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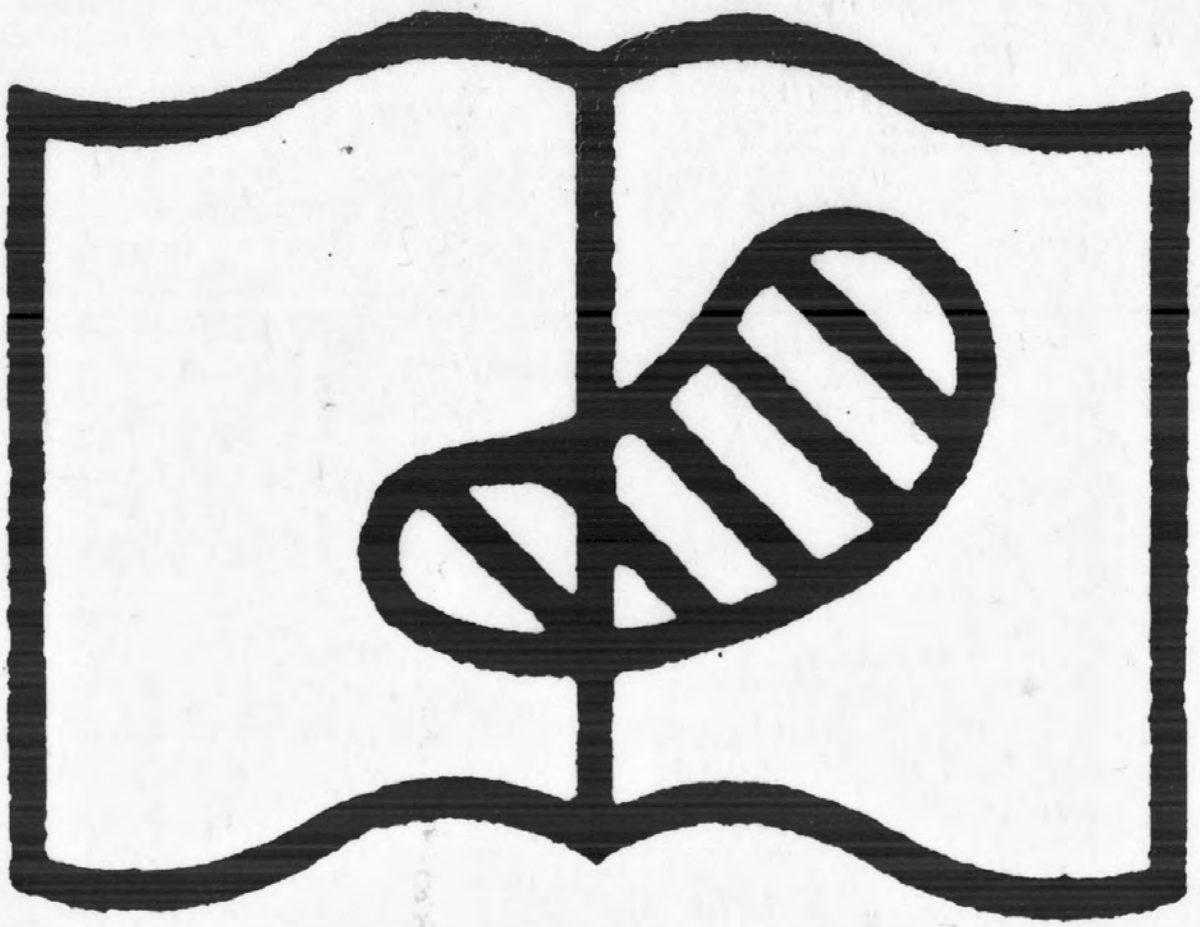

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No. 1. May. 1898. Vol. 1,
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THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST.
May, 1898.
Vol. 1. Melrose Highlands, Mass. No. 1.

A Few Hints in Regard to the Care of a Collection.

After obtaining a specimen our aim should be to preserve it. First remove all adhering paper. Some collectors remove paper from the backs by soaking them in hot water, but this tends to fade some colors as pink for instance.

If the stamp is free of paper it should be carefully hinged in an album.

A stamp having once been hinged ought never to have it's hinge removed as in this manner the paper would become thin thus not lasting so long.

Collectors would do well to keep their stamps in a dry place.

Bread crumbs may be used to remove grease spots.

NOTICE!

Ads may be inserted at the rate of 20c an inch.

WRITERS WANTED IN EUROPE, ASIA, & AFRICA TO REPRESENT THIS PAPER. FOR TERMS APPLY TO ED.

Used stamps accepted at the rate of 200 per inch.



We have obtained the services of L. Cass. His new price-list is out.

It is our intention to double our circulation.

The collectors in Goderich, Ont. are using stamps in a 'split' condition.

Now for the Omaha's!

SPAIN!

ANENT MINOR VARIETIES
BY LEON V. CASS.

Many philatelic writers advise young collectors to start in collecting all the infintesimal varieties such as watermarks, perforations differences of embossing, oddities etc

Now I am not able to agree with these writers and I am sure many of my readers will agree with me.

COTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.

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When you commence collecting stamps I should not advise you to try and master all the arts of the science or 'hobby' as our pastime is more generally called. Just study your stamp as secure them; buy a good catalogue; and subscribe to a few good philatelic magazines and read them. After a time you will be able to classify all your stamps but do not expect to learn everything in a week or even a year. Remember that it is impossible to become a full fledged philatelist in a short time.

It is familiarity with your stamps that will help you to understand minor varieties.

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Leon V. Cass, C. P. S. No. 236.
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Bev Martin, Editor,

GAINESVILLE, GA.

BAY STATE PHILATELIST

Melrose Highlands, Mass.

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ANENT MINOR VARIETIES.

N V CASS.

Continued from first issue.

Do not try to collect these varieties at first but wait until you are better acquainted with philately; then, if you so desire you may collect minor varieties, or if you prefer you can only collect straight issues, ignoring the varieties of color, perforations, watermarks, etc. etc. But now I will give you my idea of collecting and you may decide for yourself which way of collecting you prefer. I believe that the general collector should collect only straight issues, and leave the specialist to collect minor varieties.

I do not give this as advise but as my idea of of collecting. Before I close I wish to urge collectors to learn all they are able to about minor var. as it will be to their benefit.

THE END.

BAY STATE PHILATELIST.

Subscription 15 cents.
Ad. rates 20c per in.

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33 Howard St., Melrose Highlands, Mass.

We informed our readers last month that our circulation was to be doubled. It has been doubled and a double of a double or four times our first circulation.

This paper is small but it has a good long life ahead.

Still it isn't the smallest one on the market.

Lack of "Harmony."

USED OR UNUSED, WHICH?

BY LEON V. CASS.

Probably the topic upon which I am about to write upon has been brought before the philatelic public more than any other subject. Therfore I will make no apology for once more bringing it before the public, but commence at once to to air my views without more prelude.

Without doudt unused stamps make a morc beautiful showing than used ones at least an outsider would think so. But many philatelists would prefer a collection of used stamps. The reason for this is that many countries have seen fit to issue stamps expressly for the collectors. Take for example of the several Central American countries. These stamps are printed in New York and called speculative by advanced philatelists and are not collected by them in an unused condition. Therefore you will see that used stamps are thougt hmore of. Another obstacle is the high price at which many are quoted, and practically debars many from collecting them.

Continued on next page.

Now I wish to give my views on the question I collect the stamps of all countries and when I get a specimen whether used or not I put it in my album as I have no preference. But if you wish to collect either used or unused entirely, I trust y u will collect USED.

NOTES

Mr. J. M. Chandler informs "us" that he intends to publish a paper called the New England philatelist. We wish it success.

We intend to issue a summer SPECIAL for our next issue which is due in September or more correctly the 25th of August.

NOTICE

I invite dealers and collectors to send in their ads as our next issue is to be a Summer Special.

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or 50 all different, used, given to each new applicant for my approval sheets at 50 and 33 1-3 per cent. Send reference.

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THE OUTLOOK

BY LEON V. CASS.

According to my ideas, the outlook for a brisk season in the stamp business was never brighter than it is at the present time. My reasons for this are : 1 st. The war between the U. S. and Spain is causing great interest in the stamps of the Spanish Colonies. There is an especially heavy demand for the 1898 issue of these colonies. Not only philatelists but people in general are calling for these stamps as many desire them for decorative purposes.

2 nd. The Trans-Mississippi stamps, commonly called the Omaha series, cannot fail to bring many new collectors into our ranks. notwithstanding the howls of our so-called advanced collectors. Just look back at the interest displayed by the rising generation in our Columbian issue. That will prove the truth of the above remark! The annexation of Hawaii cannot fail to arouse interest in

many collectors, especially as the outlook is at present for some Colonial Issues from these islands, as well as others, the names of which you can no doubt guess.

4th. The new revenues will doubtless again bring forward the old ones which have to some extent fallen into disrepute owing to the first great rise in value and then the downfall in price, until they are at present somwchat of a drug upon the market. Collectors should fill their blanks as the old issues will surely rise in value within a short time.

Now that I have given you my reasons for believing that the season of 1898-99 will prove one of the best that philately has ever known, I will close lest editor may growl about the space filling qualities of philatelic scribes in general and the writer particularly.

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At this period, he has somehow lost his desire for possessing many different stamps. He begins to think it would be desirous to have stamps of value and buys accordingly.

And lastly, he believes it best to collect only the stamps of certain countries and now he can be called a genuine advanced collector.

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B. S. P. and N. E. P. 25 cents.

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Mr. E. Ker, of St. Catharines, Ont. has our thanks for sending us the new Canadian stamp. It was the three cent denomination. We have also seen the 1 cent green.

We have appeared a month earlier than our set time. This is not often done by philatelic magazines. Imperative reasons made us decide between having No. 3 on time and No. 4 late or vice versa. We chose the latter.

We have appeared in a different form this month and intend to keep it up. There has been an addition of 4 pages and a colored cover. Quite an addi for us; and all done in one month, too.

Collectors wishing to exchange with foreigners should insert an ad. in this paper, We have a very large foreign circulation. Try an ad. once.

REVIEW.

The Junior Collector has for its subject "Varieties." This is of practical value. There are, as usual, the reports of the society.

The Philatelic Literature Collector at hand. It is well printed and contains many bargains in stamp magazines.

Young Kentuckian received, and although not devoted to stamp collecting, it is a bright amatuer paper. The business manager must be a 'hustler.'

The Interpolitan Magazine is the best we have received. It is printed well on fine paper. The illustrations and descriptions of the Omaha Exposition are the chief features, though there are many other interesting departments.

The New England Philatelist is a good paper with only one fault i. e. being printed on different colored paper.

The International Philatelist received in a smaller form than usual. It is all right.

This paper and the New England Philatelist for one year, 25 cents.

Toronto Whispers.

By J. H. L.

Mr. Walter Mc. Mahon of the Yonge St. Arcade has given up his office at the above address. He will still carry on his stamp business at home.

Mr. Lydiatt, secretary of THE BOYS' OWN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, intends to remove to Winnipeg or Vancouver, shortly --- success to you, brother Lydiatt.

Your correspondent attended the Dominion Phil. Association Meet at Hamilton, Ont. on the 1 st. of July and put in an A I time. There is nothing like a convention for bringing us in closer touch with each other.

Mr. Wilby of the Weston Stamp Co. recently had fifty - five cent Canadian Jubilees stolen from the table of his office.

Mr. Bradley of St. Catharines and Ed., Pub., and Prop'r. of The STAMP REPORTER. visited Toronto a short time ago. Mr. Bradley is enthusiastic over the success of the REPORTER. He is a bright and brilliant coversationalist and deserves success in his enterprise.

PRIVATE CARDS.

On and after July 1 private postal cards may be sent through the mails at the cost of 1 cent each. Formerly full letter rate was charged. There are several conditions that have imposed. The cards must be white, cream, light gray, or buff. They must also be 3 1-2 by 5 1-2 inches in size.

On one side must be printed the words "Private mailing card, authorized by act of Congress, May, 19, 1898." It is very likely that these will rise in esteem. In foreign countries, they are greatly used

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W. S. Richards, Greenough, Ohio.

THE JUNIOR COLLECTOR.

After issuing twelve numbers, this bright little magazine has suspended publication. It always contained one readable article and up to its last number, it seemed to be a success.

This paper was the Official Organ of the Junior Philatelists and it has amply proved that the young collector is able to run a society on his own 'hook.' The Official Organ will, hereafter, be the Michigan Philatelist. We hope Editor Brosie will change his mind and again issue his paper.

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White or assorted colored news paper, price per 1000, post paid, 2 1-2 x 3, 20 c.; 3 x 4 1-2, 30 c.; 4 1-2 x 6, 50 c. Finest white or colored book paper, 2 1-4 x 3, 25 c.; 3 x 4 1-2 40 c.; 4 1-2 x 6, 75 c. We print all grades. Good work and satisfaction guaranteed. Samples free. Stamps taken.
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THE BAY STATE PHILATELIST

HERBERT GILE,

PUBLISHER,

MELROSE HIGHLANDS, MASS.

were the pioneer collectors.

Some pessimists seem to be all the time crying out the decadence of philately. But I believe if they should take a fair view of the case, that they would agree with me and say, considering the times, that our hobby has done better than was to be expected.

Look at the small number of collectors and dealers of thirty-five years ago and then at the vast army of collectors and dealers of to-day and who will then say that philately "is on its last legs." Now friends, don't get discouraged, but take advantage of the extremely low prices of to-day and fill up your blank spaces. If you believe that stamps will be cheaper than at present, you are mistaken. Instead of cheaper, they will be higher and if you live thirty-five years you will regret the time that you missed taking advantage of the prices of to-day.

Single copies of No. 2 of this paper may be had at 10 cents each. No. 1 is unobtainable.

TORONTO ITEMS AND CANADIAN NOTES

By John Hulme Lowe.

Mr. A. M. Muirhead, ex-pres. of the D. P. A., has refused to apologise for the article in the Sept. STAMP REPORTER, entitled Muirhead's Manifesto. He has also written to the trustees of the association, daring them to expel him from the society.

Mr. W. A. Lydiatt has in preparation the Canadian Philatelic Weekly. The first number is expected about November 12th.

The fifth meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, was held Oct. 25th. The officers for the following year are as follows:— President. Wm. Myers; Vice-Pres., W. J. Porter; Secretary, John H. Lowe; Treasurer, Chas. Bailey; Librarian, W. A. Lydiatt; Ex. & Sales Supt., C. Morden; Executive Comittee, Claude Sanigan, B. Pitcher, J. H. Lowe.

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HERBERT GILE,
33 Howard St., Melrose Hlds., Mass.

We have secured the services of Arthur Austin of South Africa. He will be our African correspondent.

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In looking over a number of the Perforator, we could not fail to notice that this paper contains notes written from many places. These notes are far more interesting than a lengthy article on the "Political Affairs of the——," etc.

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A recent number of the Texan Philatelist was an article on the forming of a collection. This seemed very much like the truth. Better read it.

REVIEW.

July No. of Young Kentuckian contains the Shadow Filibuster for its backbone.

The Sept. No. of the Evergreen is made up mostly of advertisements. The Oct. No. contains an interesting "letter" from D. W. Osgood.

The Montreal Philatelist is fast gaining the patronage of dealers.

New England Philatelist has made more improvement than any other paper received by us.

International Philatelist contains a very interesting article on "Essays."

The Boys' Own Philatelist now appears as a weekly. It is good value for a dime.

A bright story entitled a "Trip to the Future," is the feature of the Westerner.

No. 7 of the Interpolitan is up to its usual high standard. —No. 8 contains "Adrift." This is decidedly interesting.—No. 9 (Sept. No.) has one of the prettiest covers we have seen.

The Harlem Item has a stamp column.

April, June, and July-August numbers of the Diamond at hand. It is neatly printed.

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Official Organ, Bay State Philatelist.

Vice President's Report.

GENTLEMEN,

It was an agreeable surprise, I can assure you, when I received a letter from Brother Herbert Gile notifying me of my election as Vice Pres. of the B. S. P. A. I may state right here that it will always be a pleasure to me to be of any service to my fellow members. If this society is going to be a suc-

cess, of which there is no doubt, it will depend largely upon the members themselves. Petty squables and small differences have been the down fall of more than one Philatelic Organization. Quarrels we must eschew, and if there are any, they should be settled amicably. Trusting I may be worthy of the trust reposed in me, I am,

YOURS FRATERNALLY,

John Hulme Lowe.

Supt. of Sales Report.

I wish to announce to the members of the B. S. P. A. that the Sales Dept. is now in working order. Blank books holding 100 stamps can be purchased at 5c. each, and I will be pleased if every member would send for some at once and return them filled with desirable stamps at low prices.

Members wishing to receive books will notify me at once as I wish to start circuit No. 2 immediately. Soliciting the support of every member in making the Sales Dept. a success, I remain,

YOURS VERY RESPECTFULLY,

James M. Chandler.

Report of the Sec.-Treas.

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2.— James M. Chandler, Jamaica Plain, Mass.
3.— W. Russell Brown, Port Arthur, Ontario.

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Postage	.06
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A GLANCE BACKWARD.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

When you drop your nicely enveloped and stamped letter into the official slit prepared for it by Uncle Sam do you ever pause to think of the time, not so very long ago either, comparatively speaking, when mail-boxes, envelopes and stamps were alike unknown, and letters themselves almost as scarce as the proverbial "angels' visits"? The letter of ye olden tyme was a large sheet of paper so folded that the writing should be sealed up inside out of sight, leaving the cutside blank for the address. Envelopes did not come into use until this present century was a decidedly well grown youth, but it is not probable that our ancestors were much inconvenienced by the lack of them, partly because they could not miss what they had never known, but more particularly because the letters of those days were very few in number, only about 300,000 being officially transported during the first year of George Washington's administration. Of course there may have been a few more written and sent by private hands, but they could hardly have been very many.

The transportation arrangements of 1790 were by no means equal to those of 1899 in either speed or safety. In that year there were but 75 post-offices in the United States, and mails between them were generally carried on horseback by so-called post-riders. The roads were carefully selected by the authorities for their "general goodness", as the children say, and in at least one case the Court of Massachusetts took a hand in the matter of selection by appointing a committee of three to look over the road then in use between Boston and Worcester in order to select the "shortest and most eligible route." This resolve was passed in June, 1792, the committee, Samuel Baker, John Fessenden, and Josiah Sternes, being directed to report at the next session of the General Court, but alas, there proved to be small pox "on the road" so the brave surveyors

were routed. They forgave and reappointed them at its next session, however, and this time the duty was attended to. Whether they all caught the small pox and died of it or not I don't know, but it certainly seems rather odd that Fessenden is the only one credited in the accounts concerning the matter, and that even in his case payment for his services was made to his "heirs." The amount, by the way, is given as two pounds five shillings.

In 1790 there were 1875 miles of these post roads, and the sum paid in that year for transportation of the mails was $22,081.00. The aggregate expenses were $32,140.00, and the gross postal revenue $37,935.00. Very different from the debt and credit account of today, isn't it?

Under these circumstances there could hardly have been daily mails between even important points, and of course there were not. Boston despatched three mails a week to New York, allowing five days for transit in winter, and thought she did well! New York and Philadelphia had two mails a week, the riders taking two days in either direction, and if one occasionally failed to turn up at the expected time whichever city lost its mail laid it to the account of the Indians and tried to take the loss philosophically as something that must once in a while be expected.

Under date of 1771 I found a record of an interesting petition. It seems that the Postmaster General, Ebenzer Hazard, decided to discontinue the post from Portsmouth to Falmouth and the folks didn't approve of the idea, so they appealed to the Court of Massachusetts which determined in legal phraseology that "Whereas the situation and circumstances of that part of the Commonwealth having all certain communication by water cut off, and being contiguous to the enemy, which renders troops in that quarter necessary, with whom communication must be kept up, therefore, Resolved: That the post from Portsmouth to Falmouth be still continued, and that Samuel Freeman (the Falmouth postmaster) is empowered and directed to engage Joseph Bernard, the former rider on that route, (if he will engage, and if not some suitable person) to continue riding until further orders from this Court or Congress." This was pretty authoritative, but to make assurance doubly sure the Govornor was requested to address Congress on the matter asking that the post be continued as necessary to the public good. As the next report was unavailable I could not learn the final ending, but we will hope that Joseph was given his job again and kept it as long as rheumatism let him make the trips required.

As to postage, the amount levied on each letter depended for a great many years on the distance the letter was to travel, the rates changing from time to time, and always for the better. By 1846 a single letter could be sent any distance not exceeding 300 miles for three cents, over that,

for ten cents. In 1851 the limit of distance allowed a three cent letter was advanced to 3000 miles, but it was not until 1863 that a uniform rate was fixed regardless of the distance to be traversed; this rate was put at three cents and was kept in force until October, 1883, when it was reduced to the present sum of two cents. This seems cheap enough, but already there has been talk of a cent rate in the future, and very possibly the future may bring it, who shall dare to say?

DIED, on the 19th of December, Daniel Wells Hardin, of Saginaw, Mich. He was Sec.-Treas. of the Junior Philatelists. This society has lost an efficient officer.

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JOHN HULME LOWE.



The subject of our sketch was born in Philadelphia, Pa. While very young, he moved to Toronto, and it was here that he started the fascinating pursuit of stamp collecting.

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As every well informed collector knows, Mr. Lowe has taken an active part in all the leading societies of the present time, besides contributing regularly to several philatelic publi cations. In 1896 he published the *Toronto Stamp*.

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We are somewhat mixed up this month. Our review department has been omitted, while several pages have been given over to the reports of the two societies. In future numbers, these reports will be placed in a smaller space and our readers, we hope, appreciate the extra reading matter.

THE MISSING STAMP.

BY C. H. SMITH.

One summer, not long ago, I was spending my vacation in the little revolutionary town of Putnam, New Jersey, and being an enthusiastic collector spent hours together searching the garrets of the kindly old country folks for old stamps; but I soon saw that someone had been before me, and, casually inquiring whether this was so or not, was informed that a Mr. Parker, an eccentric old man, a native of Putnam, was my rival.

He evidently heard of my searches for I soon received an invitation to see his collection, and what a collection it was, full of the rarest old stamps from England, America, and in fact from all over the world. But one in particular was his great favorite, a stamp belonging to one of the first issues of American stamps; its rareness being derived from an error in spelling of the words on the stamp making it worth a great sum. After showing it to me he put it into his packet with some other stamps, he went into his study to get a magnifying glass with which to show me some curious embossing.

While out walking the next day, I was accosted by a man who wished to know if my name was Williams. On my replying in the affirmative he showed me a warrant for my arrest on the charge of stealing a valuable stamp from Mr. Parker.

I was astounded and it was sometime before I could bring myself together to listen to his account of

the theft. It appeared that on my departure, Mr. Parker had locked up his stamps in his iron box; but on opening it the next day he could not find the stamp, nor would any amount of searching bring it to light. His suspicion fell on me, and being a head strong man had a warrant sworn for my arrest.

I shall not go through the details of the trial how Mr. Parker did his best to secure my conviction, and how my father's lawyer did his best to defend me. We were on the point of losing the case when a sudden idea occurred to me. I requested to see the packet of stamps from which the missing one had been lost, and in company with Mr. Parker and his lawyer, examined each with a strong glass. Suddenly on examining a stamp the same size as the missing one I found what I wanted, the solution of the mystery was at hand.

Requesting a bowl of hot water, I put the stamp in and was soon able to peel from the back of it, the missing stamp, which had become stuck face downward to it, and which had fitted so well that no one would have been likely to have noticed the deception.

Mr. Parker was both ashamed and astonished and did everything in his power to show himself sorry for his mistake, making me take as a present the stamp to which the missing one had become attached, and was itself very rare. I finally forgave him and on his death a few years later, I came into posession of his valuable collection.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fellow Members.— I have been chosen President of our society for the following year and I wish to increase our membership list and place our society on a good sound basis. I can not do this unless I have the cooperation of all members. There is not the least doubt but that each member could secure one or more members. Now just try and see if you can not make the applications for membership list a big one for next number of the Official Organ. Application blanks may be had from the Sec.-Treas. The candidates for

officers for following year secured the following number of votes:–

For President.
Lou. O. Brosie, 16.

For Vice President.
Miss Louise V. Lowe, 6.
Thos. Disbrow, 4.
Herbert Gile, 3.
Harry Barber, 2.

For Sec.-Treas.
Daniel Wells Hardin, 15.

For Supt. of Sales.
Lou. O. Brosie, 16.

For Auction Mgr.
Carl Becker, 16.

For Supt. of Foreign Ex.
Herbert Gile, 16.

For Librarian.
Morgan Buffington. 11.
J. M. Chandler, 4.
D. W. Hardin, 1.

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Bay State Philatelist, 7.
New England Philatelist, 4.
Allegheny Philatelist, 4.
Boys' Own Philatelist, 1.

Wishing for a year of success, I am,

Yours Fraternally,
Lou. O. Brosie.

SEC.-TREAS. REPORT.

For October.

Since my last report, I have received dues from W. Russell Brown, Frank N. Heany, Morgan Buffington, and Louise V. Lowe.

If you know any Junior Collectors, write me for application blanks and get them to join. I have not received dues from the following numbers:– 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 15, 17. If you are one of them, send on your 15c. at once.

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Dues for '98-'99 of four members,	.60
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NEW MEMBER.

21. Harry L. Kiefer, 97 Liberty St., Allegheny, Pa

Daniel Wells Hardin, Sec.-Treas.

SEC.-TREAS. REPORT.

Fellow Members:– I have been appointed by Pres. Lou. O. Brosie to take the place of the late D. W. Hardin. I trust that I shall receive the support of all J. P. members, and will do all that is in my power for our little society. Cannot you persuade some of your friends to join? I report the following

NEW MEMBER.

22. Jno. Herold, 615 N. 6 St., Richmond, Va.

Thomas C. Disbrow, Sec.-Treas,

REPORT OF SUPT. OF SALES.

13 books of stamps, according to my last report, valued at $24.24

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Total number of books in circulation of the value of $16.49

In the above books retired, the sales amounted to $9,08, which is over 1-3 of the total value. Is there another society in which the sales amount to that figure? If there is, I have never heard of it.

Yours Fraternally,

Lou. O. Brosie.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:–

Since my last report, I have received the following; From Mr. Herbert Gile of Melrose Highlands, Mass. a supplement to the Bay State Philatelist. From R. W. French, No. 55, Vol. 10, of the E. S. P. From Lou. O. Brosie, eight papers, also later I received nine more from him. I have also received from an unknown source seven papers. Will the person or persons who sent them, send me his or their name as I would like to give them due credit. There are now in the library 206 papers. Let the good work go on.

Yours for the J. P.

Morgan Buffington.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

In this, my first address, I hope to impress upon your minds the necessity of obtaining new members. Unless we have a large membership list it will be impossible to keep the departments in working order. The following is a copy of the constitution as adopted. It is short but amendments will be added when deemed necessary by a majority of the members.

