUMENTS.

1c EXPRESS, perf., Scott, $0.05; 4 sold, av. val., $0.12.
2c CERTIFICATE, blue, perf., Scott, $0.75; 5 sold, av. val., $0.30.
2c PROPRIETARY, blue, perf., unused, original gum, not catalogued; 8 sold, av. val., $0.12.
3c PLAYING CARDS, perf., Scott, $4; 2 sold, av. val., $7.
4c PLAYING CARDS, perf., Scott, $3.50; 6 sold, av. val., $3.65.
5c CERTIFICATE, imp., Scott, $0.20; 5 sold, av. val., $0.43.
6c PROPRIETARY, perf., Scott, $20; 2 sold, av. val., $29.25.
10c INLAND EXCHANGE, imp., Scott, $2.50; 2 sold, av. val., $1.00.
10c PROPRIETARY, green paper, unused, not catalogued; 1 sold, $2.75.
25c CERTIFICATE, part perf., Scott, $0.30; 2 sold, av. val., $1.90.
25c LIFE INSURANCE, imp., Scott, $1.00; 4 sold, av. val., $1.10.
40c INLAND EXCHANGE, brown, imp., Scott, $5; 2 sold, av. val., $3.33.
50c CONVEYANCE, imp., Scott, $1.00; 2 sold, av. val., $1.20.
50c LIFE INSURANCE, imp., Scott, $2; 1 sold, $1.65.
50c PASSAGE TICKET, imp., Scott, $2; 1 sold, $1.10.
50c PROBATE OF WILL, imp., Scott, $4; 7 sold, av. val., $2.81.
50c PROBATE OF WILL, perf., Scott, $2; 3 sold, av. val., $1.40.
50c SURETY BOND, imp., not catalogued; 1 sold, $5.25.
60c INLAND EXCHANGE, imp., Scott, $0.75; 5 sold, av. val., $0.76.
$1 MORTGAGE, imp., Scott, $1.00; 2 sold, av. val., $1.00.
$1 MORTGAGE, perf., Scott, $3; 4 sold, av. val., $2.21.
$1 PASSAGE TICKET, imp., Scott, $4; 4 sold, av. val., $3.74.
$1 PASSAGE TICKET, perf., Scott, $4; 2 sold, av. val., $3.05.
$1.30 FOREIGN EXCHANGE, imp., Scott, $12; 1 sold, $22.
$1.90 FOREIGN EXCHANGE, imp., Scott, $17.50; 1 sold, $3.50.
$5 CHARTER PARTY, imp., Scott, $1.50; 3 sold, av. val., $2.30.
$5 CONVEYANCE, imp., Scott, $1.25; 2 sold, av. val., $1.
$5 PROBATE OF WILL, imp., Scott, $7; 1 sold, $10.25.
$10 CONVEYANCE, perf., Scott, $2; 2 sold, $2.81.
$10 PROBATE OF WILL, perf., unused, original gum, not catalogued; 1 sold, $2.
$15 MORTGAGE, imp., Scott, $10; 2 sold, av. val., $13.40.
$15 MORTGAGE, perf., Scott, $3.50; 6 sold, av. val., $4.08.
$20 CONVEYANCE, imp., Scott, $1.50; 2 sold, av. val., $1.50.
$20 CONVEYANCE, perf., Scott, $1.50; 2 sold, av. val., $1.38.
$20 PROBATE OF WILL, imp., Scott, $50; 2 sold, av. val., $48.37.
$20 PROBATE OF WILL, perf., Scott, $18; 1 sold, $23.25.
$25 MORTGAGE, imp., Scott, $10; 1 sold, $9.15.
$25 MORTGAGE, perf., Scott, $2.50; 5 sold, av. val., $2.28.
$50 U. S. I. R., imp., Scott, $4; 2 sold, av. val., $4.33.
$50 U. S. I. R., perf., Scott, $2.50; 11 sold, av. val., $2.
$200 U. S. I. R., imp., Scott, $17.50; 5 sold, av. val., $17.07.
$200 U. S. I. R., perf., Scott, $15; 11 sold, av. val., $12.49.