CONSTITUTION OF THE B. S. P. A.

ARTICLE 1.

The name of this society shall be the Bay State Philatelic Association, and its object is expressed in its title.

ARTICLE 2.

The officers of this society shall consist of a Pres. Vice Pres., Sec.-Treas., Librarian, Supt. of Sales, and Auction Manager, who shall be elected annually on the first Saturday of November. These officers shall have the same powers and fulfill the same duties as like

officers in similar organizations.

ARTICLE 3.

Any stamp collector may become a member by consent of a majority of the society; and each member shall pay five cents initiation fee and fifteen cents annual dues.

ARTICLE 4.

This society shall meet annually at some point chosen in a former meeting.

ARTICLE 5.

This constitution shall not be changed or any alteration made in the society except by a two-thirds vote of the members, and not unless the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been printed in the Official Organ previous by 10 days to the date on which the vote shall be taken.

It will be noticed that article four provides that "This society shall meet at some point chosen in a former meeting," but as it is a new society and we have had no former meeting, nominations may be sent in until Feb. 20. The point chosen must be in Mass.

Nominations should be sent to W. Russell Brown, Sec.-Treas.

Yours for a year of success,

Herbert Gile.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I would urge the members to do all in their power to make our society a success, not only by increasing our membership list, but begin by placing confidence in each other, and to keep each other interested in the workings of the association. We should try to obviate the accumulation of dead wood, members who are enthusiastic at first, but who in a few months drop out from lack of interest. Our worthy President, Herbert Gile, has promised us a good Official Organ, which will hereafter be published monthly, and we will thus be informed of the doings of our society every month. Also our Sec.-Treas., W. Russell Brown, is well known in Canada, and is a member of various societies in Canada and the United States, Supt. of Sales and Auction Manager James M. Chandler will prove a very efficient officer and in conclusion, Librarian Walter Kennedy is open to receive contributions for our Library.

Yours Fraternally,

John Hulme Lowe.

REPORT OF THE SEC.-TREAS.

Balance from last month,	$.14
By dues and fees,	.20
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Mr. Gile has kindly given us the official organ free of charge as well as a new lot of application blanks without charging. As he has done so much I cannot help doing a little, so will give the society free postage until it gets a better footing.

NEW MEMBER.

4. Walter Kennedy, Melrose Highlands, Mass.

W. Russell Brown, Sec.-Treas.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

If the members of this society wish the Library to be a success, they should support it by sending copies of papers. I have received so far only two copies of papers, these being the Nov. No. of the B. S. P.

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NOTES ON THE FORMING OF A STAMP COLLECTION.

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

In the valued space allowed me in this paper, I shall attempt to give a few items. These I hope will be of some interest to philatelists and especially to one thinking of forming a stamp collection.

Beginning with the resting place of the collection, the album. In choosing an album you must be guided by your knowledge of stamps or the help you can receive from others having considerable knowledge of Philately.

A blank album can be made to look much prettier than any other book as you can arrange your stamps in any wished for design. It is also very convenient for new issues, etc., but a person must have a good understanding on the subject or the help of one who has used a blank album successfully. If you do not decide that a blank album is the better get as large an album and with as many illustrations as possible. Of course a complete album is the best but albums with many illustrations and good for a small collection can be purchased for from fifteen to fifty cents.

Another important thing is to subscribe for two or more stamp papers. The best way is to get a weekly for the news and a monthly as a magazine.

These papers must be studied and then saved in order to start a philatelic library as it is becoming important as one of the necessary requirements of the serious collector. An investment in philatelic literature is sure to be a good one as papers are being constantly destroyed, the demand for them increasing and no editions being reprinted.

In these papers you will find many advertisements of packets. A good one to start with is one containing from two to five hundred varieties. If you get one of not less than two

hundred varieties you will never regret it as they can usually be obtained much cheaper in this manner. After getting your packet, you will have made a good start.

Now to increase your collection. You will find it much cheaper to buy two or three more good packets if you know just what you are getting so you can be careful not to accumulate many duplicates. Then buy sets using approval sheets only to get space-fillers.

If saving is not much of an object of course approval sheets are best unless you live in a city where there are stamp dealers. Also watch the advertising columns of your stamp papers and you will soon see that you are able to pick up many bargains.

In inserting your stamps in your album, of course use stamp hinges, a thousand of which can be purchased of any dealer for about a dime. While speaking of hinges, I wish to say that I cannot condemn too strongly the common practice of licking hinges with the tongue. A person does not know where the hinges were made and so cannot tell whether or not he is introducing germs of some deadly disease into his system.

Now in conclusion I wish to say that I would never harbor a stamp that does not look perfect for one heavily cancelled stamp will spoil the beauty of a whole page of nice ones. A mended stamp is all right if it is neatly repaired. Also never keep a counterfeit, and as for reprints, leave them severely alone.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

BY W. R. B.

The 5 and 8 cent Maple Leaf Issue are still on sale at this office.

The Manitoba Free Press of this city has commenced to furnish its readers with a stamp collectors' column, through which collectors are encouraged to ask questions or exchange stamps.

Something seems to be the matter with some of our Canadian papers. The Messenger and the Toronto Weekly have discontinued, while the Reporter and the Berlin Weekly are often overdue.

The Winnipeg post office recently ran out of one cent stamps. Those wanting same had to use either one-half cent stamps or wait until after the arrival of the train from Ottawa the next day.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES.

BY A. L. A.

I have very great pleasure in thanking the editor for his kind permission in allowing me to become his South African correspondent.

I am pleased to say that the Imperial Penny Postage has been brought into effect since Christmas. This allows us to send a one-half ounce letter to England and nearly all of her colonies for the small sum of 1d(2c.).

The stamp trade in Natal is rather brisk now.

ANENT ORIGINAL COVERS.

It has always been somewhat of a wonder to me that collectors in general have not taken to the collecting of stamps on the original cover, more than they have.

Entire envelopes are becoming somewhat fashionable, but adhesives on the original covers are just as interesting, and although they may become rather cumbersome, a small collection of entires mounted in a postal card album or a small stock book, would prove very interesting to both the collector and his non-collecting friends, for a non collector always views a collection of entires with more interest than a collection of stamps mounted in an album.

Of course I do not advise collectors to discard the time honored custom of mounting their stamps in an album, but I do believe that a collection of entire envelopes and adhesives would prove of great interest to collectors.

The stamps themselves should prove interesting, as would the post marks, as they would verify, to a certain extent, the date of issue.

Just give this subject a little thought and I think you will agree with me that a collection of United States and foreign stamps on the original covers would prove a never ending source of pleasure to its maker.

Look over your foreign correspondence; are not the envelopes interesting? My advice is to keep your entires which you may receive from foreign parties, and add to them as chance offers. You will soon find that you have a fine collection which will afford you and your friends much pleasure.

HAMBURG.

BY JOHN H. LOWE.



The stamps of Hamburg have been reprinted more than the stamps of any other country and it is not universally known that the original stamps are steadily increasing in value year by year. Hamburg had five issues from 1859 to 1864.

The rarest stamp, which is catalogued at thirty dollars, is the nine shilling yellow. Another scarce one is the one-and-a-quarter shilling blue, catalogued at twenty dollars, unused. Both of these stamps always bring good prices when offered for sale.

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EDITORIAL.

Have you seen the new Philippine stamps?

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Are stamps a good investment? Well. Yes? Take the 4sh. green Hamburg, for instance. In 1890 it was valued at 15c. and the price in 1898 is $15.00. Whew! 10,000 p. c. in eight years. Who could desire anything better?

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Before us is a circular announcing that a paper entitled the All Around Philatelist will be issued in March. This sheet will be published in East Boston.

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If you receive this paper as a sample copy, we would be pleased to receive your subscription; but if you do not desire to, we will give the invitation to some other person next month.

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A few mistakes occurred in the B. S. P. A. constitution last month. All members of that association please notice.

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Another fraud has come to light. We noticed in one of the dailies that Postoffice Inspector Swift caused the arrest of Clarence Hill of Hudson, age 16, on the charge of scheming to defraud. Hill is alleged to have forged the name of ex Congressman Apsley of Hudson to a $300.00 check, and sending it to a New York stamp collecting agency with an order for some rare stamps.

According to the postoffice inspectors, young Hill signed a fictitious name, S. R. Jones, to another check on a similar order to a St. Louis house.

When examined by the inspector, Hill showed little concern in the matter, and inquired how they got their information. He did not succeed in turning the checks into cash or goods.

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Well! Well! The following appeared in the New York Herald:– "The average collector, no matter whether he has a passion for autographs, postage stamps, coins or birds' eggs, is inclined to be gullible."

REVIEW.

BY GERANT.

The SEARCHLIGHT comes to us rather irregularly of late. However, the publisher has a good excuse–sickness. It is printed on newspaper, and contains stray items, jokes, etc.

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ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST. This is the first time that we have received this paper in exchange. We noticed an item in the Advocate to the effect that the A. P. was published by a thirteen year old lad. Never-the-less, it is a first class monthly, containing fourteen pages of good reading matter. Come often.

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INTERPOLITAN MAGAZINE, published at Omaha, although not a philetelic journal, may be considered as a half brother as it contains philatelic advertisements. An Editor's Story and Adrift are the leaders. Now, Mr. Jessen, why not review your stamp exchanges as well as papers of the U. A. P. A. and N. A. P. A.?

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AMBITION is a small magazine hailing from Chicago. The feature of this paper is its typography, which cannot be improved. Claude Dickinson is editor.

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CAN. PHILATELIC WEEKLY. This paper has again changed its name and is now edited semi-monthly. The leading article is a piece reviewing the Advocate.

STRAY ITEMS.

Original, copied, etc., by OBSERVER.

One of our prominent collectors received recently a consignment of plate numbers from Cuba. There were 60 strips in the lot, and very much disgusted was he when he discovered that all the 2 1-2c. plate numbers had been severed, the numbers on the other values being intact. There is an ugly rumor going the rounds to the effect that someone has bribed somebody in the Havana post office to destroy all the numbers of the 2 1-2c. de peso by severing every sheet through the number. There would seem to be a "nigger in the wood pile" somewhere, consignor of this last batch states they were received from the office in that condition.

The 2c. Cuban has arrived in Boston. The 2 1-2c. has taken a tumble in price.

It might be a wise move to purchase Canadian stamps as soon as they are placed on sale, otherwise you will never get them. Mr. Mulock has a few tricks to work off, yet.

Will some one tell us why there are no places in the new albums for stamps of the Cuban Republic?

PHILATELY.

During the past twenty years, Philately has gathered about it so vast a following, and its stamps as well as its devotees have become familiar to the public, the man or to a large extent the woman who is not posted upon this subject, its societies, its objects, its followers, and the large collections of the world, is looked upon as having been left behind [(?) Ed.] in the march of a generation's progress, if not to have lamentably neglected a very delightful and essential branch of his or her education.

During its advance into public favor, Philately has developed some remarkably fine and rare collections, which, during the past few years, have been so prominently before the public that their names to-day are almost household words from continent to continent. The names and collections of Von Ferray, Judge Philbrick, the late T. K. Tapling, M. P., the Duke of York, Major Evans Henry J. Crocker, H. E. Deats, John F. Seybold, and Mrs. E. Parker are some of the most famous. It has not been my privilege to travel and see these collections, but I have had the pleasure of meeting some renowned philatelists and to listen to their yarns of by-gone days, of great finds and notorious frauds, and of noticing their many peculiar and interesting ways of collecting certain stamps when the science was not so attractive as it is at the present time.

PECULIAR PHILATELIC INFLUENCES.

In the idle examination of the album, the book accidentally opens to Greece, and from the sudden interest displayed in the well-filled page we gather at once that it is a country most highly esteemed. This collector has a decided historical bent and is capable of great admiration, not only for present-day nations, but also for the races and people of the misty past. In the tiny effigies of brown, green and blue the swift footed Mercury again heralds the wonderful and mysterious messages of the gods and the Olympian games bring to the cultivated intellect thoughts of a most delightful character. And in this connection can we look on the stamps of modern Italy and not remember the land of Romulus and Remus, the story of the old she wolf, the ancient glory of Rome, the stirring careers of Cicero, of Caesar? In the issues of Junius come again the days of Carthage and of Hannibal, and from dragons' mouths proceed tales of former Chinese progress and early civilization. India speaks with multitudinous voices and would delay us even from the morning until the night. The Sphinx and the Pyramids tell not only of the present making of history, but also of the conquests of the Pharaohs and the Ptolemies, the captivity of Israel, and the exquisite charms of Cleopatra. In a modern vein, the stamps of the Confederate States are graphically symbolical of the North and South and the subsequent liberty of the slave.—*Mekeel's.*

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NEW MEMBER.

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APPLICATIONS.

5. Morgan Buffington, 320 N. Water St., Kittanning, Pa.
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Ref. J. Chandler, R. Brown.

20. Walter L. Brown, 14 Front St., Worcester, Mass.
Ref. Russell Brown, J. F. Adams.

21. Percy J. Clarke, Box 1003, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Ref. Russell Brown, Harold Austin.

Cash balance from last month,	.40
By dues and fees of 15 members,	3.00
January official organ,	.27
Balance on hand,	$3.13

This report is somewhat larger than former ones, and if we intend to make our society a success, *each* member must do all in his power to secure others. If out of application blanks, write me.

Russell Brown.

TWO CENT LETTER POSTAGE.

Mr. Mulock, our (?) Postmaster-General, has announced that on and after Jan. 1, 1899, the uniform rate of two cents per ounce would be charged on letters in Canada, except in other cases especially provided for, and also applies to letters going to the United States.

It is estimated that the loss in revenue for the half year ending June 30th will be between $400,000 and $500,000, and for the next fiscal year it cannot be less than $800,000.

Mr. Mulock, however, expects to make up for it by pulling the pockets of philatelists a little more. The present three cent stamp will die a natural death, and the two cent stamp, that is, the one with the numerals in the corners, will have its color changed to red.

It now appears that to help make up the deficit a duty of ten cents per lb. will be imposed upon tea.— *Stamp Reporter.*

I am informed that but 65,000 $2 Omaha's were issued, and that during the year 1898 they were on sale at only a limited number of postoffices. *Advocate.*

The Philatelic Messenger has ceased publication. The Advocate will fill all unexpired subscriptions.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS: —

This life is full of ups and downs, and just at present the flow of literature to our library does not resemble the river Mississippi in spring. But let us have it up next month and as a kind of auxiliary force, I'll give a stamp cataloguing at least ($1) to the person sending me the best lot of philatelic papers. That is considering both quantity and quality. So wake up and hustle. I have received the latest number of the B. S. P. from Mr. Gile and the latest number of the E. S. P. from Mr. French. I'll thank you all in advance for what I'm sure you're going to send. Total number of papers in library, 208.

Yours for the J. P.,

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UNCLE HIRAM ON STAMPS.

BY G. A. HUNT.

The kollection of posteg has now got to be such a craze that I hav started in to get an accumulation of the little stickers myself.

Tarn stamps are ez good ez any other kind before they be torn. Some stamps have hols on the edge and others be plain. I like um with hols not in um the best, ez they bes worth more. Rare stamps are scurce and a man ez a phool if he dont keep what he gits, for the longer yew keep um and kultivate um the more they ez wuth..

On looking over my kollection I find great pleasure en my U. S. stamps. The phirst one I cum tu has got a pitcher of Gen. Washington on it. It ez black and waz worth five cents once. It is worth more now inso much as it has been used. I dont like black stamps very well becoz they remind me of deth, but they generally bes worth lots so it is well to keep um.

Another one I have a black one has a man that was not partial to razor slashes, his hare is very long. I have another one of the same man with a hair cut.

Three times 365 days before this they had some very pretty stamps. The two cent uns has a horsethief on et. I think as he is running away on hossback, he also has a bag with the letters U. S. on it which I believe means usually safe but I am not sure.

Skipping over some the phirst one ez blue of coarse et has an injin with feathers on one end and a theatre gal on tother end. The 3 and 4 centers come next and they have lots on em, but they is wus than a tin dollar. The printing at the bottom says 'Columbus' and I gus that means they ez going to call on us.

Haint got any more until you get up to one dollar, this ez a beauty and ez rare they do say. 'Thas a Queen on it and she bes trying to pawn her sparklers. A kollector never wants to sell a dallar stamp unless compelled to by a lawyer or kold lead.

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We were obliged to curtail our our space this month. Our April number will be of the usual size, and we hope all future numbers will be up to or above the normal.

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A new definition for Philatelist.–Rabbit. We recently received a communication from a party in Brighton requesting us to "send six or a dozen large white rabbits." Look up the word Mr. B——.

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This paper will be a year old in May. If you are not a subscriber, send in your money and help us to celebrate our first birthday.

CANADIAN NOTES.

The 2c. lavender is seen quite frequently. Many offices having received fresh supplies. The Winnipeg office received a shipment of 50,000 stamps.

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Now that the 3c. envelope and letter card has been surcharged, it would not be unlikely to see the three and eight cent stamps surcharged also.

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Very few offices have the 8c. numeral on sale. This stamp will very likely be scarce as it was only in use a short time.

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The special delivery is another scarce stamp, as are also the three cent envelope and the three cent letter card stamps to the value of nine cents may be put on the new postal notes. For instance if you wished to send 79c. the postmaster would take a 70c. note and put stamps to the value of nine cents on face of same.

W. Russell Brown.

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Last month's applicants will be admitted or refused in April or May report.

Applications.

22. Arthur L. Austin, Box 334, Durban, Natal, South Africa.
Ref. H. Gile, W. R. Brown.

23. C. T. Kirkby, Box 325, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Age 18. Cashier.
Ref. R. Brown, C. N. Cochrane.

24. Thos. C. Disbrow, Box 237, Rochester, N. Y.
Student. Age 18.
Ref. R. Brown, C. T. Kirkby.

25. J. B. Ouellet, Arthabaskanville, Quebec. Aee 39. Merchant
Ref. R. Brown, F. Brown.

26. Geo. A. Hunt, Woburn, Mass.
Age 21. Designer. Ref. Gile, Brown.

27. Herbert Gerrish, Melrose Hlds., Mass. Age 12. Ref. H. Gile, R. Brown.

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Don't neglect to drop me a line when you run out of application blanks.

W. Russell Brown.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I am very happy to say that since my last report 45 papers have been added to the library making the total number 47. I have received from our President, Mr. Gile, 31 papers, from our Secretary, Mr. Brown, 11, and from others 3. I hope I will receive as many this month.

All publishers of philatelic papers are invited to send in copies of their magazines. All such will be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,
Walter Kennedy.

AUCTION MGR.'S REPORT.

Fellow members:—Feeling that I cannot do my duty in the society in both the offices of Auction Mgr. and Supt. of Sales, I herewith present my resignation as Auction Mgr. Member wishing office should apply to the President without delay.

Yours very truly,
James Mitchell Chandler.

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I have received from Mrs. Hardin $1.56 the amount which she claims was in the treasury at the time of her son's death.

Hereafter I will give stamps to the catalogue value of 25 cents to each member that secures two new members within three months. We should have at least 100 members in our society, and with the vast hoard of young collectors that there are, this ought not to be a difficult matter.

NEW MEMBERS.

No. 23. Tremond Babcock, Dayton, Texas.

No. 24. Warren E. Woodworth, 3 Chestnut St., Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Hardin's remittance enables me to report the financial condition of the treasury.

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Dues of three new members,	.60
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	$2.31
Official Organ for Jan.,	.23
" " " Feb.,	.24
Postage used by Sec.-Treas.,	.36
Cash Balance,	$1.48

Thos. C. Disbrow,
Sec.-Treas.

SUPT. OF SALES' REPORT.

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NEW ISSUES.

Canada. Surcharge.
2c. on 3c. envelope and letter card.

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France. The 5c. stamp appears in a new color after keeping one color for twenty-three years.
5 centimes, yellow-green.

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India.
3 pies, carmine.

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Malta. The 4 1-2d. is used for registered letters. Design. Vessel in gale. Letters of double weight use the 5d. Design. Two masted galley in calm. Figure surrounded by the British and Maltese flags, is the design of the 2 1-2s. Used on packages. The 10s. represents a wreck.
4 1-2d., brown.
5d., red.
2 1-2s., olive-gray.
10s., dark blue.

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Straits Settlements.
4c. on 5c., brown.
4c. on 5c., blue.
4c. on 8c., blue.

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San Marino. According to the Weekly "this microscopic republic has issued two new stamps 'per l'interno.' That a country so small should require special stamps for internal use seems simply ludicrous, but they are chronicled on the authority of the L. P.
2 centesimi, brown.
5 centesimi, orange brown.

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United States. Mekeel's gives notice of the new 2c. envelope, die A, on blue paper, thus completing the set of that variety.

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Virgin Islands.
1-2d., green.
1d., red.
2 1-2d., blue.
4d., chocolate.
6d., violet.
7d., green.
1s., yellow.
5s., dark blue.

PITTSBURG NOTES.

BY PHILOS.

With this number, I start a series of notes for this paper, which [notes] I will endeavor to make very interesting to the readers of this paper. Will give the latest notes in philatelic news in this vicinity.

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By the time these notes are being read, the convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society will be a thing of the past, as it is held on March 28 th. Officers for the coming year will be duly elected, and be ready for a year of stamp prosperity.

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Much interest is being manifested in the surcharged cancellations on the postage and revenue stamps. A collector of this city has quite a number of varieties of old revenues with surcharges inverted. These cancellations make an interesting side study of philately.

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The new surcharged stamped envelope of Canada was just received by yours truly. Canada is certainly making a record for itself during the past twelve months. I wonder what the next surprise will be? Perhaps, surcharged postage stamps.

This paper on trial for three mos. for five cents.

Requests for samples must be accompanied by a one cent stamp.

PRINTING OF STAMPS.

The invention of the printing press is comparatively modern. The first presses were of course a great improvement on former hand types, still it was slow work to print by hand. It was not until a few years later that steam presses were introduced.

The printing of stamps is done in a building at Washington, called the Bureau of Engraving, where more than 2,000 persons are employed. In this same establishment, United States bank notes are printed and those who engrave the plates receive salaries ranging from $3,000 to $6,000. Under cover of this building, the paper used goes through every process until it comes out in the shape of neatly printed stamps of all denominations.

The engraving of the plates is also done there and the government clerks are necessarily the most honest that can be found, for, if a single plate that would print money or stamps was taken, the United States would be bankrupt in time.

The dies, rolls, and plates are kept in two of the finest vaults in the world, and the mechanism of the locks is known only to three of the most trusted clerks.

The rolls are pieces of soft steel imprinted from the original dies. They are then hardened and the design of the stamps is received on soft steel plates, which in their turn are hardened and used in the printiug of our postage stamps.

Each plate is capable of printing a sheet of 400 stamps 65,000 times. All of the stamps printed by one plate would paper a house very prettily or if stretched in a line around the globe they would encircle it twice. All of the numerous plates that have been made during the last twenty-five years have been accounted for.

The counting of the stamps is another important part. Girls are employed in this work as they are said to be more skillful than men. After the plates have seen their best days, they are selected from the others, marked with a D and put in large iron boxes. They are carried to the navy yard where they are melted and run out in the shape of paper weights or other curios; strange mementos of the once valuable plates.

The plates of the Omaha series and of the old internal revenues have been destroyed lately, together with those of the old silver certificates. Engraving and printing are also done by the bureau for patent medicines, etc. The firms pay for the engravings and they buy the stamps in $5,000 quantities. When one thinks of the size of this bureau and the immense amount of wealth stored there, the power and resources of our nation are partially revealed. By E. E.

There is a shade, or rather a distinct color, of the 2c. numeral stamp which I would call a lilac. The postmaster claims that they are not commonly seen in the mails.— *Philatelic West.*

1873 CUBAN REPUBLIC.

As we do not see the Cuban Republic stamps classified as speculative, we may treat of them as legitimate postage stamps, used for postage and intended for postal service. In fact, collectors of Cuban stamps consider that republic's stamp of 1873 a rarity(?).

They were used in Cuba in great numbers and it is amusing to know the unique way in which the insurgents kept up the mail system. Spanish generals were often astonished to find letters from Cuban rebels, bearing the somewhat ordinary yet hateful looking "mambi frelo de frangued" with the postmark "Cuba Libre."

A noted Cuban in New York City on receiving a letter with the Cuban republic adhesive postmark upon the envelope, remarked:"Of course, these stamps are not recognized by other nations as legitimate, but nevertheless the very sight of them gladdens our heart and shows the determination of our countrymen in the field."

*The genuine unused is sold nowadays at about 50 cents, while the used are not catalogued. Reprints of this stamp sell all the way from 25 cents to 50 cents and very poor imitations at that.– *West.*

*The last paragraph must be an error as the genuine stamps, until recently and probably now, can be obtained of the Cuban delegation at face. Ed.

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EDITORIAL.

Now that the warm season has arrived, collecting has taken a jump in Melrose. Melrosians are on the hunt for neighboring philatelists, thus the interest. Accompanied by Mr. Baker, ye editor made a sprint for Malden. After riding about ten miles in that city, we came to the conclusion that the inhabitants could learn a bit about their own place of residence.

Our most pleasant visit was to Mr. Hunt, of Woburn. We were treated to the sight of his fine collection. He has a particularly fine assortment of entires.

B. S. P. A. NOTICE.

Since the B. S. P. A. notices on page nine were printed, Mr. Hunt, of Woburn has been appointed Auc. Mgr. He will combine the office with that of Counterfeit Detector. In writing him, always enclose a stamp.

B. S. P. A. ATHLETIC MEET.

Entries closed April 15. The date of meet is undecided. Entries, with handicaps, given below.

Running High Jump.

Gile, Scratch.
Kennedy, 1-2 inch.
A. Cochrane, 2 inches.
C. " 2 1-2 inches.
Maxwell, 2 1-2 inches.
Gerrish, 6 inches.
Austin, 4 inches.
Adams, 6 inches.
Limit, 6 inches.

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15 Yard Dash.

Gile, scratch. Kennedy, 4 1-2 inches. Austin, 5 inches. A. Cochrane, 5 in. Gerrish, 12 inches. C. " 9 in. Adams, 12 inches. Limit 12 inches.

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Potato Race.

Austin, Scratch. Gerrish, 2 feet. Adams, 3 feet. Limit, 3 feet.

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Standing High Jump.

Gile, Scratch. A. Cochrane, 2 inches. Adams, 3 inches. C. " 2 inches. Limit, 3 inches.

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100 Yard Run.

Gile, Scratch. Kennedy, 2 feet. A. Cochrane, 3 feet. Gerrish, 10 feet. Adams, 10 feet. Limit, 10 feet.

REVIEW.

BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from March 24 to April 1:

Allegheny Philatelist, March.
All Around Philatelist, March.
International Philatelist, March.
Perforator, March.
Scribe, March.
Westerner, Feb.-March.

The *Allegheny Philatelist* for March is crammed with good articles. Phil A. Telist, as usual, has his topic on the first page. The subject is "Exchanging Stamps with Foreigners." He closes with these words;

The collector, when he figures out how much he has spent for postage, registration, etc., with an occasional loss thrown in, resolves in future he will "stay at home" in his exchanging; and the dealer after he has met with some disappointments and vexatious delays, to say nothing of accumulated unsalable, or at least slow selling stock, comes to pretty much the same conclusion, and after cutting his eyeteeth, to use a common expression, he would be pretty sure to be found in the ranks of those who say: America for Americans.

Five pages are given over to "notes." Mr. Chapman easily taking the lead in "Impressions of the Hour."

The first number of the *"All A round"* is a really good production, in both printing and quality of contents. The following is reprinted from the editorial:

Some parties who were worrying over the Perforator's future had the following answer under Perforations edited by Br'er Chapman: "Don't be worried, gentlemen! When brother Stowell gets tired, the writer has a font of type and a barn big enough to put it in, and all the ornaments necessary to keep it going. It isn't going to die this century, which has two years more to run." I feel confident Mr. Chapman's font of type is not a rubber font.

The *International* has an appropriate article, "Concerning Newspaper and Periodical Stamps," contributed by Foster A. Lilly. Page is devoted to new issues. The cuts are of a very good quality. By the way, this magazine has five other papers consolidated with it. A paper is not up to date unless it has gulped one or more of its neighbors.

The *Perforator*, as is its usual custom, is thick, very thick. Mr. Man vs. Mrs. Man is very good. In Perforations, Mr. Chapman made note of the following:

An English package reached me last month directed to "Rocky Hill, Conn., New York, United States. New York seems to be on the spread.

The Omaha Exposition stamps are compared with the Canada Maple Leaf, thus making the following equation:– 50c. Omaha - 10c. Canada Maple Leaf. The Perforator is O. O. for four societies.

The Scribe shows great improvement in typography. While this paper (B. S. P.) is essentially philatelic, we are glad to see amateur magazines in in our exchanges. While we can not say anything complimentary of the average amateur literature paper, yet we cannot help saying that the Scribe, Interpolitan, Diamond, and Westerner are not of this grade and form a class of their own. Drop mud slinging—we do not refer to the above four—aud you will be more prosperous, i. e., if you look at it in a sensible way. In union there is strength, but mud slinging does not tend to promote that union.

The Westerner.—The Feb.-March number prints an illustration of the Sioux City high school. An article entitled "Mud Slinging" is placed on the last page. In our opinion a little more prominence would not hurt it. If all papers would make as good an attempt at a clean magazine, the U. A. P. A. would not be in an eternal uproar. The Westerner is all right.

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Oh Philately, thou pleasing art,
Many by thee are captive led
Inspired by hope for thy success
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A pleasant task indeed it is
To gather from all climes
The stamps of past and present use,
Of many and varied kinds.

A fascinating fad thou art,
A pastime and a sport,
Alluring both the young and old
Into thy fields to work.

Knowledge too thou dost impart
Of countries far and near.
Of enthusiastic workers in our ranks
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Onward Philatelic soldiers
March onward with zest
And make this year a prosperous one
A year of great success. R. T.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Another consignment of the Map Stamps (Lavender) has just arrived at this office, Port Arthur, March 27.

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F. W. Wurtele has a good article in *Mekeel's Weekly* on the Canada 2c. purple envelope, which I think proves that it is no "fraud."

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C. T. Kirkby is endeavoring to form a local stamp club in Winnipeg. He expects a membership of fully a hundred medium and advanced collectors.

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The five and ten cent Maple Leaf are still on sale at this office. Would be pleased to buy these or the 2c. lavender for members of the J. P. and B. S. P. A.

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The League of Canadian Philatelists held no election this year. The following were elected by acclamation:—

Pres., R. C. Bach.
Vice Pres., W. Russell Brown.
U. S. Vice Pres., Franklin Stearns.
Sec.-Treas., H. Smith.
Ex. Supt., O. Barivick.
Auc. Mgr., E. A. Marris.
Librarian, Geo. W. Hicks.
Official Organ, Montreal Phil.

This magazine and the Perforator one year for 27c.

EXCHANGING.

This subject may be treated extensively, but I shall but briefly describe it. The value of International exchange is certainly a "plus" quantity. The names of foreign collectors may be obtained from a proper directory, and there is hardly a country that is not therein represented.

If one is not acquainted with foreign collectors, it is best to choose the shortest names in the directory. When the addresses are obtained, the next step is to choose the stamps you wish to send. Stamps of a medium value are best unless you know the party and then rare stamps may be sent with safety.

The stamps ought to be mounted, then placed in a small envelope with your letter and then put your name in the upper left hand corner. The postage to foreign countries is five cents, Canada and Mexico alone excepted. To insure safety, the letter should be registered and if not properly delivered, it is paid for by the government to the amount of $10.

From one to three months is required to obtain an answer. If not by that time, the party should receive free advertising. By E. E.

Every stamp collector in Mass. should join the Bay State Philatelic Association. The only state society in Mass. No age limit.

If you are a young collector, the J. P. deserve your support.

A POSTMASTER'S PLAINT.

Assistant Postmaster Gen. Heath has received the following pathetic communication, which will probably be indorsed by other postmasters in the country:

"Allegan, Mich., Jan. 30, 1899.—First Assistant Postmaster General, D. C.—Dear Sir: I beg leave to enter a kick against the quality of mucilage used upon the supply of manila envelopes for official use in this office, just received. It smells most offensively and tastes a thousand times worse. An effort has been made to disguise in both respects, perhaps by adding a little sassafras, without result, except to intensify one's disgust upon what might have been.

"One of the most considerable emoluments of the country postmaster is the amount of bodily sustenance he draws from the licking of stamps on envelopes. I therefore feel the more aggrieved to think that through the penuriousness of Uncle Sam in getting his envelopes too cheaply I am necessarily deprived of a great food supply. Really, dear sir, the stuff smells as if the glue, of which it is largely composed, had been made of some of Gen. Miles' embalmed beef. If you can conceive of anything worse than this it has not appeared lately in the papers. I do not suppose joking is permissable in official communications, and, therefore, I put it aside and say to you that these envelopes are so bad that they should not be sent out for use. If we moisten them with a sponge a great deal of time is consumed and the stench is not lessened, as we can smell them as they lie upon our desks or in bunches in our racks. Very respectfully, "E. C. Reed, Postmaster.—*Chicago Record.*

A FIND.

There recently occurred the death of an old 50 years resident of Toronto, of whom his sole survivors were a daughter and a son. After the usual funeral ceremonies were over, the will of the gentleman in question was brought forward and the contents made known to the heirs. To his only daughter there was bequeathed among other things his entire business papers and correspondence. The son, who evidently had an idea of the value of such, obtained access to the correspondence, and later presented himself in the office of a well known stamp dealer in Toronto, and brought forward a few letters, two of which contained thereon a lightly canceled copy of the B. N. A. *rare avis* 12 penny black. Upon being questioned, as from whence they were obtained, he declined to make known but claimed the ownership of them. A price of $275.00 was offered for each of them, but he evidently expected a much larger sum, and declined to dispose of them.

Later the true legal owner of them has been informed of their value, and will institute legal proceedings for the recovery of them.—*Allegheny Philatelist.*

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22. A. L. Austin.
23. C. T. Kirkby,
24. Thos. C. Disbrow.
25. I. B. Ouellet.
26. Geo. A. Hunt.
27. Herbert Gerrish.

Applications.

Frederick Dow, 8 Ashland St., Melrose Hlds., Mass. Age 17. Ref. Walter Kennedy, Herbert Giie.

Allen H. Wright, Capitol Station, Albany, N. Y. Age 26. Clerk.

Balance on hand,	$3.80
Dues and fees of three mem.	.60
	4.40
O. O. for March,	.39
Postage,	.22
On hand,	$3.79

Would like to have more applicants to report next month and hope the members will not disappoint me.

W. Russell Brown.

B. S. P. A. NOTICES.

∴The convention for 1899 will be at Melrose, Mass. on November 4.

∴It is proposed that the dues be raised from 15c. to 25c. a year and the initiation fee from 5c. to 10c. The benefits are obvious. Triflers will not join, thus there will be no "dead wood" to carry. If this proposition is carried, old members will have nothing extra to pay on this year's dues. Members are requested to send in their opinion on the subject. All letters will be published in this column.

∴No nomination for Auction Manager has been received. Requests must be in by May 1.

∴Mr. Brown appeals to you in his report to obtain new members. I should like to give you an illustration. Melrose is a town of something like 13,000 population. There are ten Melrose members in the society. Now why cannot the other towns have as many members in proportion? They could if YOU would try. Now brace up and lead the other societies. I hope it is not necessary to buy the members into activity by offering a reward for obtaining new ones. Make a ninth inning finish *a la Boston.*

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Fellow Members:—

I believe I did not fix a date when I offered a stamp catalogued at $1. So I will do so now. I will place the date at June 1, 1899, so the person that sends the best lot of stamp papers towards our library by June 1st will get a stamp of the U. S. cat. at $1 (or two stamps at 50c. each. You can have your choice.)

Now can't we give our library a big boost this month; you know it's coming summer when you neglect things philatelic and we ought to have something to carry us over the warm season.

Yours, etc.,

Morgan Buffington.

5th AUCTION SALE.

Lot.	No.	Cat.	Res.
1. 1, 2, 2, 5c. Exps.	4	$ .26	
2. 1, 2, 4c. Prop.	3	.27	
3. 3, 4c. Prop.	2	.27	
4. 3c. Telegraph.	1	.35	
5. 2c. Play. Cd. blue.	1	.40	
6. 2c. Play. Cd. ong.	1	1.25	
7. 5c. Play. Cd.	1	.90	
8. 3 50c. Sur. Bnd.	3	.30	
9. $1 Conv., Ety. G.	2	.25	
10. $1 Life Ins.	1	.25	
11. " " "	1	.25	
12. 2 $1.50 Inl. Ex.	2	.40	
13. $3.00 Chin. Pty.	1	.25	
14. Mixed Lot.	10	.40	
Foreign.			
15. Dan. W. In. 7c.	1	.50	.10
16. 3 Gt. Britain.	3	.28	
17. 3 diff. fm above.	3	.36	
18. Siam, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12a.		.31	
19. 1. 2a. 64, 4 on 24.		.28	
20. Same*	3	.25	.12
21. Bangkok, 5c. bl.	1	1.75	.40

Bids on the lot received until May 10. Entries for future sales solicited.

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W. RUSSELL BROWN.

The subject of our sketch is one of the most prominent collectors in Canada. Mr. Brown is eighteen years of age, and at present is attending the High School at Port Arthur, Ont. In 1892 the stamp "fever" took hold of him and since that time, he has been a sufferer from this disease. His collection is a very fine one, consisting of 4,000 varieties. Although a general collector, he has specialized in Canadian revenues; so much so, that it probably is the better part of his collection. He is not behind time in philatelic "politics" being Sec.-Treas. of the B. S. P. A. and Vice Pres. of the L. of C. P., etc.

H. G.

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EDITORIAL.

With this number, we complete the first year of our existence. So far, we have always mailed the edition on or before its date of issue. This is proof enough that we intend to stay in the race; and in order to hold a good position in the standing of philatelic magazines, we suggest that YOU send in your subscription immediately.

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We are in receipt of the "price list of postage stamps of William M. Verbeck. On one of the pages was the following pungent paragraph:

Notice the old lie: "I didn't receive the stamps," will not go down with me. Uncle Sam is never careless!

With this in his price list, Mr. Verbeck probably feels safe. We hope so anyway.

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Some paper, championed by the Virginia Philatelist, has declared its intention of demanding cash in advance from its advertisers. This is all right, but while in the reform mood, why not deprive the sample copy fiend of his source of profit? He writes a postal requesting that a sam ple shall be sent him. It costs one cent. At this rate, he can get any monthly at twelve cents a year. This is considerably cheaper than the subscription price of the average paper. Why can not the publishers work together in this matter? It seems to be nothing difficult. Every publisher who received requests for samples and the applicants failed to subscribe could make a list of such persons. These lists could be compared, and if the same name should be found on five different lists, he should be put down as a "fiend." A small pamphlet could be issued and thus all publishers warned. How about it, brother editors?

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Have you noticed that the printing on the postal cards is better than formerly? Some one is getting extravagant with the ink. The printer's devil probably.

If one buys a set of stamps when first issued, he is not generally a loser. Those who purchased a $50. documentary revenue when first issued are willing to believe it.

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We sympathize with the Akron, O. collector who recently received a remittance of six cents with the request that a receipt should be forwarded the sender.

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The man of doubtful character is very much in notice at the present time. In evidence of this one sees in almost any paper a list of such personages. We have had dealings with a number of such and unless pay is forthcoming within a month, we shall start off with a list of from ten to twenty names.

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Massachusetts has a good paper in the Philatelic Bulletin. Now that the Eastern Philatelist is consolidated with it, we shall look for — what? A second Virginia Philatelist, who knows?

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This state has its share — and a good one, too — of philatelic journals, four in all. Two of these are "new ones." The Stamp Exchange started off with a very fine edition, and a good circulation, too. The All Around Philatelist is another "new one." It is published by Joseph Plourd and will probably be a success if its publisher is granted second class postage.

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The Perforator has again changed hands. It is curious that no one manages this paper for any length of time.

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As every one who receives this number knows, we try to print the photos of persons whose pictures have not appeared in the philatelic press.

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If we are to believe everything in the philatelic press, reprints are on the same level as originals. Who has a lot of reprints on hand?

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Now that all our colonies are having surcharged stamps, some say they will become unpopular. Not at home anyway. If the government can work off the Periodical dodge, one need not fear about the surcharges. This is almost as bad as Canada.

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Locally, collecting can not be said to be picking up or declining. It is one persistent effort, without any letup.

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We have not said much about the Bay State Philatelic Association. To our knowledge, it is the only state society in Massachusetts. We would be pleased if the Bay State collectors would support it as it ought to be supported. It is only seven months old, yet it has a membership list of over thirty.

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Better look up Mr. Baker's adv. He offers unused Bermuda at low prices. Give him a trial.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES.

BY ARTHUR L. AUSTIN.

I am sorry to say that the Natal Philatelic Society has died a natural death owing to the members of same ceasing to send in sheets for circulation; this of course does not show that the Natal collectors do not go in for philately properly as I can assure you that more business is done with England and America than you would think. I for instance have up to the 20th of this month (March) received for commission sales about £100 worth of stamps from foreign countries, and I am glad to say that I have disposed of about £20 worth. This will corroborate my previous statement.

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The British South African Company have issued a new one pence stamp. The only difference in the stamp is the design around the value, 1d., and the stamp is printed in a rather deeper rose or red.

NEW YORK NOTES.

BY ALLEN H. WRIGHT.

The new envelopes made their appearance at the Albany office April 14, and the writer was the first purchaser. They are all die B, 1899 watermark.

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Among the collectors in this city can be mentioned the following state officials: Messrs. Phisterer and Stein of the Adjutant General's office; Deputy Attorney General, G. C. Baker, Deputy Secretary of State, Horace Tennant. Mrs. Charles R. Skinner, wife of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, might also be named in this list.

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An amusing incident is told in connection with the recent sale of the Newspaper stamps. A lady went to the local office and putting down $150 before the stamp clerk asked for three sets of the stamps. Of course the clerk told her that the price was $5 and not $50. She was so surprised and pleased that she took twenty sets and still had $50 to spare.

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To judge from many of the articles appearing in the current numbers of the philatelic press, one might be led to think that the collecting public in general was out of sorts with the Post Office Department for placing sets of the N. and P. stamps on sale at the nominal price of $5. But I know that I for one am very glad that the opportunity was afforded me to add this set to my collection for so little, and I do not think I stand alone in that feeling. Hence, whenever I read an article condemning the government for its action I think that it is prompted by someone who might have profited by the sale of some of the limited sets in circulation, before the 50,000 sets were placed on sale. This may be an arbitrary way of judging, but why cannot the collector be allowed to enjoy in peace his prized collection?

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In what unexpected places we

sometimes find good stamps! I recently happened to look at a small box in which an old lady kept her pinochle cards and I noticed a stamp on the side. She said the box was an old one in which medicine had come and that she had used it for fifteen or twenty years. I was given permission to remove the stamp and so I secured for a little effort a fine specimen of a scarce medicine stamp.

REVIEW.

BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from April 1 to April 24:–

Canadian Philatelic Review, March.
Evergreen State Philatelist, April.
Interpolitan Magazine, April.
Philatelic Bulletin, March.
Search Light, April.
Stamp Reporter, April 1, 8, and 15.
Virginia Philatelist, April.

The *Evergreen* in an article on the philatelic press says:–

And may it be asked whether this is so very bad after all. Of course, there is always a lot of twaddle and nonsense in some of our papers, but the general tone, it seems to me, is getting decidedly better. Philatelic fiction seems to be agreeably scarce; poetry is in the same state, while those saddening jokes, which Noah might have heard, are scarce as Spanish colonies.

The publisher, in an indirect way, asks for more advertisers. He already has over ten pages of advertisements to six of reading matter.

The *Philatelic Bulletin* has "What are Collectible Shades," by Miss Swift. One writer thinks the 2c. numeral Canada will be a "good one." If we are to believe the Canadian writers, nearly everything is rare — in their estimation.

The *Stamp Reporter* is now a weekly, and a good one, too. We hope it can keep up the pace. This paper gives account of a postal system as carried on in the rural parts of Sweden.

In certain parts of Sweden where the most absolute confidence is reposed in the honesty of the people, a very informal postal system is in vogue. As the mail steamer reaches the landing-place, a man goes ashore with letters which he places in an unlocked box on the pier. Then the passerby who expects a letter opens the box, turns over the letters, and selects his own, unquestioned by any one.

Truly, greater honesty must prevail than in King Alfred's time.

The *Virginia Philatelist* gives us some good illustrations of Richmond. In an article on foreign exchanging, Mr. Watts has the following to say:–

I have myself carried on exchanges with an Afghan who could read no

English, and we exchanged stamps for over two years without either understanding a word the other wrote, and a fairer and more honest man I never dealt with.

Don't cry down foreign exchanging simply because you can't trade current U. S. for obsolete foreign, as many try to do.

The review did not appear owing to the inability of Mr. Paalzow to prepare such.

THE THREE VARIETIES.

BY TNAREG.



We present our readers a very rude illustration of the three verieties of the two cent stamp. Uncle Samuel forbids the use of illustrations of U. S. stamps, and does not look at all favorably upon partial cuts, although allowed. This accounts for the seemingly poor workmanship.

Type I (the extreme right hand illustration) may be detected by the lines running through the entire triangle. These are of uniform thickness. These stamps are printed in a much deeper rose that the other types. Stamps of this type are very common. Any letter, almost, within a few years ago bears one of these stamps.

Type II (the illustration in centre) is the counterpart of type one with the exception that the lines in the triangle are much thinner than outside. This stamp is found in nearly the same color, possibly a shade lighter if anything. This stamp is the scarcest of the three although it is nothing to boast of.

Type III (the left hand illustration) is the commonest one of all. The lines do not run through the triangle but stop at the edge, leaving a white space, and then run through the middle of the triangle, These inner lines are thinner than the outside ones. This stamp is found watermarked and unwatermarked.

CLIPPINGS.

An unused $5,000 revenue has turned up in San Francisco, selling for more than face value. West.

An oddity in postmarks may interest some. It comes from Queensland; the stamp is type A 13 but the postmark reads "86." I know it is meant for "98" and was put into the cancelling machine inverted, but in years to come there may be some one foolish enough to try to prove that type A 12 was used in "86." West.

The Evergreen states that it doubts if there are 15,000 active collectors speaking the English language. Well! Well! and this in the editorial!

It is said on good authority that Bach has faith in his stamps. What next!?!?! Kind of sulphurous, eh?

PITTSBURG NOTES.

BY PHILOS.

The third annual convention of the Columbian Philatelic Society is now a thing of the past, as it was held in this city on March 28 with a slim attendence. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Pres., E. L. Shove.
Vice Pres., W. A. Carver.
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Auction Mgr., H. Smith.
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International Sec., R. J. Russell.
Supt. Bureau of Inf., J. Arbtin.
Count. Detector, F. Noyes.
Trustees, Messrs. Jungman, Toelle, and Voigt.

The Tri-Monthly Collector will continue as official organ, and New Oxford, Pa. as next convention city. The convention will be held January, 1900.

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Have any of the readers of this paper seen the three varieties of the present issue of revenues? If not, better look over your duplicates. The variety consists of a difference in the scroll work which surrounds the design of the battleship.

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I have just heard that the Post Office Department has approved the design for the new Cuban envelopes; they will be of the same color as our present issue two and five cent envelopes. The design is the head of Columbia.

CANADIAN NOTES.

A Hamilton correspondent says that the two cent postcard has appeared in blue instead of the usual red. The old green color is still on sale at this office.

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The Advocate says that the five cent numeral are not yet on sale, although it was stated that they were for sale at the Hamilton office.

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Although it is the opinion of the majority that there will be no new issue, still some think it strange that the two cent red and the four and seven cent do not appear.

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The Stamp Reporter as a weekly makes a very good showing. There is no reason why Canadians should not support a good weekly like the Reporter.

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A. E. Giller will publish the Canadian Philatelic Review for the present. F. I. Weaver having removed from Berlin to Hamilton.

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Mr. R. C. Bach of the Montreal Philatelist was in New York this month. Perhaps that is the cause of the M. P.'s lateness.

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New Members.

28. Frederick Dow, Melrose Hlds., Mass.

29. Allen H. Wright, Albany, N. Y.

Applications.

D. J. Frazer, Oak River, Manitoba.
Ref. R. Brown, C. Kirkby.

Albert Cochrane, 63 Howard St., Melrose Hlds., Mass.
Ref. H. Austin, Gile.

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By dues and fees	.40
Postage,	.17
" O. O. for April,	.45
Balance on hand,	$3.57

Should like to see more applicants next month. * * * *

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REPORT OF SEC.-TREAS.

In addition to my offer of last month, I will give stamps to the catalogue value of twenty five cents to every one joining our society. Thousands of young collectors have started to collect this spring, and it bids fair to become a great year in philatelic affairs.

New Member.

25. Helen Dean, 98 Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Cal.

The condition of the treasury is as follows:

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O. O. for March and April,	.51

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9	" 10c, Treasury	1	.25
10	" 15c. "	1	.30
11	" 90c. " fine	1	2.00
*12	" 12c. War "	1	.25
*13	1889, 3c. r. b. due "	1	3.00
*14	1895, 30c. deep claret	1	—
15	1893, 2c. Col. pck. 100	500	5.00
*16	Cuba sur 1c. d. p.	3	
*17	same 2 1-2	3	
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C. T. KIRKBY.

This month we have the likeness of our genial friend Kirkby of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Kirkby, who is nineteen years of age, and is cashier for the Bole Drug Co., a largr wholesale house of Winnipeg.

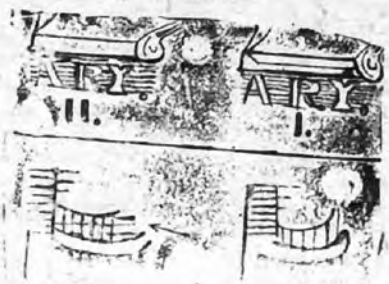
He began collecting stamps—Canada and U. S. only—when quite young, but two years ago sold his collection and has lately begun again.

Mr. Kirkby is a great admirer of the ladies as well as of stamps.

W. Russell Brown.

MINOR VARIETIES OF OUR CURRENT REVENUES.

BY ZURA.



Few collectors are aware that the current revenues come in a number of varieties and for the benefit of the uninitiated I will explain a few of these.

First, several values are found unrouletted and part rouletted. Second, there are two types of rouletting. One is a square and thin roulette while the other is thick and curved. No doubt most readers have noticed these differences, but of the minor varieties of the engraving most of us are still ignorant of. I have seen all the proprietary values and a few of the documentary values as above. Type 1, the open line of the scroll

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The All Around Philatelist has discontinued and its publisher gives out the following

NOTICE!

To the Readers of the All Around Philatelist.

It is with regret that I announce to the readers of the All Around Philatelist that I have discontinued my paper.

This sudden suspension is owing to my having embarked in a business which calls me away from home at irregular intervals; and also to the fact that it was not sufficiently supported by the public making it a considerable loss to me.

I have arranged with the Bay State Philatelist to fill out all subscriptions. Thanking the subscribers and advertisers who patronized me I remain,

Respectfully Yours,

Joseph P. Plourd.

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Look out for that Boston Correspondent, Mr. Umpire Severn.

The following are rank frauds:

Miss Dina Pereira, St. Michael, Azores.

James Woodfield, Queens St., Roseau, Dominica, B. W. I.

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We may have a few nearer home next month.

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work over the "do" and "ry" of documentary has a fine line dividing it.

In the proprietary series this is found over the "p" of proprietary and the period at the end of the word. Another minor variety occurs under the ball ot the scroll on the right hand side of the stamp. This variety occurs on both the varieties before mentioned. In type 1 the vertical lines beneath the scroll are plain whereas in type 11 they are cut by 3 or 4 fine horizontal lines.

Upon examining your duplicates, you will find all of the types described above as they seem to be very common.

REVIEW.

BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from April 24 to May 29:–

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Allegheny Philatelist, April.
All Around Philatelist, April.
Bi-Monthly Collector, May.
Can. Phil. Review, April.
East, March.
Evergreen State Philatelist, May.
Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, April.
Interpolitan Magazine, May.
Montreal Philatelist, May.
Perforator, April, May.
Philatelic Advocate, May.
Philatelic Bulletin, April.
Phil. Lit. Collector, May. (1898.)
Philatelic West, April.
Scribe, April.
Search Light, May.
Stamp Reporter, April, May. 3 nos.
Stamp Talk, April.
Stamp Tribune, May.
Virginia Philatelist, May.
Westerner, April.

Foreign.

Antverpia et Scaldis Philatelique Reunes, May.

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The *Bi-Monthly Collector* is an odd little paper, and is not free from the sins which beset older and larger papers. It carries ten pages of advertising to five of reading matter. The Canadian notes are rather interesting, and Mr. Cass, the publisher, says that, in his opinion, remainders are just as good as originals.

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Filatelic Facts and Fallacies gives the following account of a swindle.

There is trouble in the camp of the wouldbe Canadian dealer who advertised 100 "maple leaves" well mixed for ten cents, and who sent the U. S. collector ordering same, 100 dried and pressed maple leaves, the literal thing, and not stamps, as was expected. The collector did not take the joke well.

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From Woman's Standpoint, is the most interesting article in the *Perforator*. This magazine is as thick as ever, although it is composed mostly of advertising.