SECOND ISSUE.

$1.30, Scott, $3.00; 7 sold, av. val., $3.41.
$1.60, Scott, $4.00; 6 sold, av. val., $10.57.
$1.90, Scott, $2.50; 10 sold, av. val., $2.74.
$3.50, Scott, $3.50; 4 sold, av. val., $3.91.
$10, Scott, $2.50; 4 sold, av. val., $2.23.
$20, Scott, $12.50; 4 sold, av. val., $10.69.
$25, Scott, $10.00; 3 sold, av. val., $8.98.
$50, Scott, $7.25; 8 sold, av. val., $8.51.
$200, Scott, $75; 2 alleged to have been sold, av. val., $90.50.
2c, inverted med., Scott, $10; 1 sold, $3.25.
50c, inverted med., Scott, $10; 1 sold, $6.40.

THIRD ISSUE.

$10, Scott, $2.50; 2 sold, av. val., $2.32.
$20, Scott, $9.00; 3 sold, av. val., $9.00.
2c, inverted med., Scott, $5; 2 sold, av. val., $3.05.
30c, inverted med., Scott, $25; 1 sold, $25.

PROPRIETARY, 1871-5.

5c, violet paper, Scott, $1.50; 2 sold, av. val., $1.13.
5c, green paper, Scott, $1.50; 2 sold, av. val., $1.70.
10c, violet paper, Scott, $7.50; 6 sold, av. val., $5.48.
10c, green paper, Scott $2.50; 4 sold, av. val., $1.84.
50c, violet and green paper, Scott, $15; 6 sold, av. val., $15.07.
$1, violet paper, Scott, $60; 3 sold, av. val., $83.82.
$5, Scott, $125; 1 claimed to have been sold for $250.

1878.

2c, rouletted, Scott, $3; 2 sold, av. val., $2.03.
3c, rouletted, Scott, $3; 5 sold, av. val., $2.32.
5c, silk paper, Scott, $2; 1 sold for $1.40.
5c, watermark, Scott, $2; 3 sold, av. val., $1.15.
5c, rouletted, Scott, $20; 1 sold by Drew for $17.70.
6c, rouletted, not catalogued; 3 sold, av. val., $2.20.
10c, watermark, Scott, $6; 4 sold, av. val., $7.03.

U. S. PRIVATE PROPRIETARY STAMPS.

Match.

Alligator Match Co., 1c blue, rouletted; Scott, $3.50; 1 sold for $1.25.
Barber & Peckham, 1c blue, Scott, $3; 1 sold for 80 cents.
Byam, Carlton & Co., 1c blue wrapper, Scott, $8; 1 sold for $4.85.
Doolittle Match Co., 1c blue, Scott, $15; 2 sold, av. val., $6.75.
Eichele & Co., 1c blue, rouletted, Scott, $5; 1 sold for $2.50.
Greenleaf & Co., Walter, 3c carmine, old paper, Scott, $3; one sold for $1.60.

——, 5c orange, old paper, Scott, $6; 1 sold for $2.05.
Ives, P. T., 1c blue, roul., Scott, $8: 1 sold for $3.
——, 8c blue, Scott, $4: 2 sold, av. val., $3.80.
Park City Match Co., 3c orange, old paper, Scott, $2.50; 1 sold for $1.10.
Underwood, 1c green, silk paper, Scott, $4; 2 sold for 50c each.
Wilmington, 1c black, silk paper, Scott, $12; 1 sold for $1.60.

Medicine.