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The May *Advocate* contains little reading matter but Henry Ccapman's "Collecting of Stamps" is very good. Messrs. Stirnaman, a few more like that.

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Mr. Chapman's "Pencilings" and Miss Swift's "Review" are features of the "Spring Trade Boomer" of the *Philatelic Bulletin*.

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The Editor of the *Virginir Philatelist* offers a rather novel way of detecting counterfeits – process of printing. Now he must explain the differences of the various processes.

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The *Westerner* starts a very interesting The Gazette. There is not one word of mud slinging in it. Good enough. That is the reason of your success! Shake hands on the subject.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Many collectors think we will have a new issue shortly as none of the much looked for varieties, namely the 4, 5, and 7c. numeral, have appeared.

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The D. P. A. convention at Toronto July 1 promises to be better attended than any of the previous ones.

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The (Toronto) Canadian Philatelic Weekly has again appeared under new management.

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I recently received the following letter, containing a few common stamps, from the British West Indies:

Dear Sir —

I now right you for the very first time and I then sent you these stamps in the envelope and I now ask you to send me a full set of Canadian stamps used more at the present time on letters or if not send me some Nigaragua and some Dept. of Interior, Dept. of Justice, State Dept. and Navy Dept. and also some Peru stamps in it awaiting to hear from you by first mail,

Yours truly,

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The darker shade of lavender map stamps is still on sale at some offices,

W. Russell Brown.

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NEW YORK NOTES.

BY ALLEN H. WRIGHT.

Many are wondering why there is a period after the word "Cuba" on the special delivery stamps surcharged for use on that island, but no period after the same word in the surcharges on the 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10c. postage.

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A collector in this city (Albany) suggests that there will in time be a demand for the stamps of the present issue which show the line along the side, being the guide line for perforation, as I understand. He bases his opinion on the added value of the 3 cent outer line stamp of the issue of 1856-7. I cannot say that I agree with him, however.

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I have in my collection what I consider quite a curiosity in the way of provisional stamps of the United States. It is a vertical one-half of a 2 cent due stamp and was used at the Babylon, N. Y., post-office in 1891. A newspaper had been sent to a gentleman but he had moved and the newspaper was forwarded, marked "1 cent due" and the above mentioned provisional used. I obtained the newspaper with the stamp attached from the gentleman to whom it was addressed, the day it reached him. Hence I can vouch for its genuineness.

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During the year 1898 stamped envelopes were issued by the U. S. P. O. Department to the value of $83,289,253. It is estimated that during the year 1899 there will be issued envelopes to the value of $93,000,000.

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New Members.

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31. Albert Cochrane, Melrose, Mass.

Expelled.

James Woodfield, Roseau, Dominica. [By unanimous vote of Trustees.]

Applications.

A. W. Clough, Beach Bluff, Mass. Ref. R. Brown, Gile. Age 45. Ticket Agent.

Roy H. Williams, 440 Highland Ave. Malden, Mass. Ref. Kennedy, Gile. Age 14. Student.

Elden Leonard, Tippecanoe City, O. McConnell, Brown. Age 20. Clerk.

S. Ward Huntington, 666 E. Main St., Rochester, N. Y. Ref. Brown, Gile. Age 19. Bookkeeper.

Dr. J. A. Williams, Fort Wayne, Ind. Ref. Brown, Gile. Age 28. Dentist.

Chas. N. Leach, Box 138, Georgaville, R. I. Ref. Brown, Gile. Age 16. Stamp Dealer.

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HOW TO MAKE A PAPER SUCCESSFUL.

BY PHILOS.

Ask your friend, and he will undoubtedly tell you to obtain a large number of subscribers and run it in a business like manner. But I say he is wrong. He does not know what he is talking about. There is only one way. Run in twelve pages of advertising to one of reading matter. Yes. But how? Oh! That's easy enough. You send out something like 250 copies a month, so you claim a 5,000 circulation and will not budge an inch from your advertising rates. Well, by and by, an offer of half your rate comes along. Do you accept it? You bet, and in a hurry, too.

Another thing which can not help making your paper a success is a page or two devoted to personals. Insult from thirty to forty persons monthly and of course they will fall all over you trying to make your publication a success. Why shouldn't they?

Then there is still another fact to be placed in consideration. Never have your paper come out regularly. You would be a fool if you did. If it were to come out regularly, some people might believe that you were in it for money — an absurd idea, as you like to work for nothing. Now if some ambitious one will kindly follow this advice, he will have the best, oldest paper in the country with the largest subscription list. No superlatives at all gentlemen. Nous sommes dans serieux.

After trying to publish a magazine under these conditions and you fail to receive the hearty co-operation of your fellow collectors do not heap maledictions upon the writer as he has never tried the experiment and has only written this from a look at our current monthlies.

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The July and August numbers have been combined into one number. As in hot weather we throw off all superfluous clothing, so we leave off our cover this month

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In our May number we spoke of the sample copy fiend. Why not act, now? Let the publishers appoint someone to receive the lists and compile the book. Consider this a direct appeal to every publisher receiving this paper in exchange. Are you with us?

Some publishers may not voice the sentiments expressed in our leading article. To those we say:– Remember it is the opinion of the writer. Perhaps no other person agrees with him.

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Stampic America, a small philatelic magazine, has caused quite a commotion in the philatelic press. If free advertising is what its publisher wants, he is getting a great deal of it. And that is just what we think is up. If its publisher should start editing (and that is what we think he intends to do) a legitimate paper, he would have received an enormous amount of help by his shrewd move. Let us await developments. Hurrah for Stampic America.

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We report the following as frauds on the authority of Chas. E. Baker, Jr.

Joh. Albert Doorweerd, Medan, Persia,

W. M. Giffard, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Miss E. Pitot, Curepipe, Mauritius.

Fred Bush, Christiania, Norway.

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Stamp Talk well says that "There should be but one season for stamp collecting, and that ought to be all the time."

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It is surprising to see how many foreign entires you can get in a short time. We received twenty-seven in the small period of two months.

PEVIEW.

BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from May 29 to June 27.

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The Canadian Philatelic Review has been consolidated with Energy, a department paper. It contains a stamp column.

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The Evergreen State Philatelist says "au revoir" until Sept. 1. This is not a bad idea as interest in stamps increases inversely as the temperature. The Evergreen is neatly printed.

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The Juniors' Collector is a new paper and is very well arranged. The printing is very clear.

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A new paper on our desk is the Lone Star State Philatelist. The April number gives account of a rare local. This number also contains notes of interest. The Review is the best portion of the May edition.

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New York Philatelist gives a few cases of nerve. We have had similar experiences and can sympathize with Bro. Herbst. An article on Romagna is closed with the following paragraph:

At various times the philatelic market has been flooded with so-called "reprints" of these stamps; but for the most part these reprints are to all intents and purposes mere imitations, made from "doctored" electrotypes by a Hamburg speculator.

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Miss Swift's article, "A Philatelic Side Line", is the chief topic of interest in the Perforator for June. After speaking of errors, misplaced dies, etc., Miss Swift ends by saying

I save them myself gladly whenever they chance to flutter into my hands, and I should be glad to own many more than I do, but for the manufactured article of all classes and grades I feel nought in the way of interest, in fact, to speak the solemn truth, I feel a wee bit of scorn both for the things themselves and for those who are so persistent and untiring in making them. Don't you? (Oui)

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The Search Light now runs a stamp department. The following extract might be considered by some dealers with beneficial results.

Any dealer in stamps should if he values his stamps send return postage

Many small boys do not understand what approval sheets are sent for.

This edition is printed on much better paper.

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The Stamp Exchange. Pulchra, magna, et bona.

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Mr. Cass has the following to say in the Stamp Tribune:

Every collector should keep posted on matters philatelic, and in order to do so every collector should subscribe to at least half a dozen monthlies and one weekly.

The motto, "Bonus, Melior, Optimus" (Good, Better, Best.) is a conundrum to us. Mr. Lev certainly can not improve his paper so much as to reach the superlative degree. But perhaps he is going backwards. We hope not, Still we should like some information on that "motto".

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The Virginia Philatelist always comes last in our review owing to its alphabetical standing. (We reserve the good things till the last.) It is full of interesting articles, and what we said of the Stamp Exchange applies to this excellent paper.

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We have received a neat price list from Mr. A. R. Magill, of Montreal, Canada. If you wish one, write to him. His box number is 1019.

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We are sorry to hear that the Stamp Tribune was refused 2d class rates. But then, the adv. of the Ten. Co. might have been too much. Sorry

COMMENTS.

BY ALLEN H. WRIGHT.

It takes a long time to chase down and correct an erroneous statement after it once gets started on its journey. This is particularly true in regard to a remark some careless philatelic writer made about the words "United States Postage" first appearing in full upon the 4c. stamp of 1883. Brother Bradley of the "Stamp Reporter" in the number for April 8, gives the false statement a new lease of life, while if he had only taken time to think about his stamps he would have found that the above quoted words make their appearance on the stamps of 1869, beginning with the 2c.

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Items of a philatelic nature are very frequent in the public press of to-day. The Cincinnati Enquirer recently commented at some length on the sale of the Newspaper stamps and in conclusion said:

This revives temporarily a practice abolished by the late Walter Q. Gresham when postmaster general under President Arthur. For many years before Judge Gresham occupied that office it had been the custom of the postoffice department to sell at their face value sets of all issues of postage stamps of the United States, each stamp having printed on it the word "sample." Judgr Gresham decided that this was not a proper thing for the government to do, so he abolished the practice, notwithstanding the department derived a net annual

revenue of between $4,000 and $5,000 therefrom. As he had the plates destroyed the practice could not be revived by any of his successors unless thsy had necessary plates re-engraved. The only plates in existence now are those of the current series.

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BX PHILOS.

A scarce stamp in this vicinity is the current 80c. documentary. It seems that all collectors and dealers are after this stamp and yet there seems to be no increase in the stock on hand.

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A fine unused copy of the 1862-66 5 cent brown Scott's no. 108 was recently turned up in this city by a dealer and it was not the only good stamp that was turned up by this dealer.

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It is certain that the President of the Junior Philatelists will have to withdraw from membership in this society as he is now past the age limit.

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A certain dealer in New York is hunting customers, but in my opinion he is doing it the wrong way, i. e., sending out approval sheets without their being solicited. If ever anybody deserves to be "beaten", it is a dealer that sends out stamps on approval without their being solicited.

CLIPPINGS.

The ignorance displayed by certain Canadian philatelic editors and correspondents regarding the Xmas stamps is really amusing. One would judge by reading their notes that they thought the Imperial stamps were issued only for Dec. 25th 1898. Such is not the case however. These stamps were issued in commemoration of Imperial Penny postage and the date "Xmas 1898" is given so that the date of its inauguration will always be fresh in our memory. The Postmaster General informs us that he has no intention of discontinuing the use of this stamp.—Advocate.

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We congratulate Messrs. Starnaman on their find, the account of which is as follows:

The publishers of this paper were fortunate enough to secure what is probably the rarest Canadian stamp in existence. It is a one cent stamped envelope of the current issue. The envelope is embossed but has no color. In order to be convinced of its genuineness we mailed it, addressed to ourselves, and it was returned properly cancelled. To the best of our knowledge it is the only one of its kind. The stamp will be sold if a reasonable offer is received.

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Wm. C. Stone says: "The Weekly is now the leader among philatelic publications so far as numbers published are concerned." Excuse us Mr. Stone, but it is the leader every way.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The date of election (October) is drawing near, and in evidence of this I have received several nominations. Nominations should be sent to Mr. C. T. Kirkby, Box 325, Winnipeg, Manitoba, who is acting Sec. in the place of Mr. Brown who is unable to fulfill the duties of such owing to a lack of time.

The following nominations were received: (Mr. Kirkby please notice.) Pres., H. Gile. Vice Pres., W. Rus. Brown. Sec.-Treas., C. T. Kirkby. Librarian, W. Kennedy. Official Organ, Bay State Philatelist. All other nominations should be in by Sept. 15 Please attend to it. Only members of course have the right of nomination.

Herbert Gile.

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A Unique Way to Buy Stamps.

BY D. P. A. 254.

'Perley's struck luck! Where's mamma," shouted Harry, as he rushed into the kitchen. "Lars chil' what s dat yo' sa'? Whar dat boy, and what Master Perley struck him for?" "Where's mamma, Mary? I must tell mamma Perley's struck luck and found a bear." "Dot you mustn't chil' 'twould clean break her down. She'd be dat frightened she'd go into high-sticks. Yo' go tell Master Perley done go way with his bar." "Oh! Mary, it 'aint' a real bear. It is a stamp with a bear on it. And Perley says it's worth lots of money." "Lars chil' is that all. Go long tell your mammy I reckon dat'll be good for her poo' sick head.

Annie Redmond was the invalid wife of Jack Redmond, the tin peddler and ragman, commonly known as "Father Christmas", a name given him by the children because of his long flowing white beard and his wagon piled high with bags filled to overflowing. Poverty is usually associated with the word peddler especially rag-peddler. But although "Father Christmas" buys rags and sells tin the Redmond family live in luxury. The reason for this unusual state of affairs you would soon learn if you should go with "Father Christmas" on one of his trips gathering in his bags of wealth. The usual rag peddler picks over the rags and throws out the paper, but not so with "Father Christmas". He is careful to let all people know that he throws out nothing, but takes the rags bag and all.

In these bags he finds not only rags, but many letters. Some without the envelope to be sure, but many with envelopes, and it is not an unusual thing for Perley — Mr. Redmond's oldest son who is a successful stamp dealer — to find a rare stamp, as well as many common ones, which are useful in his business, in the pile of stamps which the half

dozen or more boys have carefully picked from the heap of rags that "Father Christmas" has collected.

This is as many know the most successful way of getting good stamps cheap. For while many people ignorant of the value of stamps throw many valuable ones into the fire there are others that throw them into the rag bag, and thus many of these valuable stamps are saved from destruction.

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Are the Seebecks' Hurtful to Philately?

BY ZURA.

On the whole, in answer to the above question, I would say "Yes." What are they? Nothing more than picture cards, and worth less. The high values of all Seebeck issues were never used for postage, and never intended to be used as such. If so, I have failed to hear of a case. They were made simply to sell to collectors at an enormous profit. It does not cost any more to make 1,000 "Ten Pesos', stamps than it does to make a like number of one centavo ones.

The lower values when used for postage are postage stamps and should be collected as such. By the terms of the Seebeck contract, after the issue has become obsolete the printers have the right to dispose of all remainders as they see fit, and of course great care is taken to see that enough remainders are left to make a dollar on.

And when the Seebeck countries (so called) come to issue one or two sets of stamps each year one can readily see that they keep the ball a rolling. Any engraving company might just as well make a series of finely executed minute engravings of birds, ships animals, etc. perforate them and place them in stationery stores for sale on account of their prettiness and brilliant colors. They would find a ready sale at a nominal price per set.

How do they hurt Philately? For illustration take the following. The beginner after securing some approval sheets notices these fine high values, and pretty, handsome, glorious, beautiful, and captivating postage stamps and invests in these instead of a few legitimate stamps which in years to come would advance in value. The beginner keeps his collection of gumpaps for five or ten years and when he comes to sell finds they are only worth what he paid for them and in most cases less. Does this collector become an enthusiastic philatelist in consequence of this? Nit. He gives the stamp collecting business up in disgust. What is the cause of his loss of interest and final death to the cause? The only answer we can get from him is "Seebecks". They are enough to make any one sick who invests in them in the expectation of realizing something on them in the future. The great, GREAT, GREAT grandfather's collection of Seebecks if bequeathed to the great, GREAT, GREAT grandson would make a poor legacy.

Of course ifthe collector has gotten

his eye teeth cut cares to invest in Seebecks why well and good. They are an ornament to any collection and make an impression on the non-collecting visitor. Most advanced collectors think of this and buy them as such.

But as for the young collector it is different. Let the dealer sell him good genuine stamps and which have done postal service or intended to do such and which in time will rise in value and he has started to make a collector who will always be a collector. If he wants Seebecks later on and buys them knowing what they are well and good. Nothing more can be said unless some other writer has a different view of the situation.

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Pittsburg Notes.

BY PHILOS.

The advance sheets of the new catalogue are out, showing alterations in prices of many of the United States stamps. The following prices are given for the used documentary, 1-2c gray brown 1, 2, 5, and 10c. at one cent each. The 4c. and $1.00 at two cents each. The 3 and 25c. at three cents each. The 40c. at six cents and the 80c. and $3.00 at fifteen cents each. Small I. R. at ten cents. Large surcharge 1 and 2c. at one cent. The above values are for good copies at net prices. No more 50 p. c. discounts.

The new Canada 2c. surcharge has been received on mail in this city, and unused lots have been received by dealers. There seems to be quite a demand for this stamp as every collector and dealer think it is a good stamp to buy.

The rest of this year's stamp season looks as if it were going to be a record breaker as business has started to pick up already and by the time coldweather comes it will be booming

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A batch of 2c. Columbians were on sale a short time ago at the Melrose, Mass. postoffice.

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Mr. C. E. Hussman of St. Louis, Mo. spent a few days in Boston during the last month.

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The new Cuban set has arrived in Boston and if we can believe what we hear they are well printed and centered. In fact it is understood that the government has done an A1 piece of work.

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Mr. James M. Chandler, Supt. of Sales in the Bay State Philatelic Assn. will leave for California on the first of October.

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With the cat. valuation of a stamp somewhere near its market quotation, the days of 60 and 75 p. c. discount are past. Some small concerns may undertake to offer stamps at a large discount but these will be of a poor grade.

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Editorial.

We have been asked several times why reports from various officers have not been printed. Several times, the reports were received too late and often we never obtained even a glimpse of them. This is sufficient.

Politics control the attention of the greater part of the collecting fraternity at present. News, isn't it?

Whether the Great Barrier Island stamps are a "fake" or not is a question which we should like settled Truly, it seems an easy matter to work a swindle on the philatelic world. Is it because we are held at a disadvantage?

The S. P. A. souvenir will certainly be "good." Anything carried out by the originators is sure to be all right.

Have you ever seen the picture of our noted friend Dietz? The next time that you receive the V. P. look on the cover. "It" is below the date and plainly labelled, Dietz.

Some papers start with a fine edition; some papers end with a fine edition; but very few start with a good number and keep it up. We can think of only one — The Virginia Philatelist. Under the able leadership of Messrs. Dietz, Stearns, and Paalzow, it holds a position second to none in the monthly philatelic world. You should subscribe.

Collecting seems to be carried to great extremes. One collects U. S. only, another collects Foreign, still another collects U. S. revenues, while the fourth collects British Colonials, the fifth Canadian revenues, the sixth Foreign revenues, the seventh entires the eighth plate numbers, the ninth postal cards, and one-hundred-and-one collectors "specialize" in one country. But for us the general collector is the "only" one. But there is where we differ.

The latest is the Philatelic Order of Masons. Who is the esteemed originator?



BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1.

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Search Light	2
Stamp Talk	3
Stamp Tribune	8
Virginia Philatelist	12
Westerner	1
Foreign.	
Antverpia (Belgium)	23
Stamps (England)	7

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The Allegheny Philatelist for July contains more reading matter than usual. Manila Mail, by H. L. Kiefer, is very interesting and gives a vivid description of the working of the postoffice in the land of Dewey. As usual, "New Issues" takes up a large part of the paper and the editorial is missing.

The Collectors' Companion has shown a great improvement. Give it your support.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies prints the following item:

The term "rouletting" is really foreign to the English language. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving have given us a satisfactory term, the adoption of which is heartily recommended to all philatelists. The new term is "Knife perforation"

The Juniors' Collector appears with a promptness that is commendable. It is neatly printed and contains matter interesting to young collectors.

The Monarch is chiefly composed of editorial items this month, some of which are very clever and true to life.

The Lone Star State Philatelist contains some Ante-Convention Notes and an able Review by Miss Swift. We are pleased to see that it has gained on Father Time.

The New York Philatelist bobs up for the second time after a lapse of several months. Any objections to sending it regularly, Mr. Publisher?

The quality of the reading matter in the Philatelic Advocate is improving. We always expect the Advocate on a certain day and are not generally disappointed. We also notice that this paper isn't cut and dried on stamps but gives us political history as well—a pleasing diversion.

The Way They do It in China, by Miss Swift, is the best part of Stamp Talk. Mr. F. A. Lilly is conducting the Review in an able manner.

Stamps from England gives a full account of the Manchester Exhibition. It also contains notes, etc., which make it an attractive magazine.



The philatelic journals have given circulation to the news of a projected new issue for the Transvaal. I am now enabled to give the following definite information on official authority. The designers and engravers are Messrs. Delfos Bros., of Pretoria. The colors will remain the same for each value as for the present issues. The designs, which are still in the hands of the engravers, are a bust of President Kruger for the values up to and including one shilling, and the arms of the republic for all the higher values. The new issues will not be ready for at least five or six months. The reason for the change is that the Volksraad considers it advisable to have the stamps manufactured in Pretoria, as the government has its own printing office.

The Act of the Volksraad, which will govern the issue of the new series, provides that a sufficient quantity of stamps must always be in stock, and that they are to be printed at the State printing office; that all dies, forms, etc., must be placed in a room, locked with three different locks, that every member of the committee must have one of the keys, and that two members of the committee must always be present during the printing of the stamps.—Philatelic Journal of India.

Dealers Attention.

The Sept. number of the Collectors Companion will be a special. Besides reaching our regular subscribers it will be sent to names as per the Ind. Collectors Directory, American Philatelic Association members, and many others. Advertisements at 10c. per inch will certainly pay. Give me a trial and be pleased. Cash with copy. Subscribe. 12c. per year. 12 iss. **W. Wendover, Red Creek, N. Y.**

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Lou. O. Brosie,

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Pittsburg, Pennyslvania.

South African Notes.

BY A. L. A.

The stamp trade here is as brisk as ever, except with the Transvaal, owing to that country's being in an unsettled state just now.

It may not be generally known that with the 1s. present issue Natal stamp red and orange, 1888 issue, there is a slight variation, viz:- the E of postage is broken and appears without the top bar. This is exceedingly rare, as there is only one in the whole sheet.

It may be interesting to know that before the 1d. postage rate was introduced into to the British Colonies, the number of mail bags for Durban alone has increased 50 p. c. Before, the number used to be 40 bags, now it is 67, more than half as much again.

The new issue of Rhodesia has come out and is far superior in design and color to the last issue which are now obsolete and are very much sought for, especially the 8d. ones, of which very few were issued.

Natal 5 shilling[s] red violet, perf. 14, is very hard to get hold of used.

Our Premier, Sir Henry Binns, K. C. M. G., who did so much to get and succeeded in getting the Imperial penny postage extended to this colony, has just died.

Transvaal is to withdraw the present issue of stamps and issue a new design altogether. This will be very good as some of their stamps at present are very misleading.— June 13, 1899.

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President's Address.

Fellow Members.— It is drawing near the time for the annual election for officers, so I desire to let you know that it is time to send in your nominations for the following offices viz, President, Vice President, Sec.-Treas., Librarian, Auction Manager, Sales Superintendent, and Official Organ. All nominations should be in by the 10th of August so that Sec. Treas. may be able to have them in his August report. Election will be held in Sept. so see that your dues are paid for the year or your vote will not count. Hoping that all members will vote

I remain

Yours fraternally,
Lou. O. Brosie.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

New Members.

No. 27. S. E. Moisant, 246 Greenwood Ave., Kankakee, Ill.

No. 28. W. H. McDowell, Irvona, Penn.

Cash on hand per last report	$1.14
Dues of new members	.30
O. O. for June	.29
Postage	.10
Cash on hand	$1.05

Thos. C. Disbrow, Sec.-Treas.

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Supt. of Sales Report.

Fellow Members.— I desire to state that I am awfully discouraged with the sales in this department in the past six months, as the commissions on sales have hardly paid the postage on the lots sent out. I do not like to return books to owners with just a few cents worth sold out of them. What is the cause of this? Now see if we can not do better on the next lot. Give me your support. I know you cannot buy the stamps any cheaper off of a dealer. Look up your wants and be ready for the next circuit.

Fraternally yours
Lou. O. Brosie.

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The traders of Anvers, Belgium are sending out a large stamp on their correspondence. The head on this stamp is that of A. van Dyck. It is engraved by Dethysebaert, of Anvers.

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HERBERT GILE,

Melrose Hlds., Mass.

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Vol. 2, No. 10-11. October-November, 1899. Whole No. 14-15.

Canadian Stamps from 1869-99.

BY PHILOS.

In 1869, a series of stamps were prepared by the Canadian Postal authorities which was destined to remain in use for twenty nine years. Oh that history would repeat itself in this particular country at this time. The set consisted of six values ranging from one to ten cents. These were of fine engraving but the gum was abominable and the perforation bad. For all that they were a "bona fide" issue and not intended to rob collectors. Next on the programme came a small black stamp of the denomination of one half of a cent. Before this stamp was withdrawn in the spring of 1897, large quantities were bought up; not for speculation, but simply owing to its popularity. In 1883 some changes were made in the coloring but this was a legitimate action. In 1893 Canada made its first approach to a high value stamp, viz. the fifty cent denomination. Doubtless this also was above speculative taint but — that was the last.

Behold! Behold! The Jubilee Issue! The size of a shingle. Of denominations from one half cent to the mighty five dollars. The number printed of each denomination was exploited far and near. The one half cent and six cents were to be the scarcest. Rumors were floated that capitalists were to make a corner. Alas for them not enough were put on sale to corner. The post office employees had attended to that. The price went up, up until the six cent was advertised at five dollars. Then a few of these trusted public officials emptied a few(?) on the market and the price came down as quickly as it went up. A new set was quickly issued.

But still the revenue was insufficient to meet expenses. The beings in power scratched their heads in dire perplexity. What was to be done? Ah! the French Canadians, the saviour of "their" country. They could not read English after being born and bred in an English speaking country. So an

ntirely new set was prepared but the denominations only reached ten cents Notwithstanding the speculative tendencies of these stamps, they form a beautiful set, a set which any Canadian collector might well be proud of for it stands for art and skill — in drawing money from the unwary stamp fiend.

The two cent stamp had formerly been issued in a purple color but was changed "to conform to the U. P. U. regulations." Then "by accident" a few thousand envelopes were prinied a wrong color. Then surcharges, special delivery stamps, ach, Christopher Columbus——

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Chatty Notes from Canada.

R F. C. Robinson whom I see cheated and defrauded many collectors among them being Henry A. Chapman who referred to him in the Allegheny Philatelist, is a young man of about 23 years of age. He came to Winnipeg from Huns Valley in the early part of February and seems to have worked a game of fraud. (By the way he let me in for five dollars.) and was altogether dishonest. He has just left for England. I am making inquiries as to his whereabouts and will give the address of his father publicly in the next issue of this valuable paper and which I trust will be taken advantage of by collectors and dealers.