Barnes, D. S., 1c vermilion, old paper, Scott, $8; 1 sold for $1.50.
Holloway's Pills, 1c blue, imp., Scott, $5; 1 sold for $3.10.
Home Bitters, 3c green, pink paper, Scott, $1.50; 3 sold, av. val., $0.77.
Hull & Co., C. E., 1c black, old paper, Scott, $1.50; 1 sold for 55c.
Kelly & Co., J. B., 4c black, old paper, Scott, $15; 1 sold for $12.
Kerr, Jas. C., 6c black, old paper, not catalogued, 1 sold for $1.50.
Morehead's Neurodyne, 4c old paper, usual tear, Scott, $75; 1 sold by Drew for $34.
Soule & Co. (N. Y.), 1c blue wrapper, entire, not catalogued, 1 sold for 80 cents.
Swain, Wm., 8c orange, not catalogued, 1 sold for 65c.
Swett, G. W., 4c green, perf., not catalogued, 1 sold for $1.50.
Zeilin & Co., J. H., 2c green imp., paper not given, 1 sold for 4 cents.

Perfumery.

Fetridge & Co., 2c vermilion, Scott, $5; 2 sold, av. val., $1.97.

Playing Cards.

Eagle Card Co., 5c black, Scott, $3; 1 sold for $1.88.

TAHITI POSTAGE STAMPS AND HISTORY.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

The Archipelago of Tahiti is situated in eastern Polynesia (Australia) and has a population of 25,000 natives and about 500 white persons. In the year 1779 some English missionaries landed there after the discovery by Capt. Cook in 1769. The first church was founded by the English Protestant missionaries and by 1815 most of the natives had become Christians. In later years some Roman Catholic missionaries arrived in Tahiti, but were killed by the natives. The King of France, Louis Philippe, as protector of the Roman Catholic Church, upon learning of the massacre despatched war vessels to the scene and landed and conquered the islands. The native Queen, Pomare, was compelled to recognize France as the protector of Tahiti, while the French acknowledged her sovereignty over some of the smaller islands. Matters went along with more or less hostility on the part of the natives until 1880, when the native King, Pomare V, was forced to cede all the islands in the Archipelago to France, and by a decree dated December 30, 1888, Tahiti was declared a French colony, with the capital at Papetee. Another decree declared the ports of Papetee and Port-Phaeton (in Tahiti) and Papetoai (on Morea-Isle) open for foreign commerce.

The postal service of Tahiti under native rule was conducted by runners, who carried the mail in rude bags made from native material. These natives had to cross over the country, up hill and down, swim rivers, and fight with wild animals on their way. Since the Frenchmen annexed the islands the postal service was improved and regular postal stations established all over the islands. In the large cities are regular French post offices. The forwarding of mail matter to foreign countries is carried on by sailing vessels and occasionally by steamer.

The postage stamps of Tahiti show us a variety in colors and surcharges according to the French use. The first issue appeared in 1882, a regular French stamp 35c surcharged 25c between two cross bars black on yellow (very scarce). In 1884 stamps of the "French Colonies" were introduced surcharged 5c on 20c red on green; later 10c on 20c red on green, surcharged "Tahiti." There was also used a 25c on 1 fr bronze green on straw, but this has been seldom seen. The year 1893 brought out other varieties and surcharges in black, brown, green, claret, and carmine, imperforate, and perforate all varieties of colors, values ranging from 1c to 75c imperforate and 1c to 1 fr perforate. The usual French unpaid letter stamp was also surcharged "Tahiti" in two different positions, and ranged in value from 1c to 2 fr in two different styles. The postage stamps of Tahiti, used or unused, surcharged, are very scarce and command high prices.

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WORK OF THE TRUSTEES.

The trustees have investigated the case of Mr. B. S. Ross, whose application for membership in this society was objected to by six members, and have reported adversely to his admission. Mr. Ross will therefore not be admitted to membership. Let all the members closely examine each list of applications and report any one whom they know to be unscrupulous in their dealings.

The trustees have also chosen Mr. J. A. Wilson, of Beverly, Mass., to fill the vacancy caused by the election to the presidency of our former vice-president, Mr. J. P. Lacour. Let all members coöperate with Messrs. Lacour and Wilson to make their administration a success.