What we want are Philatelic stories in our magazines. Nothing would be of more interest than a good interesting serial instead of notes from differdnt cities dealing mostly with people we know nothing about. It would not only be a blessing to the subscribers but enrich the publishers' purse. There are many in our ranks who have the ability. Why not turn it to good account?

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Out of 2,186,800,000 letters that passed through the British post Office last year there were as many as 8,500 000 which the officials managed not to deliver. In those opened at the dead letter office, property to the amount of £3,600,000 was found.

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M. Victor Robert, the famous stamp collector, is about to present his magnificent collection of 20,000 varieties of stamps to the Cabinet des Estamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the introduction of Frence postage stamps. Among the collections that he has recently bought are those of the Comte Primoli, of M. Augusta Sem et Momens, of Brussells, and of Senor Vidal y Quadras, of Barcelona. It contains a complete collection of French stamps including the famous issue of 1849 (the 1st.) which were struck off in nine colors with the head of Liberty.

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The smallest letter that ever went through the mail is just an half an inch wide by 11-16 of an inch long

It has four pages and is neatly written in a perfectly legible hand without the use of a microscope and contains 134 words. This letter was so small that it looked like a postage stamp in the letter box.

Charles W. Sait.

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Pittsburg Notes.

This city was well represented at the conventions of the different societies held in Detroit, as five philatelists from this city were present, and several offices were captured by them.

A dealer in this city had about 20,000 common U. S. sent him and in sorting them over, he had the good luck to find about a dozen of the 2c. green of 1887, a 1c. blue of the same year, and a 4c. green of 1883, which had double perforations.

The new catalogue is promised to be out on or about Oct. 15. The chief difference between it and the 1898 edition is in the arrangement of shades and minor varieties. These will not have special numbers but in no way will this detract from the completeness of this work as all varieties worthy of recognition will be properly noted.

It is noted in one of the stamp papers that the stamps of Guam are on exhibit by the different stamp firms. The surcharge is printed horizontally across the lower part of the stamp in thin letters. It is said that it is a poor piece of work.

Philos.

Stray Items

The New York Philatelist now favors us with an exchange and the Montreal Philatelist is the only one to hold aloof. "Any objections to sending it?"

Very few monthlies carry as much advertising as the Herald Exchange.

The address of James M. Chandler, member B. S. P. A., is now changed from Jamaica Plain to Thacher School, Nordhoff, California.

Business should take a jump now that the new catalogue is out.

Every department of the Bay State Philatelic Association will be conducted in an active manner this year. Foreign collectors who are members will find it an excellent way of disposing of their duplicates and especially of their country.

Just think! Boston is without a stamp magazine. Where are the enthusiasts of Boston?

If every collector would invest 25 or 50c. in a magazine, it would be the best placed money he ever put out.

It will do H. A. C. good to know that there are three lady nominees in the Junior Philatelists.

That "Philatelic Order of Masons" gets a good whack by Mr. Dodge, and the aforesaid gentleman speaks with assurance. It will be just as well to wait and watch the fun.

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EDITORIAL.

All subscriptions will be extended one month on account of the October and November issues having been combined.

The above is a combine in name only. There is the same number of pages, and it was done only to bring the date of issue on the first of the month. The next issue will appear promptly on Dec. 1. All matter intended for such should be in by the 12th of the month at the latest.

On page one there is a serious mistake in grammar which somehow slipped by.

According to the latest advices, the surcharged stamps (U. S.) of Porto Rico are likely to be "good things." But according to our own calculations they will never be rare in the literal meaning of the term.

Everyone is venturing a guess about Stampic America and we will give ours. Published by Mr. Chapman's son. Object, advertising.

W. Russell Brown is "out" for the office of Vice President in the Bay State Philatelic Association.

The philatelic prophet as concerning the winter trade, is out in full force and as usual it is going to be a hummer.

There are certainly some bargains advertised this month that you need. Now why not look it up?

If your subscription expired last month and you receive this as a sample copy, it is an invitation to renew which will not be given again.

What opinion would you have of a publisher who on suspending his publication, failed to have his subscription list filled by another paper?

REVIEW

BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

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Collectors' Companion	1	4
Collector	1	2
Energy	1	5
Evergreen State Philatelist	12	1
Filatelic Facts and Fallacies	7	12
Illinois Philatelist	1	2
Juniors' Collector	1	6-7
Monarch	2	3
Ohio Philatelist	1	1
Philatelic Advocate	7	4
Philatelic Bulletin	23	1
Stamp Tribune	1	9
Virginia Philatelist	3	1
Western Philatelic News	1	1
Foreign.		
Antverpia (Belgium)	2	24
Stamps (England)	3	9

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Doing Missionary Work, by Phil. A. Telist is the leader as usual in the *Allegheny Philatelist*. Isn't Phil. A. Telist a second Reginald Kinnersley? This paper has been chosen Official Organ of the Iron City Philatelic Society. Philatelic Boston by H. A. Chapman is intensely interesting to us. Next time we hope Mr. Chapman will run out and see us although we aren't one of the notables. Comprenez-vous Gerant?

The *Collectors' Companion*, published by Walter C. Wendover, is a neatly printed paper. The Publisher has the push in him to make it successful.

The *Collector* published by Mr. Dodge is good typographically. Although the S. of P. Convention and reports take up a large share of space they are interesting and furnish good food for thought.

Energy says sample copy fiends will be unmercifully dealt with. We hope he will not hit them with one of those fierce looking bones.

The *Evergreen* is back again after a rest of three months. We don't grudge Mr. French the rest, as does Britannicus, although said person was doubtless sincere in his remarks. It contains more reading matter than usual.

The *Illinois Philatelist* is a neat little paper published by S. E. Moisant of Kankakee, Ill. Subscription, 15 cents.

The *Juniors' Collector* is another small one evidently printed by the same party. It is publlshed by Treymond Babcock, Dayton, Texas. Subscription, 15c.

The *Ohio Philatelist* is by far the best little paper we have received this month. It is published by R. L. Doak, Pearl. Ohio. It seems as though this also was printed by the same party. Success to you, Ed.

S. A. D. Cox tells us to be Steadfast in the Oct. *Philatelic Advocate* and makes some good points. The editor gives us a page and a half of

Comments

Does the philatelic public properly support our magazines? We think not. We will say that there are 200,000 (a conservative estimate) collectors in the United States and Canada. Every collector should subscribe to at least one paper. At this rate every paper should have at least 4000 subscribers Do they? As an example take the Stamp Exchange and Stamp Talk. The two combined and then showed a subscription list of only 1000. This is an average of one person in eight. And then then they wonder why we do not produce a hundred page paper monthly.

Now is the time for some one to get the above one thousand subscribers. If one can pay cash or give a 90 day note they may get them. Unless some publisher gives a good fat price we think that the subscribers will go without a paper.

What is your opinion of the new catalogue?

Where are our papers? They have not even claimed "on good authority" that Dewey is a stamp collector.

It is about time that papers published anonymously were stopped. It is now an old story. Give us the genuine for a change.

It is now the season for new papers to embark upon a voyoge "which will be calm" so calm in fact that they will soon be at a standstill.

CLIPPINGS

Much of the power for reform lies in the hands of our editors. If they would only return articles on written bare subjects, no matter how well prepared they might be and no matter who the author, we should not be so over run. One editor (and I honor him for it!) has been known to do this, I heard of the letter though I did not see it. It was a courteously worded rejection of a well written manuscript whose only fault was its worn subject; it is seldom indeed that a fairly well prepared philatelic manuscript comes home to its author, so the writer was somewhat astonished but it evidently did him good, for he now not only sees that reform was needed but thinks it wotth trying for. Won't you please try also, friend reader—writer? Suppose we all try together.—Herald Exchange.

I occasionally read of the work of substituters. I consider a substituter the meanest kind of a thief—worse than the thief who steals a batch of stamps by the wholesale. I would like to see all societies act together in this matter, and where a substituter is caught let him be eternally barred as a member of a philatelic cociety, if possible, and I think he can be successfully shut out.—Herald Exchange.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

I have received the following nominations for the coming election.

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The Junior Collector.

All ballots must be sent to me within 15 days after the publication of this report.

I regret very much to say that I have received the resignation of John P. Wright of Newport, R. I. As Mr. Wright was a member in good standing his resignation was accepted.

Have also received from Mr. W. H. Mc Dowell 40 cents to add to the treasury. In the place of the society, I thank him for the same. Several members have not sent in their dues. It would greatly oblige me if they did so at once.

Cash on hand per last report	$1.05
Recd. from W. H. Mc Dowell	.40
Dues of members recd.	.55
O. O. for July	.29
Postage used by Sec.-Treas. amounting to 34 cents	Donated.
Cash on hand	$1.71

Thos. C. Disbrow, Sec.-Treas,

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If any of the above candidates have half tones of themselves, we should be glad to print them in our next issue.

Publisher.

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It is hoped that every member will vote.

To the Members of the Junior Philatelists:—

Believing that I can aid my fellow members, and at the same time advance the interests of the society, I have decided to accept the nomination for Sec.-Treas. of the J. P. I will greatly appreciate your vote and influence, and will devote much of my time to the building up of the society in the South. If elected I will discharge the duties of the office in a manner that I think will be to the credit of the society. I sincerely ask your kind support in this my first demand. Any favor rendered me will always be remembered and the appreciation will be shown at the first favorable opportunity. Thanking you in advance for your support I am

Yours for Progress,
Treymond Babcock.

Dayton, Texas. August 25, 1899.

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Librarian's Report.

Fellow Members,

Since my last report I have only received two (2) papers, viz: The Bay State Philatelist, Vol. No. 7-8 and the July Philatelic Advocate. Both were sent by the publishers.

Yours sincerely,
Morgan Buffington.

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A postage stamp may of England and Wales has been made by Mr. D. M. Murrow, Wood Green, London. The exact number of stamps in the map is 2139, and na two stamps are alike.—Globe.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

New Member.

39. S. E. Moisant.

Applications.

40. Ralph W. Gosset, Ponsonby, Auckland, N. Z.

41. John T. Atsatt, Mattapoisett, Mass.

42. John Wm. Long, Bloomington, Ill.

C. T. Kirkby.

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Members are reminded that they must send their nominations in immediately. And right here I should like to say that it would not hurt the society or the members either if they would shake a little life into themselves. H. G.

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BY CECIL RAWSON.

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Editorial.

See announcement on page 8 of this number.

On page eight we mention the fact that the standard of the literature of this paper is to be raised. By this we mean two things:– 1st. The articles will be interesting. 2d. We want the literature improved. In regard to the first, there is no donbt but that we can make an improvement, and the second will not be so very hard either. Hereafter our columns will be denied to that element which desires only to see its articles in print. Probably the one great reason why so many of our papers publish trash is because of the poor support by collectors in general. But we believe that if a publisher sends out a sheet containing good matter, he will receive the support due him.

By the above we do not wish to make you believe that we intend to publish a 40 or 50 page magazine filled with articles by Miss Swift, "H. A. C.", Lacus Viridis, or their equals. That would be manifestly impossible. But we do promise good reading matter or none at all. It is our opinion that eight pages of good matter will receive more support than one hundred and eight of trash.

Also a word in regard to Philatelic fiction. Why has so much been said and written against it? Is it possible that philatelists as a class never read fiction? No. Certainly not. Then why should they not appreciate "stories" especially when they are written on a subject dear to them? We believe they would be received with pleasure. A story can be made instructive as well as interesting. The trouble with the papers of today is that they are composed entirely of instructive articles and anything in the fictitious line [except wonderful facts (?)] is hooted down. Now the instructive article has

its place, and a most important one it is, but it should not monopolize all the space of our monthlies.

A Find.

The days of "finds" are not yet over. One of our local collectors, Mr. James Adams, recently had the good fortune of being presented with twenty-one copies of the 1869 issue 15c. Landing of Columbus, framed and unframed. Besides these, there were several of the 1, 6, 10, and 12c. of the same issue. He is certainly in luck.

Bay State Philatelic Assn.

members please notice. The following nominations were received too late for insertion in the regular column. However these should receive as much attention as those on page 7. They are:–

Vice Pressident.
G. A. Hunt.
Librarian.
J. H. Lowe.
Auction Mgr.
Trustee.
J. M. Chandler.

Magnus Cicero et Caesar.

So now we are to have more 'Pig'n Post' stamps, fakes or whatever you wish to call them. The following is from the November *Montreal Phil.*—

The proprietor of the original Grt. Barrier Pigeongram agency is about to inaugurate a pigeon service between the Marotiri Islds. and Auckland.

REVIEW

BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.

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Jubilee Philatelist	1	2
Lone Star State Philatelist	7	12
Monarch	2	4
Montreal Philatelist	2	5
Moline Stamp News	1	1
New York Philatelist	7	1
Philatelic Advocate	7	5
Philatelic Bulletin	23	2
Philatelic West	10	3
Search Light	2	3
Stamp Tribune	1	10
Virginia Philatelist	3	2, 3
Foreign.		
Antverpia (Belgium)	2	25
Stamps (England)	3	10

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The *Allegheny Philatelist* gives us an article on the "Telegraph Franks of Canada" and strange to say it is not written by Phil. A. Telist. It gives notice of a queer fad.—"One of the latest fads among local collectors is the making of a one cent collection embracing specimens of all varieties

of one cent stamps issued and used in this country.—It is certainly a one cent idea.

The *Atlas* is published by A. Burnnam of New York. It is printed in English, French and German. It seems to be composed mostly of matter of interest to souvenir card collectors.

The *Collector* gives us the personnel of philately and reminds us that the ranks of philately are almost exclusively composed of adults. Also "Size up the stamp collectors of the world: weigh them in the balance; you will not find them wanting in any department, least of all in the department of brains, get up, energy, hustle and get-there."—

Energy is composed chiefly of advertising this month although there is one article on "Work for Our Societies."

The *Herald Exchange* for Oct. contains a splendid article by Miss Swift entitled "Where Reform is needed," a portion of which was copied in the last issue of this paper. There are several other articles and much advertising. It is certainly worth more than the subscription price.

The *Jubilee Philatelist* is a paper which deserves honorable mention. It is a pity that it cannot have a more favorable location. However we expect great things of it.

The *Moline Stamp News* is a small one from Moline, Illinois. It is published by L. Mayer at 15c. a year. It is neatly printed on good paper.

An article on the "Westervelt Local" by Dr. Evans and illustrated by the original plates is the leader in the *New York Philatelist.* It also contains sketches of Erwin L. Shove and H. A. Chapman.

The *Philatelic Advocate* promises us a large issue for January with a proportionate circulation. We can always trust what the "Ad." says. Pithy Philatelic Points, United States Min-(? utes, and the Argentine Republic are the contributions for this month.

Philatelic Bulletin continues the "Stamps of Schleswig-Holstein." Old Dominion Notes, Editorial, a Reference List of Type and Die Varieties and the Review complete a very good number.

The *Philatelic West* edifies its readers with an account of how some South American "errors" are made. We copy the following:

"Wm. Manuel Antonio de Canalho Aranha, what a name readers, asked me if I wished to join him in buying a lot of surcharges with errors printed, and if I would go halves with him for the profit. I curbed my temper and asked how it could be done. Oh. I have a relative and great friend at the government printing office, and I can have anything done there for a little favor to my friend."

The remainder of the paper is given over to camera news, society reports, etc.

"Some Nuisances of Philately" occupies the place of honor in the *Stamp Tribune.* By the way this paper looks very attractive with its neat cover printed in green.

The *Virginia Philatelist* prints much of interest each month. We notice the following and would call it to the attention of all sample copy fiends.

"Common courtesy demands that we enclose a stamp for reply when addressing a query to a stranger. The same should apply when requesting a sample copy of a philatelic paper.

Antverpia is quite a successful paper containing departments in Natural history, Stamps, etc. Tres bien, Monsieur "Gerant" d'Antverpia

Stamps of England deserves all the praise it receives. The circulation of this number is 2500. This is quite a feather in Mr. Heygate's cap as the English publisher does not have the advantage of second class postage. It looks as if it were official organ of every stamp club in England.

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CLIPPINGS

Used or Unused.

The subject of used or unused stamps has been agitated a good deal and paobably will be to the end of the chapter. Stamps in either condition have their devotees. If a person can afford both, separate collections of each might be kept with profit, one perhaps for show, the other value. For myself, I believe that where there is little room for doubt as to genuineness, in putting the clean, unused stamp in the album but in many cases I insert good specimens of both—side by side, so that those who look at them can be suited There is a good deal in pleasing folks sometimes, which view was in the mind of the young voter who had two "girls" and he thought ;–

"How happy I could be with either,
If t'other were away."

He was about to cast his maiden vote and the two young ladies who belonged to opposite parties were on the watch to see how he voted, and—he knew it. He accordingly pasted the opposing ballots back to back and boldly tried to place them in the box. The consequence was an irate female on each side of him pummeled his head, and he was incarcerated in jail minus his honor, also minus a charmer. But is this irrelevant to stamps. I would say collect as suits your own ideas. "Collect the present issues used" may suit a few people but I am safe in saying that the majority will exclaim, 'Nonsense!" Certainly the dealers think so, for if used stamps only were the rule, at least two thirds of the sellers would have to go out of the business, and the special advertisers of them "wouldn't be in it."—Herald Exchange.

Junior Philatelists Attention.

The report of the election was received too late for insertion in this number. We will say however that in every case except that of Librarian the old officers were elected. In the case of the Librarian there was a tie vote. Mr. Disbrow informs me that he will receive votes for this office from all who have as yet not voted.

Stray Items

Mr. James M. Chandler is our subscription and advertising agent for the West. His address is Nordhoff, Cal.

Mr. Rudolph Bach has gone to the "war". It would be unfortunate if he were "bored by a Boer but—

Now it turns out that the Great Barrier Island "fakes" were printed from an ordinary electrotype. Worse and more of it.

A new kink! The Virginia Phil. is to be edited alternately by Bradley and Dietz. In the latter, "Bradley is doing the lying" ~~for~~ November.

The size of this paper will certainly be larger next month.

The Advocate intimates that it is going to have a 100 page edition for January. We can readily believe it after the fine number of last winter.

You should certainly join the Bay State Philatelic Association. This society gives benefits which are real and which are not on paper only. C. T. Kirkby, Box 325, Winnipeg, Man. or publiseer of this paper will furnish you with blanks.

All copy for the next number must be in by Dec. 5.

The Jubilee Philatelist from Canada is a very neat, interesting paper which deserves to be well supported by all.

Mr. Chapman has given 550 papers to the Junior Philatelic Society. Well everyone knows that he's one of the "boys."

There is always a fraud in the stamp world. First Williams & Co., then "birds" and after that the Great Barrier Island fake. What next?

A writer in a European periodical says that there are more frauds in Canada than in any other country. We have yet to hear a protest from across the line.

Now one and all let's support Mr. Chapman in the Adhesive venture. "The grand old man" of philatelic journalism deserves it.

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Mr. James M. Chandler has resigned the office of Supt. of Sales. As the election will be held immediately, no one was appointed to fill his place.

Everyone who has the interest of the society at heart will of course vote. Those who do not vote can not complain of the management of the society.

I have received the following nominations from C. T. Kirkby.

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Herbert Gile.

Vice President.

J. H. Lowe.

Russell Brown.

Sec.-Treas.

C. T. Kirkby.

Supt. of Sales.

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Allen H. Wright.

Thos. C. Disbrow.

Librarian.

Morgan Buffington.

W. Kennedy.

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G. F. Dole,
CHICAGO, Ill.

An= nounce= ment for 1900.

During the coming year, this paper will publish articles of interest, and interest only. It is the intention of the publisher to raise the standard of the literature of the Bay State Philatelist.

For further particulars see the "Editorial" column.

CUBA. PORTO RICO.

Packet 22 contains 15 var. a map stamp and letter card 2c. on 3c. go with the packet. Cheap at the price only 20c.

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Packet 44 contains 200 var. foreign stamps, price only 25c.

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Charles Tait,
GLENLEA, Manitoba.

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A Look to the Future.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

"A look to the future." Such is the subject upon which ye editor has requested me to train my spectacles and my powers of observation, but not being gifted with the glasses of a magician or the spirit of prophecy I find the aforesaid future rather of a hard thing to penetrate. It strikes me however, that it is the dealer rather than the collector or scribe who should regard the future with respectful optics and earnest attention, and that he is in many cases sadly deficient in the intensity of his gaze. Of course the collector should do some looking too, but beginners are not often posted in the necessary process, and here it is where the eyes of the dealer are at fault.

The majority of dealers in making sales to young collectors are entirely too prone to regard their own present interests instead of their future, or the interests of their customer, hence the unposted beginner is induced to take stamps that are really undesirable because of heavy cancelation, or damaged condition, and at a price that is little, if any, below that at which a well posted collector could buy decent specimens of the same kind. Speculative issues too are freely sold to the unsuspicious tyro, and all without any explanation that it must be many a day before they will be actually worth what he has just paid for them. Handsome stamps are very apt to catch the eye of a beginner, and far too many dealers will take advantage of the fact not thinking, or perhaps not caring, what will be the result when the buyer learns later on to look at the future and see how much better things he might have bought at the same cost. Of course the dealers attain their object of present sales and profits, but they do not "look to the future" and do not

consider that when the customer learns to gaze that way he will be more than likely to take his custom to a new house.

Sometimes a dealer of seemingly good repute will take advantage of one they consider a tyro to work off poor or common stamps at a good big price, far beyond what they would think of expecting a well versed collector to pay. I once sent such a dealer a want list of some common stamps priced at from one to three cents, continentals mostly, needed to complete certain issues, and if you'll believe it His Highness, who was selling that stuff in 10c. per 100 variety packets, actually charged me full catalogue value for every stamp in the lot. Sooner than have any argument I paid the bill, but that was, and will be, the end of my dealings with that firm. He didn't "look to the future" and thus in the eagerness for present gain diverted custom that would later have come from others than myself.

The collector too is often shorter sighted than for the sake of his own interests he should be. He sees something he wants, and buys it without stopping to think whether it will be cheaper in the future than in the present. The result is that some folks who gave $1.50 or so for a one half cent Canadian Jubilee are now envying their keener sighted brethren and sisters who waited before buying until the rush had recoiled on itself and brought the price down to 15c. As a general thing, the stamps that everyone is in a hurry to obtain are the very ones that the wise collector will gaze upon carefully with the specs he dons when trying to bring the "future" into the focus of his view. The exceptions are usually merely those which prove the rule.

The various governments all over the world should give more respectful attention to the future too, or they, like a certain gentleman who bought an immense number of our current Die A on white envelopes when the variety was first discovered thinking to make a good sum in reselling them may find that their little money making scheme has come to naught. If they would just look into the future far enough to realize that such bountiful and long continued demands upon ones' purse must undoubtedly force the would other-wise-be generalist into making specialties of one or two countries the result might perhaps be a benefit to philately as well as to themselves, for, if their issues were not so many they could better hold their place in the affections of our clan and thus retain us as customers in a body instead of having to depend for their stampic revenues upon beginners whose interest in their pur chases will wane fast as years bring wisdom and knowledge to the purchasers.

We all need to "look to the future" in some way or another, perhaps in our buying, perhaps in our selling; or perhaps even in such a simple thing as giving advice to the younger collectors. It is a good thing to do,

whether for personal reasons or for the sake of others, to often "look to the future."

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Philatelic Toronto.

BY JOHN H. LOWE.

Of all the cities of older Canada, Toronto is pre-eminent in many respects, but any one who is especially interested in the study of the various phases of her life will be most struck by her growth within the century from an insignificant hamlet to a city; the largest (in area) in British North America and second only in wealth and population to cities older by a century and a half and possessing natural advantages. From her comparative youth the history of Toronto presents few of the picturesque and quaint features in which the stories of Montreal and Quebec abound, but is by no means devoid of incident. The horrors of war were brought home to the early settlers of York in a startling, vivid and unpleasant manner and a quarter of a century later the bloody results of civic strife and lawlessness of almost an entire province were most prominent in the vicinity of York's civic successor— Toronto.

The story of Toronto since Confederatton has been one of uninterrupted progress. The most stirring events of the period will still be fresh in the memories of most of our readers. Business has been good and has steadily expanded although land fever and speculation has on more than one occasion resulted in a certain amount of depression. The population has more than trebled in twenty years, while factories and business houses have increased in equal ratio.

With the rapid growth of Toronto Philately had been steadily gaining an eminence, and stamp collectiug was known in Toronto as early as 1868, and today is the philatelic centre of Canada.

THIS IS NO DREAM.

WRITTEN IN 2998.

In the fall of the year 2998 I was in the ancient town of Haugville, corrupted from the name of a town about fifty miles from Toronto. I made the acquaintance of an old farmer one afternoon and asked him if he had any old stamps. On being shown his correspondence, I perceived a copy of the 6c. Canada, then a British possession. I also found a copy of the 3c Canada, 1898, with 10652 lines instead of the common variety of 10651 and perforation 14 5-8 instead of 14. There were also many of the issues following these. One I may remark upon. Sir Wm. Mulock, in early days Postmaster of Canada, and the originator of Penny Postage to England and the Cannibal Islands, had himself represented on one stamp, surrounded by the Maple Leaves, also another with the photo of his office boy at that time. I secured nine of these, only ten being issued. After gathering them up, I proceeded down stairs and strange but true I did not awake.

To be continued.

Note.—Philatelic Tnronto was originally published in book form and contained matte foreign to Toronto, therefore it will not always contain matter relating to its title.

Advice to a Young Collector.

BY CECIL RAWSON.

As in my article last month in which I advised a young dealer to know whether he was going to deal for one month or whether he would de a dealer for a reasonable time, so do I this month advise the young collector to ponder a few moments before entering upon the active and pleasure giving duties of a true stamp collector, as to the time he will collect.

Before starting out as such, the collector, like the dealer, must have the required articles. If he is sufficiently fixed in his financial pocket, I should advise him to get the following:– Latest International Album, Latest Catalogue (Standard), 100 approval sheets for duplicates, 10,000 genuine onion skin hinges, a perf. and grill gauge, and a surcharge measure. Of course dealers give discounts and the above could be obtained for the sum of $6.00. Now come the stamps. I would buy the 25c. per 1000 mixture which is sold by all reliable dealers, a 10c. per 100 variety packet, and about $3 or $4 worth of the common stamps. You place your duplicates on sheets and "swap" stamps with fellow Philatelists in your own city or town.

I would look around and try to get the correspondence of a long established firm, which corresponds to a good degree. In these papers you will most likely find many rarities, that is, stamps catalogued from 2c. to 50c. perhaps $1.00 which would be rarities to you at this time.

If there is a flourishing city or state society in your state, it would be well to join it. By doing so, you gain Philatelic knowledge, obtain good stamps at low prices, increase oour exchange list, and get in touch with fellow Philatelists. Subscribe also to the leading monthlies and all flourishing weeklies.