RESIGNATION.

Mr. R. M. Bettesworth has found it necessary to resign as Counterfeit Detector, and as a member of the society, owing to lack of time to properly discharge the duties of the office. We all regret to learn that he has found it necessary to take this step, but as the old saying is, "Business before pleasure," I will accept the resignation and request the trustees to appoint a new officer to fill the vacancy.

SOCIETY NOTES.

As this report is gotten up in a hurry, not expecting to be called upon to get up another before the September number, I trust that the members will excuse its incompleteness.

Three foreign members were added to the membership roll during the last month — one in England, one in Canada, and one in Vienna. I hope there will be other ones enrolled in all foreign countries soon. We welcome you with outstretched hands.

Fellow-members, do not allow the hot weather to hinder you from securing new members. No true philatelist will lay aside his stamp album and philatelic connections simply on account of warm weather. Those who will attend the conventions of the other big societies should take along a number of application blanks and endeavor to interest those whom they meet in our society. Many new members could be enrolled in this way. *Try it.*

There will be no convention of this society this year. But members should not allow this

to check their interest in the welfare of the society.

Mr. Earle will devote as much time to his department during the summer as he has during the past winter, and members cannot find any better way to dispose of their duplicates than by placing them upon the circuits. You may find many bargains upon them, and should encourage him in his endeavors to make his department a success.

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LEO FRITTER,
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COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 7, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I have received a copy of the *Philatelic Journal* of Great Britain from the publishers, for which they have my thanks.

Four yearly subscriptions to the *Niagara Philatelist* from George C. Andrews, Buffalo, N. Y., received.

Also a package of stamp magazines from the secretary, Leo Fritter.

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SOME OPINIONS.

BY FRED B. WOOLSTON.

In philately, as in everything else nowadays, there are numerous fads. With us they usually take the form of some new plan of collecting. At the present time there are two fads that seem to be gaining favor. One is to collect only the stamps issued after 1890, and the other is to collect only marked varieties of design and color.

Both of these fads were originated by dealers and first advocated in dealers' organs. This convinces us of the power of the dealers. It is very natural for us to collect and study the stamps that we see written about, but it may not be the best for us in the end.

The proper office of the dealers and papers is to supply stamps and articles respectively that are popular with collectors. The papers that are published by collectors try to do this, but those that are run by dealers do the best they can to advertise the dealers' stock, by creating an interest in the stamps of which it is composed. It is not claimed that this is not legitimate advertising or that these articles are not valuable to collectors. But if we wish to collect such stamps we will have to pay a high price for them.

The paying of a high price for popular stamps is not without points in its favor, yet there are reasons for not doing so. Every collector has an opinion on the subject, originating from his idea of collecting and influenced by his interest in the stamps themselves. But passing over the question of high price, there are other reasons why we should not collect popular stamps. Our collection will be incomplete; and the stamps are so extensively studied, that to learn anything new about them, we must get a number of copies, and but few of us can have duplicates of high-priced stamps.

But we should make our own plan of collecting. The promoters of the new fads are right; we are on the eve of a great change in the manner of collecting. However, we will not all change to their way of collecting, but the change will be that in the future we will be better able to collect on our own plan. We will have all kinds of collections, and the publishers will furnish us with catalogues and albums to match. On the one hand we will have the collector who will simply collect the different designs and colors without giving a thought to any of the details. With him philately will be only the mania of collecting. At the other extreme we will have the philatelist who, to a great extent, has lost the collecting instinct. He is interested in the study of his stamps. His object is to learn all about the manner in which the stamps were manufactured. Then there are many grades between these two. These different classes need not be antagonistic. The general collectors make philately popular, and the specialists tell us about stamps. Philately is many-sided. We can make it what we wish — a recreation from our recreations, or, if we take it as a science, a part of our education.

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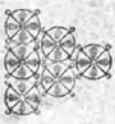
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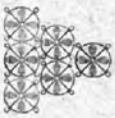
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