You can now exchange with foreign collectors. In doing so, always be sure that the stsmps you send, as well as those those you receive, are genuine.

Then again always exchange fair, be careful of the condition of the stamps you send and also of those you receive. and above all be courteous. It is well to price stamps by the latest Standard Catalogue (Scott's) as it is more generally used than Gibbons or Senfs although they are good ones.

You could now proceed as a general collector, adhering in all your dealings to honesty, uprightness, and politeness. Never let your debits get ahead of your credits if you start an account and always correspond with dealers of reputation. It pays in the end.

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Mr. James Wurtele has bought, and is now sole owner of, the Montreal Philatelist. The number before us is a creditable one. The less we have of Bach and those like him, the better. Should he be let off so easily? What do you think?

With Our Correspondents

Pittsburg Notes.

BY PHILOS.

Well the new catalogue with its nice red covers is with us and now the main topic with collectors and dealers is what discounts will be given. One dealer has decided that when sending stamps on approval he will mark them at a net rate. That will bring them near last years price when 50 p. c. discount was the rage.

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At an auction sale held at one of the stamp clubs of this city, there was a number of fine stamps on original covers. These stamps brought fair prices. Stamps on original covers seem to be all the go just at present, and it is a good way to collect stamps if one desires to be sure of his stamps and most collectors do.

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A new stamp club has been organized in this city, lately. It is called the Iron City Stamp Club and from the attendance at the last meeting it promises to be a good one. I always am glad to hear of a new stamp club as it speaks well for philately.

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There are not so many collections on the market as there were about the same time last year. The dealers say that they can not buy any collections at present at a price that will leave them alright in the deal.

A dealer has told me an amusing incident of receiving an order for stamps money enclosed with letter which had name signed but no address. However the postmark was clear so he sent the letter to that place but like the cat it came back. A few weeks later there came a letter in which he was called a fraud, so he forwarded the stamps and the letter ordering same which had no address to it. Needless to state an apology was not long coming.

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The One Cent Omahas

are still on sale at the Melrose, Mass. office. Apparently there was quite a large quantity on hand.—Dec. 2.

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A New Paper

The International Philatelic Chronicle is quite a magazine. There is a column given over to the "Bad Boys" of philately. We can add one name to it, that of B. Wilson, 64 Wanion Sq., St. Leonards on Lea, England.

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A Notice.

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Editorial.

If you are a junior collector we should be pleased to have you join the Junior Philatelists. Their blank is printed on the back cover page. If you wish to join a larger society the Bay State Philatelic Association should be honored by your membership. Come, Miss Swift and all other celebrated collectors in the old Bay State, come and tag on. The Bay State Philatelic Association blank i on the inside front cover.

You can expect a few new cuts in the next Philatelic Bulletin.

If you are not a subscriber and receive this as a sample you know what it means. We do not intend to send a copy to the same person twice.

Sample copy fiends take warning. We keep the names and addresses of persons requesting sample copies. If we get the same name twice you can expect to hear from us in no uncertain ar private way. Remember, big type and plenty of ink. Uncle Sam does the rest assisted by Johnny Bull.

The motto of the Stamp Tribune is "Bonus, melior, optimus" (which is Latin for "good, better, best") That means that the Stamp Tribune is good, Mekeel's better and the Bay State Philatelist is best. Therefore subscribe. No bad intentions Messrs. Lev and Mekeel.

Boom. Boom. That is what you hear at every corner and read in the press. Take the following which is copied from the Boston Record.

The stamp sales of the Boston postoffice and substations for November amount to $285,516.08 an increase of $25,670.70 over the sales of November last year, or 9.87 p. c.

Of the 27 stations the largest November sales were made by Back Bay amounting to $15,168.40. The smallest were $146.24 made by Arlington Heights.

The Italians have a large stamp to put on damageable letters with the inscription "Cordial-Campari, meaning to handle with care.



BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from Nov. 15 to Dec. 10.

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International Phil. Revw.	1	2
Jvbilee Philatelist	1	2
Moline Stamp News	1	2
Monarch	2	5
New York Philatelist	7	2
Philatelic Advocate	7	6
Philatelic Bulletin	23	3
Stamp Tribune	1	11
Miscellaneous.		
Price list of J. F. Negreen.		

The *Allegheny Philatelist* contains notes from H. A. Chapman. There is also a Photographic and a Puzzlers' department. If this keeps up, stamps will take a secondary place. There are also Boston and St. Louis Notes.

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The *Collector* is catching up with the old "Farmer" wielding the scythe. The number dated November 5 contains an article on "Foreign Revenues" by Alfonso Millard.—The issue for November 20 starts off with "Pacific Northwest Jottings" closely followed by "Notes on Foreign Revenues." The printers in New Oxford are rather "rushed" and as consequence Mr. Dodge was obliged to have the second paper printed at a different office. We hope this will not interfere with future editions.

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Energy has resurrected the Phil. Press Club and on the roll appears the name of R. C. Bach. Better cross it of. We are promised a thirty page paper for December and hope it will not be a myth. It contains advs. from John Jaimet's Pantitorium, Otto Boll's Shaving Parlor, the Market Barber Shop, Feo. Bergmann, Merchant Tailor, etc. Truly, its local circulation should be great.

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The *Enterprise*, edited by W. V. Chapdelaine, is a diminutive monthly for the young folks. Mr. Chapdelaine shows considerable "enterprise" in running it as we find advts. from the leading local dealers.

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In the *Herald Exchange* for November the sentiment of most people is voiced in the following:

The present war between Great Britain and the South African Republics, if our precedent of '98 goes for anything, should boom South Africans * * * *

Along with the boom of these may come an increased interest in their neighbors, the Cape of Good Hope, Natal and Griqualand, which I be-

lieve is the only country that has ever (or never?) issued a stamp of its own—being all surcharged on Cape stamps.

Mr. Cottlow seems to have provided nearly all the reading matter.

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The *Illinois Philatelist* is a fat little baby from Kankakee. Young since it has been published only three months and fat in its number of pages—there being twenty four. The advertising rates have been increased and it is a desirable thing as too much is not beneficial to the subscription list. Fred C. Snow is review editor.

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The *Indiana Philatelist* hails from that town in Indiana blessed by the name of Goshen. The paper is composed of notes in the literal sense of the word. It is published by Bickle & Beber, 509 N. Main St., Goshen, Ind. at 15c. a year. We suggest that two staples be used in binding.

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The *International Philatelic Review* is an excellent magazine published by the Review Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. at 25c. a year. It evidently has good financial backing for its advertisement appears in such magazines as the Youths Companion, etc. In it there is a bit of philatelic poetry which goes to the point, viz.–

Did you ever see a postage stamp
From Somali or Soudan
That wasn't made for bleeding
The Philatelic Lamb?

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Did you ever see a specialist
Who didn't know it all.
Or a Philatelic journal
That wasn't late or small?

If you did you must have wandered
In that strange, ethereal clime
Where St. Vincent shillings nestle
'Neath the festive peanut vine.

This is signed "Novus" meaning "New". Are we to understand by this that we have a new writer with us? The printing of this paper is A1.

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The review in the *Jubilee Philatelist* is by far the best article. We imagine that Mr. Chapman had his hands full in preparing "copy" for the review. It gives notice of the three largest collections. We quote that which concerns the second and third.

Next to Ferrary's comes the Taplin collection in the British Museum. It was left the museum by the late Thomas K. Taplin, M. P., and is valued at $500000.

Herr Breitfus, of St. Petersburg, Russia, is the third greatest stamp collector in the world. He has devoted forty years to his pursuit and in that time "got" together $300000 worth of stamps. The J. P. appears regularly and is O. K. throughout.

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The *Moline Stamp News* contains the following interesting item:—

Some three hundred odd cats are maintained by the United States government, the cost of their support

being carried as a regular item on the accounts of the Post office department. These cats are distributed among about fifty post offices, and their duty is to keep rats and mice from eating and destroying postal matter and canvas mail sacks.

This is an extremely neat little paper.

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The *New York Philatelist* prints a startling heading declaring its intention of "selling out" and then "takes it back" for which we are supremely happy for we do not wish to go without it. There are articles by Henry A. Chapman, Wm. Verbeck, Theo. Siddall, and J. F. Farrell. In the editorial we notice the following.

"Our crusade against these parties (sample copy fiends) proved a success some time ago and we were not both-by this nuisance for many months."

Last May the Bay State Philatelist tried to awaken some interest in the matter but the publishers were deaf to their own interests and nothing was done. However we have a scheme which will not please sample copy fiends when it is sprung on them.

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Land sakes alive we have another lady with us. Her name is the *Philatelic Bulletin*. Speaks of her new Christmas dress. Vain thing! Yet it can't be for it can keep a secret. Well! Well! What is it? Mighty pretty paper though, and it announces that it is going to invest a quarter in Prof. Cheatem's beautifier and the next time we see her again are promised something stunning.

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The *Philatelic Advocate* is lean this month and is unbound but next month —

"An Interesting Error" by R. R. Rufidicus and some notes are all that is contained in the number. Ta. Ta. Until January.

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The *Stamp Tribune* comes in a pale yellow color. The numbering of the pages is twisted this month. Mr. Lev says he has at last secured a permanent address. This paper deserves the support of collectors at large.

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R. F. C. Robinson.

Our Canadian correspondent informs us that R. F. C. Robinson has returned from his trip to Europe and is now in town (Winnipeg).

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Stray Items

In the Weekly Philatelic Era for December 16, Mr. E. A. Giller terms us the "guileless youth of Melrose Hlds." Mr. Giller's name is rather "fishy." Moral.—People who live in glass——

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Mr. Chandler informs us that he is "going hunting" in Mexico during the holidays but unfortunately will not go near any postoffices. Poor fellow!

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Mr. S. J. Petree is the originator of a new wrinkle. He sells advertising space in the various papers by coupons entitling a person to as much space in the paper he desires at "less than the publisher s price."

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If any of our readers have items of interest we should be pleased to receive them for insertion in this column and you may rest assured that due credit will be given.

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New Members.

40. Ralph W. Gosset.
41. John T. Atsatt.
42. John Wm. Long.

Application.

43. Arthur L. Mansfield, 220 Ashmont St,, Dorchester, Mass. Age 16
Ref. H. Gile, W. Kennedy.

Cash on hand from last month	$3.34
Dues and fees one member	.20
Balance,	$3.54

C. T. Kirkby, Sec.-Treas.

The Election.

On account of this paper going to press before the election is over, it is necessary to omit the report. There is one change, however. The dues have been raised to 25c. Send for blks.

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Librarian,---Morgan Buffington, 320 N. Water St., Kittanning, Pa.

Official Organ,—*Bay State Philatelist.*

Report of Sec.-Treas.

With this report I send the result of the election. I am very sorry that more did not send in their ballots, as the election would have been more satisfactory. In all nine votes were cast and divided as follows:–

Pres. Lou. O. Brosie	9
Frank N. Heany	0
Vice Pres. Miss Louise V. Lowe	6
Miss Helen Dean	2
Sec.-Treas. Treymond Babcock	3
Thos. C. Disbrow	6
Auction Mgr. Carl Becker	4
J. M. Chandler	3
Supt. of Sales. Carl Becker	3
Lou. O, Brosie	5
Librarian. Miss Helen Dean	4
M. Buffington	4
Official Organ. Bay State Phil.	6
Juniors Collector	2

In so much as there is a tie vote for Librarian, I will accept ballots for that office from those who have not as yet voted. Same must reach me in two weeks after the publication of this report.

New Member.

No. 30. L. H. Beegle, 902 8th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

Reinstated.

William F. Tanner.

Resigned.

Jacob J. Hoffman.

Cash on hand per last report	$1.71
Dues received from members	.70
Official Organ for Sept.	.30
" " " Oct.-Nov.	.29
Cash on hand	$1.82

I wish to thank the members for my re-election. I intend to work a great deal harder for the "J. P." this year than I did last, and if I can possibly aid any one, I wish they would let me know.

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Thos. C, Disbrow, Sec.-Treas.

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What Shall We Do with the Counterfeit or Reprint?

BY R. R. RUFIDICUS.

An article on reprints by a well known philatelic writer in the Chicago Philatelist has set me thinking what we should do with reprints or those greater evils to Philately, counterfeits. And it is in respect to this momentous question that the following few "pertinent paragraphs" have been penned.

The writer of that article touches on his own experience in dealing in reprints, concluding in this wise. "I never sold a reprint (meaning after he had marked the word 'reprint' beneath them on the sheet) and I continued to send them out for months until I got rid of them and I haven't bought or sold a reprint since and furthermore, I don't intend to. Now that writer makes a great splurge about not selling reprints after he "saw the error of his ways" but at the same time admits having sold his stock or "got rid of them" to some dealer who sells them in the same manner he would have done. Therefore he ought not to hold himself guiltless for technically speaking he sold to young and inexperienced collectors because as a rule no experienced collector ever buys reprints. Now I do not for a minute think of endorsing reprints but I do desire to say that anyone who is waging war against reprints ought not to sell to anyone who will afterwards sell to young and uninformed collectors. If that writer had been sincere in his desire not to do harm by selling reprints, and I believe he was, he certainly took a wrong method of showing it. He ought either to have destroyed them or given them to novices to elucidate the differences between reprints and unused originals. But he represents a class that is alarmingly large, those who, while protesting against reprints in stentorian terms, do little if any REAL service in drumming them out of the philatelic camp.

The writer referred to before is now doing yeoman service in the anti-reprint cause but his former dealings which he so unwisely exploits in his article detract much from the good he is now doing.

Now I have a plan in respect to reprints which is a much more practicable one than many that have been thrown out. It embraces wholesale dealers who are in the practice of supplying "one horse boy dealers" with their stocks, strictly and absolutely boycotting the reprint. It is the wholesaler who sells to boy dealers reprints at an extremely low price, who in turn sell to beginners and novices ONLY. Reprints are cheap and tolerably pretty and from attractive countries and soon win their way into the graces of beginners who buy all they possibly can. But when they come to learn what they have been collecting the indignation they naturally feel, often ends in their quitting Philately. Therefore it is to the larger wholesale dealers that representations to boycott the reprints ought to be made and until that is done very little will be accomplished. If these wholesale dealers refuse to sell or in any way handle reprints the sales will become more and more restricted and finally cease. These happy days are far distant and will NEVER be reached unless writers and dealers unite *en masse* against the reprint. In regard to the disposal of reprints:– They certainly ought to be destroyed. This ought not to be a very heavy tax on any dealer as few dealers have very large stocks and the stamps are very cheaply secured. In regard to the disposal of counterfeits, those great philatelic evils, it would be an extremely wise move to donate them to some society's collection. The D. P. A., Canada's progressive society, has a counterfeit collection and all counterfeits are gladly received. The society members thus secure the benefit of knowing that such a counterfeit exists and are able to detect others of a like nature. So much good can thus be done Philately.

If these few hints in regard to the disposal of reprints were adopted by all dealers, the reprint would in a few years be as scarce as the proverbial "hen s teeth" and "so mote it be." Friend reader, what are you doing to help this state of things along? Put your shoulder to the wheel and help push the cart up hill — for it is an uphill road. But it's a funny road that has no turn and good is sure to attend your efforts.

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Philatelic Toronto.

BY JOHN H. LOWE.

Lewis Bishop in Toronto.

In the year 1894 there appeared on the horizon the greatest of stamp frauds, one by the name of Lewis Bishop. His name will be handed down to posterity as the slickest fraud Philately has ever known. After going under many aliases in many cities of the United States, he finally drifted to Toronto under the name of George Warren, a supposed manu-

facturer's agent for some large firm in Liverpool, England and took up his abode at a boarding house on Clarence Square. He then called on the various dealers on the pretext of buying stamps, but could not purchase any just then owing to his remittance not having arrived from Great Britain. but hinting that he would like credit. Mr. E. Y. Parker on whom he called with the above story, was suspicious of the man. A day or two after his visit Mr. Parker received a letter from a person in the United States asking information regarding Warren the latter having secured valuable stamps and had not remitted for them. Shortly after the arrival of this letter Mr. Warren again called on Mr. Parker with the view of purchasing stamps. Mr. Parker on this visit confronted him with the letter he had received from across the line. Warren turned deadly pale and trembled violently, but stoutly denied having received the stamps. After leaving (Warren), Mr. Parker was startled five minutes later by the ring of the door bell. On opening the door what was his surprise to find Warren standing on the threshold. He had come back he said, to give Mr. Parker a cigar. He was very pale and nervous. The next the Post Office authorities at Toronto received a letter from a Californian dealer complaining against George Warren, he having the letter stated, received stamps to the amount of several hundred dollars and had not remitted for them. He was visited at the boarding house on Clarence Square by the Post Office Inspector. On their arrival the boarding house lady stated that Mr. Warren was at breakfast and would call at the Post Office later in the day. The Inspector however demanded an instant interview, which request was complied with. Mr. Warren, alias Lewis Bishop' acknowledged receiving the stamps but swore that he had returned them. As he had not registered the letter no proof could be found against him at that time. The inspector reprimanded him on not registering the letter, after the firm who had trusted him with the stamps had gone to the trouble to register them and to see that he got them safely. The Inspector on leaving obtained his promise to call next morning at the Postoffice to straighten up the affair. It is needless to say he did not call, he having departed the night previous for parts unknown. During his stay here he formed the acquaintance of all the prominent philatelists in Toronto. He was also nominated for membership in the late Toronto Philatelic Club.

Some Old Toronto Stamp Papers.

The Toronto Philatelic Journal was published in the year 1885 to '86. This paper was the first publication of any account in Toronto. It issued twenty four numbers. The founder was Mr. George A. Lowe, who launched it in 1885, it being a large twelve column, four page journal. Mr Lowe published the paper for about nine months. Mr. Henry Morell took the paper on account of Mr. Lowe's

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Editorial.

A correspondent kindly sent us the following:

The *Daily Mail* says: "The sale of the Danish West Indies to the U. S. bids fair to be accomplished. The price is fixed at $4,000,000. If the U. S. should buy these islands, a few more stamps would be called obsolete and probably a few sets of provisional stamps would be issued.

In the January *Adhesive*, Mr. S. P. Hughes gives a list of keyed advs. placing the *Youths' Realm* first and the *Stamp Tribune* last in respect to the cost per answer in the various publications. If this doesn't bring forth a burst of anger from the tail-enders, human nature will have improved very rapidly. But then, facts are facts. And in connection with the above it is well to remember that the paper which brags the most about its circulation is very likely to be the one which has the least, otherwise it wouldn't need to puff itself.

How often is the *nom du guerre* used as a cover for a cowardly, "mud-slinging" article. However it places the editor, rather than the contributor, in a bad light.

Instead of speculating in Transvaal stamps, why don't some of our wise ones invest in British stamps?

Will Oom Paul ever get out that uew set of stamps? It seems almost incredible that a government should overlook so important a fact, especially when the interest of the whole world is upon her.

Have you decided to start that new paper?

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Mr. Prescott Robinson, of Brooklyn, has our thanks for the poem which he so kindly sent us.

Papers Received.

The following papers were received from Dec. 10 to Jan. 1.

Allegheny Philatelist
Collector
Enterprise
Evergreen State Philatelist
Filatelic Facts and Fallacies
Herald Exchange
Hummer
International Philatelist
Juniors' Collector
Moline Stamp News
Monarch
Montreal Philatelist
New York Philatelist
Numismatist
Ohio Philatelist
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Philatelic Chronicle
Philatelic West
Scribe
Search Light
Stamp Tribune
Virginia Philatelist
Westerner
Youths' Realm

Foreign.

Antverpia (Belgium)
Stamps

We are sorry to omit the review this month but it is unavoidable.

Philatelic Toronto Continued.

departure for England in November of that year. Several years later, on Mr. Lowe's return from Great Britain, another journal was started under the same name. This new paper was an 8 to 12 cover magazine.

To be continued.

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BY S. E. MOISANT.

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The Illinois Philatelist has been sold to the Allegheny Philatelist. Stamp papers in Illinois seem to be unlucky in securing second class mailing rates. Like the others it was refused. The publisher will immediately issue a new paper.

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Auction Mgr.,—Carl Becker, 19 Montour Way, Pittsburg, Pa.

Supt. of For. Ex.,----Herbert Gile, Melrose Hlds., Mass.

Librarian,---Morgan Buffington, 320 N. Water St., Kittanning, Pa.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

There is nothing much to report this month, but I enclose a list of the members who owe their dues for 1900. The society numbers of these members are as follows:- 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26.

Look up your number and see if you are included in this list. If you are I would be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible.

I will report the successful candidate for Librarian next month as the polls are not closed at the time I write this report.

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"President's Message."

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Vice Pres., Russell Brown.	9
Geo. A. Hunt.	1
J. H. Lowe.	1
Sec.-Treas., C. T. Kirkby.	11
Supt. of Sales, Fred. Dow.	5
T. C. Disbrow.	4
Allen H. Wright.	2
Librarian, Walter Kennedy.	10
M. Buffington.	1
J. H. Lowe.	0
Auct. Mgr., G. A. Hunt.	7
J. M. Chandler.	2
H. McConnell.	1
Walter Kennedy.	1
Trustees, H. Gile.	9
W. Kennedy.	8
A. Cochrane.	6
H. Austin.	4
M. Buffington.	3
H. McConnell.	3
Shall the Dues be Raised to 25c. and Initiation Fee to 10c.? Yes.	5
No.	3
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In a society of over forty members only eleven voted. It is not putting it too strongly to say that it's disgusting and as one can readily see the election was simply a farce. Complaints.—If any members have any to make they should be addressed to the officer who had charge of the department during the year. If the officer of said department is unable to give satisfaction, the said officer will place it in the hands of the Trustees with as complete information on the subject as can be obtained.

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Are the Advertising Rates Too High.

BY GERANT.

Mr. Samuel P. Hughes states in the January *Adhesive* that it is his opinion that many of our philatelic magazines charge too high a rate. No doubt much "can" be said on both sides, but a person should not expect to receive many answers because he pays a large sum for his space. Last winter an advertiser informed me that he "run" a ten line advertisement in a well known publication for three months and never received an answer although he paid two and one-half dollars a line. By this I do not wish to assume that cheap space would bring answers but simply wish to show that results are not in a fixed ratio to the price paid.

According to Mr. Munsey, a page advertisement is worth seventy five cents per thousand circulation. But Mr. Munsey does not publish a trade paper. Space in a trade magazine is of more value since everyone receivlng it is interested in your advertisement or rather the science which it represents. On the other hand a philatelic notice in a general paper reaches comparatively few who are interested in stamp collecting. It seems to the writer that four or five dollars a page is a fair price for a circulation of one or two thousand. And now a word in regard to circulation. If a publisher prints 5000 copies and 4000 are "samples" he has not any right to claim a 5000 circulation. True they circulate in the literal sense of the word but the number of subscriptions is the accepted meaning of the word. On the other hand one may recite that old Geometry proposition that a "straight line is the shortest line between two points," and argue that a sample is as carefully read. But this is not so as one can not feel as much interest in a sample as in something that he buys.

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Editorial.

Mr. S. E. Moisant has issued a new paper — The *Stamp Exchange*. It is a four page magazine but its publisher promises us a better one in the future.

If you are any kind of a dealer, you cannot fail to have an advertisement in our May number. Write for space quotations.

The probabilities point very strongly to an unusually large number of new issues during the year. With the changes in South Africa; war clouds almost everywhere; and other like little love affairs, not mentioning the issues for celebrating the new (?) century, it is very evident that either our collections or pocket books are bound to suffer.

Poor Kaiser Wilhelm! Will he discover next January that the century then begins and decide to have an entirely new issue? We think not.

Was Bach killed? Too bad. Ambiguous?

The editor of a continental paper recently informed us that his publication was devoted to the collectors of chromos. On investigation it was discovered that the magazine in question was published in the interests of pictorial card collectors. He hit it right. No doubt about that.

What is the mission of the philatelic paper? Is it to instruct or to amuse?

No brother Lev, it is not absolutely necessary to pay the printer before you get the paper although in your case it might be a wise move.

Some persons would doubtless prefer to have only a few philatelic papers — generally those who are interested in some publication. By all means let us have as many as can be supported. We will always have plenty of magazines and no waste of printers ink will affect the number in the remotest way.

At peesent there are sixty two philatelic publications in the English language.

Points for Philatelists.

BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

ACCORDING TO CATALOGUE. The term "according to catalogue" is generally taken to mean the latest catalogue, but it is best to state it explicitly and then there will be no question about it. Not long since I received a letter asking if I would like a quantity of a certain stamp at a price a trifle over face. The information was given that the catalogue price was 50c. The price asked was cheap enough, but a look at the catalogue showed that the price in the 59th edition was 20c. taking a tumble from 50c. in the 58th. Perhaps the would-be seller hadn't seen the 59th catalogue, and then again, perhaps he had.

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JOURNALISTIC CHANGES. It is generally expected that journals will spring up at the commencement of the year and also that some will drop out of sight. Among those which ceased publication January 1st I noticed particularly the *Post Office Stamps* (of New York), and the *Melita Chronicle Advertiser*. The *Post Office* will be missed, but perhaps the journal which takes its list will be conducted on the same lines. Let us hope so. Mr. S. E. Moisant of Kankakee, Illinois, who disposed of his *Illinois Philatelist* shortly before the close of 1899, has started a modest little sheet called the *Stamp Exchange*. It is hoped it will live longer than the one started last year with the same name and, in any event, the publisher of this latter day publication will conduct his sheet in a more honorable manner.

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ABOUT ADVERTISING. A writer in a contemporary lately created a stir by giving the results of his advertising in different journals and some of the points against him were well taken. There is really no criterion to go by which is a fair estimate of the comparative strength of different publications. If the same "ad" goes in all the journals, it is next to impossible to tell from which the purchaser procured his information for every one in replying doesn't say where he read the advertisement. On the other hand if a different "ad" is put in each journal, what is advertised in one might be needed more than what is advertised in another. The number of replies from each journal does not necessarily govern the circulation, either. I formerly published a journal which at an early stage of its existence had 50 bona fide subscribers. The edition printed numbered 1000 copies. I sent one month 500 samples to those I considered "good people." It cost me 1c. each to post these copies which I did for the benefit of my advertisers. In a few days a subscriber who was also an advertiser wrote: "Where is *The Perforator*? I haven't received my copy but I know it's out for I have received over a dozen answers." The gentleman in question said he had placed a similar but not the same "ad" in a journal established a good deal longer than mine that he kept it in six months

and never received a reply. This showed conclusively that it isn't always the journal having the largest circulation that brings the best results. I had the grim satisfaction of knowing in this particular case that I had for once beaten the other publisher, who was kind (?) enough to inform me that his journal was worth five times mine as an advertising medium. I have also had experience in advertising in different journals myself. It may seem strange, but for a long time I had the best results in a monthly which made no brags of what it did, and was not considered "any great shakes." It appeared regularly, and that was one great point in its favor as an adv. medium. My best results in the final reckoning came from a journal which started with a great flourish, and published only five numbers, only four of which went to the public. Replies were received to my "ads" from one end of the country to the other, and from abroad. As I said before, there is no criterion to go by that will hold good. An "adv" that takes up all the allotted space, set "solid" throughout, will not attract like one that is "open." "Ads" of played out "stuff" cannot be expected to bring results like "ads" of "up to date" goods. The same "ad" might be put in a prompt publication which had 100 subscribers, and in a late publication which had 1000 subscribers. If the early publication didn't bring the advertiser the best results, then my idea would fall to the ground but my experience has told me that my idea doesn't "fall," and that the advertiser who "keys his ads" should not only keep track of the publication he patronizes, but he should keep track of the regularity of said journals and the date when they appear.



Minnesota Notes.

BY GOPHER.

The only active society in the state today is the St. Paul society which is composed of some of the best collectors in the state. Its President, J. W. Smith, is the state agent of a large insurance company and within the last three years he has gathered a collection of over six thousand specimens. Its Secretary is F. H. Friend, the President of the St. Paul Typographical Union. He commenced collecting in 1893 and has a collection of nearly four thousand, being largely made up of sheets and plates of England in which country he specializes.

Paul Rechelt, a dealer in German Literature in St. Paul and a former member of the Am. Phil. Assn, still collects and has issued a neat series of pictorial souvenir cards of S. P. which have met with approval from many of the wholesale houses and are used by them on their correspondence.

C. E. Howard has bade North Star State farewell and removed southward. Rumor says he contemplates trying his fortunes in the Philippines the coming year.

While Minneapolis is to all ap-

pearances philatelically dead yet it can boast not only of one of the oldest but one of the finest collections in the state. This is owned by Stanley R. Kitchel, attorney, and the neuclus of it was formed between 1866 and 1872. About the time of the Columbian issue he recommenced collecting and now has nearly ten thousand specimens in his collection.

Notes from Illinois.

BY S. E. MOISANT

Mr. P. M. Wolseifer, the well known stamp dealer, has just been unanimously elected president of the Chicago Philatelic Society. May the society prosper under his guidance.

Mr. C. B. Sawyer, Kankakee, Ill. expects to start a philatelic journal next summer. He is now studying law in Chicago.

Three trustees of the Junior Philatelic Society who reside at Berwyn, Ill. have been impeached and three in Kankakee have been appointed to fill the vacancies.

A directory of the stamp collectors of Illinois is now being compiled by S. E. Moisant. It is thought quite a number of names will be obtained.

A coin dealer in Kankakee has just issued 10,000 copies of a 24 page and cover buying list giving the prices he pays for coins. He charges 10c. a copy for these and claims they are going fast. Judging from the mail he receives he must be doing a rushing business which shows that coins must be in a great demand.

Mr. W. J. Floyd, originator of the penny post, died in Chicago Jan. 18.

Pittsburg Notes.

BY PHILOS.

The new Mexican stamps were for sale by one of the dealers in this city, that is the values from 1 to 10c. The 10c. and higher values are to be printed in two colors and to judge from the appearance of the 10c. stamp they will be handsome and will make a very pretty set.

There are some books of nice stamps being shown in this city by the sales superintendents of the different societies. There is a better grade of stamps on the circuits this year than ever before — that is to judge from what I have seen so far, and the superintendents tell me that sales are booming as in some books over 50 p. c. of the stamps are sold.

A collector of this city who speculated in U. S. 2c. I. R. inverted seems to be trying to unload some of them. At one of the recent sales held at a local club, he had quite a number of them up at auction.

On Dec. 27th there occured the death of Mr. C. P. Krauth of this city. He was a member of philatelic societies both in this country and Europe, and was also International Secretary of the American Philatelic Association and president of the Iron City Philatelic Club.

Philatelic Gossip.

BY CHARLES LAIT.

Among the great achievements of the 19th century the introduction of the mail service will rank with the greatest. Before this the postage was

even the shortest distance cost something like 4d. The introduction of penny postage was first conceived by Rowland Hill, a member of parliament who devoted himself to this difficult problem. Although his scheme was warmly approved of by the business men, it was not thought much of by his fellow members in parliament who greatly ridiculed it. He was, however, successful and penny postage took effect on Jan. 10, 1840 after which all civilized countries adopted it.

As there seems to be no change in the prices of map stamps per 100, some of our collectors are beginning to unload them in order to fill up blank spaces in their albums.

One of our local collectors had a little surprise in finding a little pile of 8c. Jubilees lately which has been the means of adding a few more good stamps he didn't have.

The lack of illustrations in many of our magazines is the fault of the collector who expects his sample copies twelve months out of the year, who never gives thought as to where the publisher is to get the funds to pay for the next issue of his paper. Pay up your quarter and have the feeling that you have at least contributed towards the expenses and to make the paper a success.

Canadian Notes.

BY W. RUSSELL BROWN.

Matters philatelic seem to be looking up in the Queen's American domains. The D. P. A. publishes more applications for membership than any other society. Montreal's two clubs seem to be in first class shape, while our Toronto club receives several new members every meeting. The President, George E. Davenport, and the Secretary, Ed. McGillivray, are hustlers and are doing good work towards the advancing of Philately in the Queen City.

The local (Toronto) P. O. is not receiving any more map stamps, so it is probable that the government has ceased issuing them.

The appointment of W. Kesley Hall to the Presidency of the L. of C. P. seems to be very popular as Mr. Hall is one of the most prominent of Canada's Philatelists.

When the next issue comes from the Transvaal what will it be? Natal surcharged "Transvaal", an entirely new issue with the Queen's head, or an issue of labels similar to our Canadian Jubilees, with the head of Kruger to the left and that of his G.-Am. Lieutenant Dietz of the V. P. to the right.

Mr. Frank Brown

has received the new Mauritius, 15c. blue, head of Mahe de la Bourdonnais. As usual, Mr. Brown is prompt in regard to new issues and no doubt his customers appreciate this interest in their behalf.

Our May number will be a 5000 edition. Do you want an advertisement in it? Space is much cheaper than it is in our regular numbers. Send us a stamp for quotations. We can and will please you if you write.

Stamps Worth Collecting.

BY THOS. C. DISBROW.

A question that is frequently asked of dealers, and one that every beginner should take into consideration is "what stamps shall I collect." It is highly important when a new recruit has entered Philately's ranks that he should take an interest in his stamps. In order that he may become a Philatelist, this interest must be kept up.

The great fault with the modern dealer is that he "looks too much for big profits." In nine cases out of ten, if you send for a selection of stamps on approval and do not state what you want, the dealer will submit to you two or three sheets of worthless truck. Then again if a dealer has counterfeits or reprints on his sheets, he will not so mark them. If you ask him why he does not he will tell you that "you need not buy them if you don't want to."

When I first began to collect stamps, I used to buy fsequently from approval sheets. I have had entire selections sent me which contained nothing but stamps from Heligoland and Hamburg, and on the top of each sheet were printed the words "all stamps are guaranteed genuine." What an excellent way to make Philatelists!

As you will learn from the heading of this article, I started out to give a little "say" about "Stamps Worth Collecting." One country which especially appeals to me, and whose stamps are very beautiful as well as instructive' is the Argentine Republic. There are no less than sixty-six var. from this country which catalogue from one to five cents each. Just see what an excellent showing you could make for a little money.

I have always been partial to the stamps of European countries. It is true that they are, as a rule, very plain and similar, but a full set or a well filled page makes a fine appearance and well repaid feels he who has spent his money for them. Perhaps Netherland is the most satisfactory among these countries. Its entire issues of stamps (not including the different types of the due stamps nor the '99 issue) can be purchased for less than five dollars. Norway, Sweden, and Denmark are also nice countries to collect and are very popular with the middle class of collectors.

British Colonies form a very large share of the stamp issuing countries yet I don't think it well for a young devotee to collect them extensively. The differences in watermarks and perforations are apt to deceive

In all things every American is apt to think of his own country first. There is no country that has issued more varieties and kinds of stamps than the United States. A great many varieties may be obtained at very little expense but a complete collection is very rarely seen. Revenues as a rule are attractive. Yet while I do not encouarge the collection of foreign revenues, I certainly do those of our country.

Look up our offer on back cover.



BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1.

	Vol.	No.
Adhesive	1	1
Allegheny Philatelist	6	2
Bomb	1	23
Buckeye Philatelist	1	2
Clipper	1	2
Collector	1	8,9
Energy	2	2
Enterprise	1	5
Evergreen State Phil.	13	1
Filatelic Facts and Fall.	8	3
Herald Exchange	7	5.
Indiana Philatelist	1	2
Int. Phil. Review	1	3
Jubilee Philatelist	1	4
Juniors' Collector	1	10
Moline Stamp News	1	4
Monarch	3	1
Montreal Philatelist	2	7
New York Philatelist	7	4
Northwestern Philatelist	1	3, 4
Ohio Philatelist	1	4
Philatelic Bulletin	23	5
Philatelic Chronicle	1	3
Philatelic Post	1	1
Search Light	3	1
Stamp Exchange	1	1
Virginia Philatelist	3	5
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Weekly Stamp Tribune	2	1
Youths' Realm	6	1

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Foreign.		
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Monatsschrift fur Liebigbilder		
Sammset	1	3
Petites Affiches	5	12
Stamps	3	12

The most promising paper to appear on the first of the New Year is the *Adhesive*. On the first page is the likeness of Willard O. Wylie, a prominent philatelic light of Mass. Miss Swift conducts an interesting department under the heading of "Across our Albums." Mr. Wylie conducts the review although it is called "Our Philatelic Neighbors." The style is new to Philately only about eight or nine lines being devoted to each paper. There is a short article "About Specialism" by Mr. Erwin L. Fischer and Mr. Wm. D. Eldredge contributes the "Value of Philatelic Journals." There are notes from Boston, Montreal, St. Catharines, Gotham, Chicago and there is some miscellany by Samuel B. Hughes. It is really a very interesting number.

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The *International Philatelic Review* is rather late this time, the December number coming in January. There is a handsomely illustrated supplement of the stamps of North Borneo. Mr. George W. Loomis describes these stamps which are illustrated by four plates. Novus contributes the "Minor Variety Man." Three pages are given over to notes under the heading of "Nothing Original." "An Evening at a N. Y. Stamp Auc." finishes the no.

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The *Montreal Philatelist* is maintaining its improved condition. The new issues department is illustrated by seven engravings. There are Australian Notes by Ralph W. Gosset. The remainder of the reading matter is reprinted. We notice that Kelsey Hall is now President of the League of Canadian Philatelists. It seems strange that Mr. Brown did not take the office of President. What is the use of a Vice President anyway? Truly the office seems to be only a figure head.

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The *New York Philatelist* contains "Then and Now," "Philadelphia Philately," "Correspondence," and a "Lecture before the Institute of Arts and Sciences." There is one note which is very pertinent. "Sixteen years from now we will sing that same song about Canada Jubilees and Omahas, and we will wonder why we used to persist in believing that they would not rise in price." This paper has a prosperous look and is probably booked to remain a while longer in the philatelic world.

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The *Bulletin* from Salem, Mass. starts off with the "Transvaal Embroglio." Aug. Dietz has his "Old Dominion Letter." The "Stamps of Schleswig-Holstein" and the Review finish the number with the exception of some notes on watermarks by G. A. Hunt. We have nothing to say in regard to the first article. Mr. Dietz approves the proposed Buffalo issue and we are with you there, old man.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

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44. Lawrence P. Dodge, 71 High St., Newburyport, Mass. Age 14.
Ref. H. Gile, W. Kennedy.

Cash on hand from last month	$3.15
Dues and fees one member	.35
O. O. for January	.57
On hand	$2.93

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Notice of Auction Manager.

During the month of April it has been decided to hold the Annual Auction sale of the society. All members having stamps or lots of stamps to offer please send same or description of same to the Auction Mgr. on or before March 15 in order that catalogue of same may appear in April number of this paper.–G. Hunt.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

I take great pleasure this month in announcing three new members from Rochester. This makes six that are located here. I hope I may be able to add five more next month and if I do I will form a local branch.

NEW MEMBERS.

31. Ruthfus A. Cuningham, 386 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

32. Albert Bowen, 10 Oxford St., Rochester, N. Y.

33. Wm. Bartholomay, 491 N. Saint Paul St., Rochester, N. Y.

Several members have not paid their dues for 1900. The society numbers of these members are 1, 2, 10, 11, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26.

The two weeks have not as yet elapsed since the publication of my last report, so I must needs report next month whether Miss Dean or Mr. Buffington was successful in the special election.

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A Monthly Magazine Devoted to Philately

Vol. 3, No. 4. April 1, 1900. Whole No. 20.

Philatelic Toronto.

Continued from February number.

BY JOHN HULME LOWE.

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIST.

The philatelic papers that have issued one number seem to have been numerous in Toronto. The Queen City Philatelist was one of these short lived journals. It was published about the year 1893. Mr. Harry Beasley, a one time prominent philatelist of this city, was editor and publisher.

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THE TORONTO STAMP.

In September of the year 1894, the Toronto Stamp started on its career. This journal gave promise of being a successful venture. Although only four pages, it was of a neat typographical appearance. John Hulme Lowe was the editor of this paper. Not being able to secure second class rates, publication ceased after the first number.

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THE STAMP ADVOCATE.

The first philatelic paper published in Ontario was the Stamp Advocate issued at Toronto in 1875. Only one number was issued, 8 pages.

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THE PHILATELIC NEWS.

appeared in 1877. One number was the extent of this publication.

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THE TORONTO PHILATELIST.

Contemporary with the Philatelic News was the Toronto Philatelist. This paper prolonged its existence to about three numbers.

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THE COIN AND STAMP.

This paper came soon after these other journals mentioned. After issuing two numbers it followed the fate of its predecessors.

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Scene at the Post Office on June 19th, 1897.

On Adelaide St., opposite Toronto St., there stands the Toronto General

Post Office at all times a busy place, but on this particular morning of June 19th, 1897 there was a bigger larger crowd than any before witnessed. The stamps in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee were to be placed on sale as advertised. As the hour drew near the crowd grew thicker. As the crowd increased it was necessary to have the aid of the police to preserve order. It seemed as if nine o'clock would never arrive, however at last the clock of the cathedral near by struck the long looked for hour; a momentary feeling of relief spread through the crowd, even the boys who were distributing circulars for their enterprising employers, ceased to hand them out. The demand for stamps was greater than the supply and many of the six hundred who had waited for hours were disappointed.

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A Find.

In April 1897, one of Toronto's dealers succeeded in picking up valuable Canadian stamps on original covers. They were of particular int. of collectors of Canada on account of all the letters having the address of the late Hon. Rev. Doctor Egerton Ryerson, formerly Minister of Education in Ontario, and editor of the Christian Guardian, the greatest Methodist paper in Canada. When the envelopes bearing the name of the great educationalist were placed in the dealer's window a great corwd paused to gaze on the rare stamps.

The Universal Postal Union.

BY SOUTHPAW.

One of the greatest advances in Philately was the forming of the Universal Postal Union. This Union is composed of most of the civilized and semi-civilized countries of the world. It was originally formed by a congress of representatives of the principal governments of Europe and America which met at Berne, Switzerland, during the month of September, 1874.

A treaty was made at that time which established uniform rates of postage (25 centimes, or 5 cents on half ounce letters) between those countries belonging to the Postal Union. An opportunity for other countries to join the Union and partake in the same arrangement was made at the same time.

From then until the present time new countries and states have joined the Union until now very few regions of the globe lie outside of it.

Some of the recent accessions to the Universal Postal Union have been North Borneo, the German East African Protectorate, and the British Australasian Colonies, in 1891; Natal and Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1892; the South African Republic (Transvaal) in 1893.

By the Action of an international postal congress held at Vienna in 1891 a kind of International clearing house for the Universal Postal Union was established at Berne, Switzerland and the settlement of accounts between its members is greatly facilitated.

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Editorial.

Very little has taken place since our last number was issued.

As every one knows, the 5 centim's present issue of Spain is green in color. The first printings were of a very dark green. But the color did not satisfy the authorities for it now comes in a much lighter shade.

All matter for our May edition must be in by March 25.

CLIPPINGS

He Doesn't Take the Bay State Philatelist.

All the publications are late — many a week behind owing to holiday festivities.—*P. West.*

So Are We.

One adv. will not do the business—keeping everlastingly at it brings success. To get the best results change your adv. often. We are interested in making your advertising pay you.—*P. West.*

Well! Well! Well!

On the other side of the pond there is considerable agitation relative to the making of the stamp catalogues; some collectors claiming they should be allowed to make not only the catalogue but the prices as well.

Why they do not go a step farther, and say how many copies of each stamp any dealer would be allowed to buy and when he should sell them, is a mystery.—*Clipper.*

What Next?

Over one million and a half stamps have been ordered with the new spelling "Puerto Rico" for use on the above island.—*Realm.*

Very Accomodating!

Director Vaille of the Manila post office informs the philatelic public that the postage due stamps of the P. Is. will be sold with pen cancellation to anyone remitting their face value. *Realm.*



BY HERBERT GILE.

The following papers were received from Feb. 1 to March 1.

	Vol.	No.
Adhesive	1	2
Allegheny Philatelist	6	3
Auxiliary Philatelist	1	1
Buckeye Philatelist	1	3
Cobleskill News	1	17
Clipper	1	3
Collector	1,	10, 11
Echo	1	1
Energy	1	1
Evergreen State Phil.	13	2
Filatelic Facts and Fallac.	8	4
Herald Exchange	7	2
Indiana Philatelist	1	3-4
Jubilee Philatelist	1	5
Monarch	3	2
Montreal Philatelist	2	8
New York Philatelist	7	5
Ohio Philatelist	1	5
Philatelic Advocate	8	1, 2
Philatelic Bulletin	23	6
Philatelic Post	1	2
Philatelic Spectator	2	1
Search Light	3	2
Swap	1	2
Virginia Philatelist	3	6
Westerner	2	3
Youth's Realm	6	2
Foreign.		
Antverpia	1	29
La Propaganda Filatelica	2	6
Philatelic Chronicle & Adv.	9	4
Stamps	4	1
Weltall	1	2

Miscell neous.

Postage Stamps (W. F. Gregory, 71 Nassau St., New York City.)

Owing to a lack of space, but brief mention can be given each journal "reviewed."

The second number of the *Adhesive* presents the "Berlin Big Three," "Across Our Albums," Editorial, "Our Philatelic Neighbors," "From the Hub," "From the West," "In and Around Gotham," "Sundry Remarks," "From Canada," "From Over the Sea," "About Canadian Revenues," "The Dishonest Collector," "How Would You Like to be the Stamp-man," and "Fads and Fac Similes."

The *Allegheny Philatelist* is about the same as usual. It seems to be gaining advertising patronage. The new issues are thoroughly described.

A daily newspaper with a stamp column — such is the *Cobleskill News*. It will probably do a good share of elementary work for our so-called science.

Mr. French gives us a very good number of the *Evergreen State Philatelist* for Feb. Veritas contributes an interesting article concerning the Boer and the Briton and probably has it right in regard to the final outcome of the trouble. This is one of the most conservative of papers.

Our Goshen friend evidently does not think much of this paper for he says that the January number is not particularly brilliant. We feel all the more grieved for the cover was printed in a flaming red. Our contemporary has shown much improvement

and contributes some good reading matter.

Evidently the *Jubilee Philatelist* has a pull with the Mulock government as it prints the Canadian map stamp in defiance of the law. It seems to have firmly established itself in the graces of the advertising fraternity.

The *Advocate* issued its regular holiday number and needs to be seen to be appreciated. Did you try to brush off that fly on the cover?

Miss Swift's welcome work, "Some Uncatalogued Tasmanian", is the leader of the *Bulletin*. This number contains much more advertising than reading matter but we will not "kick."

La Propaganda Filatelica is one of our new exchanges from Spain. We are glad to see that the publisher holds no grudge against us for he very kindly used a block of four obsolete stamps to prevent the paper from slipping from the wrapper. It is a neatly printed magazine but we cannot vouch for the contents as we are ignorant of the Spanish language. But there is enough matter in French to make up for this. Come regularly.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* contains many short articles, all of interest. There is an essay on postcards which is of interest to collectors on this side of the ocean. There is discussion on the cancellation question and, as is generally the case, the experts are crossing each other in their opinions.

Stamps starts off with an "Echoed Appeal." The appeal for the starving in India is yet to come. Will it be listened to as readily? It contains thirteen essays on various subjects and is indeed a good journal. The best thing about it is the knowledge that the paper will arrive on time. These papers arriving from one to two months late are anything but pleasure bearers to the recipient.

Weltall is a German paper printed in English type. We wonder if two editions are printed — one in each kind of type. We remember our days of misery in learning the German characters and only wish the fact that the Germans themselves use our type was known by the teachers of New England. It is largely given up to the collectors of postcards.

Postage Stamps, by W. F. Gregory, 71 Nassau St., New York, is a neat price list of 40 pages. It's free.

A Death.

After a long and peaceful exisience the Herald Exchange passed away at its late residence in New York. The Allegheny Philatelist is the only heir. Rating, A1.

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A Resolve.

Whereas, members of the Junior Philatelists of the society numbers 1, 2, 10, 11, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 26 have not paid the dues of said society for the year 1900 and as there is no constitutional law whereby this matter may be taken in charge therefore

Resolved, that a committee of three members in good standing be formed and said committee be designated as Trustees. This resolve to be voted upon by members of good standing only, and within two weeks from the receipt of this resolve and said vote to be sent to the Sec.-Treas., Mr. Th. Disbrow, and in the event of the passage of this amendment to the constitution, the three officers shall be elected by members in good standing only.

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MELROSE HLDS., MASS.

W. E. JONES

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The Officers of the Junior Philatelists.

Mr. Lou. O. Brosie, President and founder of the Junior Philatelists, was born in Pittsburg, Pa. on August 10, 1877. When about eleven yrs. old, he took a fancy to tin tags and cigarette pictures and made quite an accumulation of these. A year or so later he dropped his first love and took another "on the string." From then until 1892, he was an ardent worshiper at Philatelia's shrine Then for some unknown reason his ardor cooled "but once a col. always a collector," so he made up for lost time during the following year. In fact he knuckled right down to business and as a reward his collection numbers over 5000 specimens.



L. O Brosie.

On his 20th birthday, he commenced to publish the *Junior Collector* and he also organized the Junior Philatelists The paper lasted one year only but the society is now in a prosperous condition. Mr. B. did not wish to be nominated at at the last election but his admirers were too much for him and, putting aside the constitutional law that no one over 21 should hold office, he was unanimously elected President. May success follow him!

The next member of the triumvirate is Mr. Thos. C. Disbrow of Rochester, New York. He was born in the above city on May 12, 1881.

Mr. Disbrow has been collecting for the last seven years and has amassed a collection of 4000 varieties. He is somewhat of a specialist having given considerable time and means to his collection of U. S. and European. In 1896 Mr. Disbrow entered the ranks of the American dealers under the name of the Genesee Stamp Co. Unlike most of us, he has been a very lucky fellow for he has made the following "finds:" 5 of the $1.00 Proprietary which catalogue at $100.00 each, and several hundred 1, 2, and 6c grilled and ribbed stamps of the 1870-72 issue besides an equal number of 12, 15, 24, and 30c. of the 1870-82 set.



Tho. C. Disbrow.

At present Mr. D. attends Bradstreet's College Preparatory School and is there quite a hero as he plays on the 'leven. Our friend naively says that the photographer forgot to request him to straighten up and as a result he has his favorite bicycle "hump."

The S. P. A., B. S. P. A., and J. P. S. all claim him as a member. He is Secretary-Treasurar of the Junior Philatelists and has filled that office to the satisfaction of all concerned. Like brother Dodge, he is a hustler and secures more members than anyone else. In the words of Dietz we say, "All honor to such a man!"

The last member of the trio is Morgan Buffington of Kitanning, Pa. In his own words "his wild and exciting life" began on April 6, 1883, in Colchester, Conn.

In 1893 the beautiful Columbian set attracted his eye and needless to say he attracted *them*. Like most advanced collectors M. B. is a general-specialist collector. The compound word may not be allowable but it expresses the meaning perfectly for he specializes in the stamps of the Western Hemisphere but "takes anything he can lay his hands on." Dealers beware!

This fall he will enter Trinity College at Hartford, Conn. Of course he will visit all J. P. members in the ol

Bay State and he is sure of a warm welcome.

Mr. Buffington has been Librarian from time immemorial and although a deadlock now exists between Miss Dean and "Buffie," it looks as though he would keep the office.

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Now, gentle reader, I have given you the personnel of the Junior Philatelists and I should liko to say a few words in regard to the society itself. It is for young collectors and only those of the best moral character are admitted. New members of the right class are always welcome and a postal to Mr. Disbrow, Box 237 Rochester, N. Y will bring you an application blank.



Morgan Buffington.

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The B. S. P. A.

Having given our readers a little insight into the workings of the Junior Philatelists, we wish to complete the work with a brief description of the Bay State Philatelic Association. The membership list of this society is slightly larger than that of the Junior Philatelists. The dues, etc. are a trifle higher but not enough so to prevent anyone from joining. We have members in Africa, Australia, etc. who are at all times glad to "swap."

Anyone desirous of joining should write to C. . Kirkby, Sec.-Treas., Box 325 Winnipeg, Manitoba or Herbert Bile, Jr., Melrose Hlds., Mass. The blanks will be gladly forwarded. Come one, come all.

One of our new exchanges is *La Circulaire Philatelique*. It compares very favorably with magazines on this side of the world. It is profusely illustrated with engravings of the best grade. We wish our contemporary a long and prosperous career.

Another new one which presents a good appearance is *Postwertzeichen*.

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Editorial.

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The *Philatelic Post* is to be enlarged to 60 pages a month and print from 8000 to 10,000 copies monthly. We wish them all due success but the Loud bill, if passed, might prove a serious obstacle. Anyway it doesn't always pay to buy new issues as soon as they appear.

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Again we are forced to omit our "Review" and several good articles besides. But they will all come in due time, gentlemen.

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There are generally two causes actuating persons to start a philatelic publication, i. e., 1st as a hobby and 2d for the money in it. But we now have a third, namely, to get other papers in exchange. Truly a high ambition!

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We have received the 3c. Ceylon in green.

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In a previous edition we offered prizes to the first two persons sending in their subscriptions. The winners were the Massasoit Stamp Co., Springfield, Mass. and C. S. Dodge, Hamilton, Ill.

We are pleased to say that the germ *micrococcus philatelicus* does not exist in dangerous numbers in either of the two Mass. publications as a scientific "bug."

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Spring is with us again! Threfore remarks about the end of the season, etc., are in order. We agree with *Mekeel's Weekly* that the season *never* closes. In our own personal experience we never knew a collector to give up on account of hot weather. If one should we would advise him to seek a doctor at once.

They Deserve Better Treatment.

The following letter from our correspondent is self explanatory.

Cebu, Island of Cebu, P. I.
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The *Philatelic Post* is to be enlarged to 60 pages a month and print from 8000 to 10,000 copies monthly. We wish them all due success but the Loud bill, if passed, might prove a serious obstacle. Anyway it doesn't always pay to buy new issues as soon as they appear.

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Again we are forced to omit our "Review" and several good articles besides. But they will all come in due time, gentlemen.

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There are generally two causes actuating persons to start a philatelic publication, i. e., 1st as a hobby and 2d for the money in it. But we now have a third, namely, to get other papers in exchange. Truly a high ambition!

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We have received the 3c. Ceylon in green.

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In a previous edition we offered prizes to the first two persons sending in their subscriptions. The winners were the Massasoit Stamp Co., Springfield, Mass. and C. S. Dodge, Hamilton, Ill.

We are pleased to say that the germ *micrococcus philatelicus* does not exist in dangerous numbers in either of the two Mass. publications as a scientific "bug."

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Spring is with us again! Therefore remarks about the end of the season, etc., are in order. We agree with *Mekeel's Weekly* that the season *never* closes. In our own personal experience we never knew a collector to give up on account of hot weather. If one should we would advise him to seek a doctor at once.

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The 1895 Queensland Provs.

In 1895 the stock of paper used by the Government Bureau of Printing was insufficient to meet the demands upon it. It was necessary to have the stamps and something had to be provided. This something turned out to be the so-called "Queensland Provisionals." Many zealous devotees have affirmed that the government officials connived to execute a great swindle while others state that it came about in a legitimate manner. Whatever the cause it is enough to know that we have them.



The first issue (for correctly speaking there were three) appeared in December, 1894, having been caused by the failure of the paper contractors to send a sufficient quantity. Even then it was avoidable, for there was a large reserve on hand. But the officials believed it important to keep this extra supply up to the normal, so a stock of 1p. and 2p. stamps was printed on beer duty paper. (Scott's numbers 90A and 91A) This is a very thick, wove paper which has the Q watermark surmounted by a crown. But these watermarks had been arranged for the large beer-duty stamps and hence they come very irregularly upon the smaller postage stamps. There were 120 stamps to a sheet only 65 or 66 of which received watermarks. The 1p. and 2p. stamps come with the LA of Queensland joined. (Scott's numbers 90B and 91B.) At least 1,150,000 of the 1p. and 600,000 of the 2p. were struck off and issued at Brisbane on Jan. 16, 1895. The 1p. value was on sale for three days while the 2p. could be obtained until March 14.

When the reserve again became low the government, without any explanation, had the stamps printed on unwatermarked paper on which were 15 "moiree" lines in pale blue. The 1p. orange (Scott's 102A) came with the inscription "ONE NNY." Various reasons have been offered for this variety, the more generally accepted, I believe, is that it was a clogged type. The speculative taint is upon it as specimens were only obtainable from some government official.

In July — some say June — of 1895 a second deficiency occurred, this time in the 1-2p. denomination. These were printed on thin, wove paper. Some sheets come without the "moiree." This may have been caused by feeding the sheet in sideways instead of lengthways, a theory which I am not prepared to prove. Collectors say the government knew nothing about this as none were on sale by the officials — excellent proof is it not? These were on sale in early August. About 440,000 werr issued. About 150,000 more were printed on the thick beer-duty paper. These were on sale immediately after the stock of the former was exhausted.

The third issue occurred in 1896. These stamps were printed on a peculiar paper. It can best be described

as a rather stiff, oiled paper which is easily cut with a penknife, rather brittle, thin and sometimes the oily color is absent. This stamp (1p.) was on sale two months.

In summing it up one fails to see why this oversight should have been repeated. Certainly once was enough to have caused them to learn the lesson and well, too. But it remains for some scribe, far better versed on the subject, to give us a satisfactory explanation.

George Whitman.

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A Question of "Ye Olden Tyme."

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

This discussion whether cut envelopes and varieties of the minor kind are really collectable or not is one of a very ancient date; the grandfathers of some of us considered the matter in all its bearings years and years ago, deciding it or leaving it an open question just as we of the present day are given to doing, yet a real settlement of the thing is as far away to day as it was when first taken into account. Of course each of us can settle it to our own satisfaction, but in referring to a real settlement I meant one which was agreeable to everybody. I have been looking the matter up a little of late since it has become prominent once again, and find that as far back as 1866 there were people who thought envelopes ought to be collected entire instead of cut to shape, and that varieties of perforation and paper were not unworthy of attention. Opposed to this class of collectors was a large number who held that so much particularizing was just pure nonsense, that the stamp on the envelope was the thing of interest, and not the envelope itself, so that it was quite enough to cut out the stamp and throw the rest away. That is what some of us are claiming today only we insist that it shall be cut with a margin all around instead of cut to the exact shape. The vandals of the past believed in cutting their stamps too, the design was the collectible thing they said, and the perforations had nothing to do with that, nor the kind of paper either. We of today have advanced beyond that grade, and so far that even a beginner is well aware that a stamp with cut perforations isn't of much account. We do not discuss that part of the question now, but the part touching on minor varieties, and entires vs. cut squares is ever open to discussion, therefore it is ever "catching it" from one side or the other. Two of our writers are exchanging emphatic opinions about it now, and readers interested and uninterested are looking on with a wondering smile, and asking when the matter will be settled so far as the "entire" part is concerned; to the end of time there will be collectors who will insist on having the complete envelope, while others will be content with cut squares, but in my opinion the continual arguments for and against the two practices will in the end have an unfortunate effect

on philately by causing many collectors confine their attention to adhesives only. I confess that it has been thus with me. I formerly collected envelopes cut either round or square as eagerly as anything else, then the way advanced philatelists seemed to scowl upon them in that form rather hurt my interest in them, and I replaced all possible with entire specimens. These had to have another album, and proved to be bulky about handling, as well as very hard to arrange in a way to make them easy for inspection or exhibition. I began to get discouraged; I no longer dreamed of a special album, deciding I had much rather have the $5.00 it would cost for stamp purchases, and so today I have a large number of entire envelopes, wrappers and postal cards of various countries and seldom look at them. Certainly I never buy one, and neither will I buy the same thing cut square as I used to do because of the low standard of desirability to which the crusade against them has reduced the whole family of cut things.

Concerning minor varieties the discussion is still on. They seem to be gaining favor too, and for this I for one do not in the least object so long as we do not touch the ridiculous in our search and claims for them. One writer says folks who are always hunting for odd printings, etc., are "cranks", intimating that they are unreasonable in their recognition of little differences as "varieties." In some respects he is right. I quite recently had a 30. Canada of the four leaf design offered me at the price of $1.00 just because there was a tiny red line reaching out from the frame towards the perforations, due probably to a hair getting in the way at the wrong time. The idea of calling that a minor variety worth $1.00 struck me as being rather too much. It is things of that class to which we anti-minor collectors are opposed, but any real errors such as a misplaced die, re-engraving or anything occurring over and over in the same place is different. Minor varieties of authorized make we are all willing the specialist should consider worthy of study, but it is when accidents, heavy or light impressions, etc., etc., not to mention errors or blunders purposely made are elevated to the title that we rebel, calling the collectors thereof "cranks."

Speaking of this term of criticism, "cranks," a second writer says

"It has often been suggested that it is the cranks that make the wheels of a factory turn, and this is as applicable to philately as any other business." Yes, but suppose that cranks formed the only machinery the (or a) factory had, how much good would they accomplish in doing the work the factory wanted to turn out? We need cranks, of course, both in machinery and philately, but we do not want cranks alone. There must be a judicious mixture of things or none of them could get along. If it were not for those cranky persons

who collect entires and shades philately would be at a standstill," says the same writer who is a crank himself. That is by no means so sure as long as new issues continue to pour forth as they have been doing the past few years: new issues are "cranks" enough just in themselves to keep philately a-going even if the minor variety "crank" had never been heard of.

The whole thing will simmer down as it always does to the familiar old sentence, "collect what pleases you." It is right that it should since we each collect just for our own selves and not for other folks. Discussion is all right also when it is merely an explanation of different ideas and methods but when it turns into blame or ridicule of others because they fail to see things in the same light that you do, then it is time that we and our pursuit are made ridiculous in the eyes of observing outsiders.

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Den Thoughts.

BY CLAUDE T. RENO.

Sometime ago the writer hereof sent an article to one of our publications giving his ideas of what should constitute a successful philatelic association, which was duly published. The article had not appeared many days before there came a letter from B. G. McFall, who is the grand high-high of the Philatelic Order of Masons, soliciting our membership thereto.

While I have nothing against the new society and while I do wish it and its officers all possible success, I must nevertheless say that I do not believe this association to be an ideal stamp society in any sense of the word. I admit that it gives a full value for everything paid into it, and has many benefits in that line, yet I fear that it is not the society desired by the stamp collecting fraternity.

What is needed and desired is a society *of the members and by the members*. One that will follow up its objects and try to benefit and advance the collector in all ways. There is no need of one which shall exist in the interests of one man, and until we come to realize this, so long must we remain in the dark.

I would say however that collectors who believe in "degree business" and other un-American ideas should join the P. O. M. It's a good society but it is not the ideal.

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Pennsylvania has now some prospects of a good state society. After some corresponding the writer was fortunate in securing Mr. R. C. Potteiger of Wilkes-Barre to take the organization in hand and he as Secretary is pushing it so hard that no doubt we will soon be able to boast of a very good state organization.

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I was pleased to note the space given in the issue before last to a discussion of the advertising matter. Mr. Hughes certainly did create a stir in publishing the list which is the

subject of so much comment, but I fail to look at the matter in the light that he does.

Advertising is something which not all of us understand and there are so many doctors disagreeing that it is hard to set down any iron rules to follow. One man looks at it as a useless expense while the next says it is to be considered the same as fuel and rent. Then again there is a great diversity of opinions regarding circulation. Some believe that circulation includes only the number of subscribers while there is a school led by *Printers' Ink* which says that the number of copies printed irrespective of where, how, when they are distributed or circulated. For instance if you print 1000 papers, send out 500 and burn the rest your circulation would be 1000 which is of course all very nice and convenient!

But the greatest difference of opinion is noted when we talk of price and when we attempt to establish a standard of price we cannot help but encounter opposition on all sides. I believe that it is utterly impossible and unnecessary to establish such a standard. Some say it should be $1. per line per one hundred thousand circulation. That's a fair price if you want to use *Comfort* or some other papers of its class, but when you come down to the philatelic press we have a right to demand more than that. If any standard for stamp papers is to be made it should be on a basis of $2.50 per line per one hundred thousand. That would be fair to all and I believe that that is about the price now charged.

Philatelic advertising is not too high if rightly used. You can't expect to place your adv. in a journal and receive a hundred replies. If you are unknown you must expect to pay something to become known and after establishing a reputation you will be able to say "it pays." Again adv. construction goes far in securing replies but your prices tell the whole story.

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Notes from Illinois.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

Once more and again the philatelic season is about to come to a close. Dealers all over the state claim that the stamp business was never so good for this time of the year as it is now.

In my last month's notes I stated that I was to publish a directory of the stamp collectors of Illinois. After sending out notices I got so many names that I found it would be impossible to put them into the small amount of space I wanted to devote to it. I hope someone else will take it up.

There has been considerable comment regarding the quiet disbandment of the Philatelic Window. The P. W. started out Sept. 15 with a Vol. 1, No. 1 and nothing has been heard of it since with the exception of a postal card stating that there had been a disagreement between the editor and publisher. I was unable to

find out the name of the editor. The publishers were Horn & Co., 149 Kinsie St., Chicago, Ill.

What might be called a good proof that the stamp business is on the increase is that two of the most prominent stamp dealers in Illinois have recently been joined in matrimony and I know one more likely to follow soon.

While it may be no place to praise my employer in this column I cannot refrain from stating that I received thirteen answers from my adv. in the February number of the BAY STATE PHILATELIST. Pretty good, wasn't it?

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My Experiences as a Collector.

BY CECIL RAWSON.

As both a dealer and collector I have had many experiences. About 1893 I lived in a country town. My father when about 18 years of age (1859) had been in Europe for his health, and while in Baden had written many letters on which he had put some stamps now worth $3.50, used. Of these he still had four. As I was only a youngster, and had only collected about a year, I knew nothing of their value and immediately on receiving them I sold them for 1c. each and a few common ones I did not have. As near as I can remember they were in fine condition.

My next mishap was in 1895, a year before I got a catalogue. My teacher, knowing that I was a collector, gave me a 5c. playing cards, perforated, in fine condition and evenly centered. I then had a collection of some 250 varieties. (I had resumed collecting but a month before) In the meantime I added 15 and 30c. Columbians used and three Brazilians worth 45c. This whole lot I sold for 40c.

In 1888 I received in answer to an advertisement, a request for approval sheets. I sent one book of stamps valued at $2.50 and it never came back. I wrote to the postmaster and asked him to look it up. He said the person in question was a respectable young student and that he did not write like that. I then wrote to a dealer in the same city to collect it for me. Behold this dealer is shown by another dealer to be the man who sent the request and he used the student's name.

I received last year, about May, a request for sheets from the South saying "Kindly send me some sheets at 50 p. c. Have been getting sheets from boys advertising as dealers and am tired of their stuff." He got a selection valued at $7.50 (3 sheets). And as heretofore mentioned "they never came back." Ta-ta.

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Random Notes.

BY JOHN PELTZ.

The collector who pays attention to shade varieties should not overlook the U. S. envelope stamps of the 1887 issue. The 1c. can be found in a distinct purple blue shade, and the 2c. appears in green, yellow green

and blue green. The current 2c. appears in carmine and pink.

The 1899 2c. carmine envelope, with die C, is not yet catalogued by Scott, although it is now recognized as a distinct variety. I wonder if both dies B and C are still being printed or if one die is now printed?

While looking over a lot of duplicates some time ago I came across a copy of the 1883 half-anna green of India (watermarked Star) which had written across the face "1 anna" in purple ink; then it was cancelled in the regular way. The cancellation appears to me to show above the written words. I have come to the conclusion that it must be provisional; perhaps the postmaster had run out his supply of one anna stamps and not having a surcharging "machine" at hand he thought pen and ink would serve the purpose just as well. If it is not a provisional then probably it is intended as a joke by some one. Anyway I would like to have other collectors' opinions as to its authenticity. Please let us hear from you if you can tell us anything about it.

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Did You Ever.

BY EDGAR S. BRIGHTMAN.

Did you ever get a letter from a
stampic dealer small
Setting forth his various merits
great and wonderful to all;
Said he was the largest dealer on
our earthly mundane sphere;
Did you ever send a dollar and from
that dealer never hear?
Did you ever? DID I ever? Well
I guess!

Did you ever get a paper, "Sample
Copy, Please Subscribe;"
When you've read it feel like writing
a most scathing diatribe
'Gainst all journals philatelic
if like that one they are found:
Did you ever feel indignant and
scorn without bound?
Did you ever? DID I ever? Well
I guess!

Did you ever see a label, graved
with skill artistic hand,
By the P. M. General's order of some
foreign unknown land,
Called a stamp for postal uses
so's to catch our easy eye;
Did you ever lose your money
on some novel issue sly?
Did you ever? DID I ever? Well
I guess!

Did you ever get some hinges
guaranteed to stick like sin:
Then not even find the stickum,
upside, downside, outside, in,
No more use than that much rubber
for to mount your treasure stamps;
Did you ever—bless(!)—those hinges
by the burning midnight lamps?
Did you ever? DID I ever? Well
I guess!

Did you ever hear from some one,
aunt or uncle way out west;
Said they had a lot of letters but they
knew you like stamps best,

Bears on some there were "So funny
bears aprancin' on two feet,"
Did you ever send to get them, find
that they were counterfeit?
Did you ever? DID I ever? Well
I guess!

Did you ever? But Great Caesar, I
should think that you'd be tired
Just as though for making answers
by Sir Heverns you were hired.
Now my kind and gentle reader,
I will let you gently down;
Don't you ever, DONT you ever
let them do you up so brown.

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Once more has the "City of Culture" demonstrated that not only is it the "Hub" of the universe, but of philatelic activity as well. I have previously recorded the wonderful resources of the great stamp company of this city in its assimilation of the Nash and Thorne collections, but we now have a third great purchase to record. The Olney collection has passed into the hands of the New England Stamp Co., without doubt the third greatest transaction of the kind that our country has produced. ** A Brattleboro, a Millbury, two St. Louis and other gems of a similar character were in the collection.—*Philatelic Post.*

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A collection "of 7,818 foreign adhesive stamps listed at $2,182.54 by the 58th and $2,074.32 by the 59th catalogue.—*M.'s Weekly.*

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The smallest postoffice building in the United States, if not in the world, is that of Virginia Postoffice. Cal. It is situated on the road between San Diego and Escondido, and receives two mails daily except Sunday. The original existence of the structure was in the form of a piano box. It is 6 feet long, 5 feet high and 3 feet wide, and its "box equipment" consists of five locked drawers.—*Evergreen State Philatelist.*

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The Boston Post is the latest convert to the million stamp scheme and tells of an estimable young lady, employed in a local store, who proposes to amass a million stamps and sell the same for $375 with which an entrance into some Old Ladies' Home will be secured. The paragraph goes on to say that the young lady is not working in her own behalf, but I am inclined to believe when she obtains the above sum for a million stamps she will be old enough to be entitled to an entrance into the home referred to. A New York firm will sell one million foreign stamps for $80.—*Phil. Chronicle.*

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The present half penny red stamps of England are to be substituted by a new stamp, green in color. They are to be issued to the public this month. They will be followed by a new shiling stamp.—*Advocate.*



James Adams.— 1 The different triangles in the 2c. stamps are distinguished by the lines of the groundwork. These are heavy and pass entirely through the triangle in I, II has fine lines in the frame of the triangle, III has no lines passing through the frame. 2 Paid marks on old letters have no value. 3 Embossing consists of a raised series of points in various forms made by the pressure of a steel instrument and usually upon the back of the stamp. (For exceptions see Scott's catalogue) This was for the purpose of preventing the washing of stamps.

A correspondent kindly sends us the following clipping:

Another strange thing about the stamp craze is that it seldom affects women. When women do catch it, however, they have it bad.

TO MAKE IN U. S. A.

more collectors of beautiful European postcards with views I send against cash beforehand free per registered printed matter. 50 dif German cards 50 cents. 100 for $1.00. 50 Austria Hungary 60 cents. 50 from other European countries 70 cents. 50 different from Africa views form the war in the Transvaal $1.00.

ANT. GERSTENKORN,
Breite Str., 20 Hamburg.

World Wide Notes.

BY D. ELER KLECTOR.

Mr. Chapman's *Adhesive* fills all expectations. On the cover of the third number is the cut of as fine a looking philatelist as it has been my lot to look at for many a day, namely Arthur R. Magill who has been called Canada's "Chapman."

It has always seemed strange to me why certain philatelic magazines publish ads. or articles of or by frauds already published as such. One of our Canadian papers recently printed two advs. of a party who had been published as a fraud. That paper was O. O. for a society of which the fraud was a member. Then the publishers were accused of it and they denied it. A month later the fraud's adv. appeared in the paper.

Exchange Column.

"Trader's" packet 1000 foreign stamps 25 cents. 500 "Best" stamp hinges 6 cents. 1000 for 10 cents. 3000 for 20 cents. Post paid. Massasoit Stamp Co., 373 1-2 Main St., Springfield, Mass. | 4-01

C. S. Dodge, Hamilton, Ill. has the new private proprietary stamps to exchange for your duplicates.4-01

Will exchange good stamps, unused Bermuda, etc., for old U. S. or foreign. Drop me a postal and receive my bargain list post free! Charles E. Baker, Jr., 47 Elm St., Melrose Highlands, Mass. | 2-01

Coins and paper money bought sold and exchanged. Good dated colonial coin of Conn. or New Jersey 25c. Catalogue and two curio papers for stamp. A. P. Wylie, Prairie Center, Illinois. | 5-01

25 CENTS FREE.

A U. S. stamp catalogued 25c. unused if you send 2c postage for our great bargain list. 4 var. Japan War 9c 20 var. Russia 9c.

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Report of Sec.-Treas.

No ballots were cast to decide the office of Librarian, so Mr. Buffington will continue in office for the year.

One of our members has suggested that the J. P. and B. S. P. A. be united. I think it would be a good plan as the membership of both societies would make a total that would place it the sixth or seventh in America. If Pres. Brosie thinks favorably of this plan some action may be taken in the matter.

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Dues from members	.65
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Br. Honduras 27 o. g.	5c	" 82 and 83 used	4c
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Mr. Cecil Rawson.

This month we present to our readers the likeness of Mr. Cecil Rawson, of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Rawson was born in Richmond, Va. on August 4, 1883. Later he moved to the "Windy City", but finding it a pretty cheap "sort" of a place—beg pardon, Mr. Severn—he returned East to the city of "Brotherly Love."



Cecil Rawson.

At the age of nine he became a "phil" and since then he has been chasing around for odd copies of Brattleboros and St. Louis. Our friend sold his first collection in 1898 and a year later commenced a collection of United States. He soon gave this up and entered the stamp business and is now manager of the Penn Stamp Co.

Mr. Rawson has written for many papers, among them being the Bay State Philatelist. Hh is also prominent politically being Sec.-Treas. of the Siamp Dealers Protective Association; Ex Supt. of the Junior Philatelic Society; and Honorary Pres of the C. P. C. He is also a member of the P. S. of A.

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We have never said much about the advertising qualities of this paper but we wish it understood that good goods at low prices advertised in our columns bring customers. The Genesee Stamp Co., who had an adv. in our last issue, report that in one week after the appearance of their adv. they received 16 answers. We have yet to hear the total number.

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We beg to chronicle a new stamp from Afghanistan on the authority of our Oriental correspondent. It is a 3 abbasi, current set. This is a change from the word rupee to 3 abbasi.

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New German Stamps.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Dietz, editor of the *Virginia Philatelist*, we are able to present to our readers these excellent cuts of the 2, 3 and 5 mark stamps — just issued — of Germany. The colors are as follows,

2 marks, blue.
3 marks, slate violet.
5 marks, carmine and black.







The above cuts are somewhat smaller than the stamps themselves but nevertheless they bring forward the fact that German stamps are no longer homely.

Hoosier Jottings.

BY FRANK K. HILLS.

Of course everyone is anxiously awaiting the time when the Buffalo "Pan American" set will be placed on sale. The designs have been announced as follows: views of an American lake steamer, a modern express train, Niagara Falls, automobile, the locks at Sault Sainte Marie and possibly the American flag. The values will include one, two, four, five, eight and ten cents.

A good library of stamp papers is a mine of useful philatelic knowledge. There is no collector so poor that he cannot afford at least half a dozen stamp papers ranging in price from 15c. to 50c. per year.

We are glad that the Haytian gourde question has been settled once for all. It seems that a gourde is equal to the U. S. dollar — that is what the gentleman who devised the present Haytian currency system has given out.

The idea of Natal's issuing a set of postage stamps from 1-2d. to £50 is beyond our comprehension. A set from 1-2d. to 5s. we wouldn't kick about but this issue ranges to such enormously high values that any one can see that it is a money making scheme. The Natal government expects to raise $500,000 from the sale of these stamps and donate the same to those who have suffered through the Boer invasion. It's plainly another case of taking up the white man's burden.

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We have never said much about the advertising qualities of this paper but we wish it understood that good goods at low prices advertised in our columns bring customers. The Genesee Stamp Co., who had an adv. in our last issue, report that in one week after the appearance of their adv. they received 16 answers. We have yet to hear the total number.

In a different line: Mr. A. R. Butler, Washirgton, D. C. says — "P. S. P. is good. I enclose 25c. for a years subscription. The cuts are especially clear for magazine work, equal to Munsey."

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We beg to chronicle a new stamp from Afghanistan on the authority of our Oriental correspondent. It is a 3 abbasi, current set. This is a change from the word rupee to 3 abbasi.

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We beg to inform patrons of our advertising department that notices in which reprints or counterfeits are offered for sale or exchange cannot be admitted to our columns in view of the following:

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Politics.

Mr. W. R. Brown, a member of the B. S. P. A. and J. P. is running for Exchange Supt. in the D. P. A. You should support him. He has the qualities to make a fine officer and no clique will prevent his election.

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New German Stamps.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Dietz, editor of the *Virginia Philatelist*, we are able to present to our readers these excellent cuts of the 2, 3 and 5 mark stamps — just issued — of Germany. The colors are as follows,

2 marks, blue.
3 marks, slate violet.
5 marks, carmine and black.







The above cuts are somewhat smaller than the stamps themselves but nevertheless they bring forward the fact that German stamps are no longer homely.

Hoosier Jottings.

BY FRANK K. HILLS.

Of course everyone is anxiously awaiting the time when the Buffalo "Pan American" set will be placed on sale. The designs have been announced as follows: views of an American lake steamer, a modern express train, Niagara Falls, automobile, the locks at Sault Sainte Marie and possibly the American flag. The values will include one, two, four, five, eight and ten cents.

A good library of stamp papers is a mine of useful philatelic knowledge. There is no collector so poor that he cannot afford at least half a dozen stamp papers ranging in price from 15c. to 50c. per year.

We are glad that the Haytian gourde question has been settled once for all. It seems that a gourde is equal to the U. S. dollar — that is what the gentleman who devised the present Haytian currency system has given out.

The idea of Natal's issuing a set of postage stamps from 1-2d. to £50 is beyond our comprehension. A set from 1-2d. to 5s. we wouldn't kick about but this issue ranges to such enormously high values that any one can see that it is a money making scheme. The Natal government expects to raise $500,000 from the sale of these stamps and donate the same to those who have suffered through the Boer invasion. It's plainly another case of taking up the white man's burden.

Kismet.

BY E. R. STEIN.

I believe in a "Kismet" not as a Mussulman but as a Christian.

Going to preach?

No, but listen. I believe that God directs little things, apparently of no consequence, or even a nuisance to somebody, to some good purpose. I am in frequent communication with several dealers. Everything went slick only once a letter with minor approval sheets must have got lost in the mails.

Aoother time a certain dealer had sent me two approval sheets worth $3 or $400. accompanied by his blank calling for somewhat over $8. for the lot. Evidently his mistake. I notified hin of it and he thanking me asked for their return which I made by registered letter. Now what was this for? Why has this occurred? There is my "Kismet." Lately I mailed a money order for $8. with five approval sheets returned and picked nearly bare, to another dealer. That letter seems to have been lost as I have received a postal card calling for returns. The money order is recorded at the post office here and I am positive that the former dealer with his $3-400.00 worth of stamps is willing to testify to my honesty in this disagreeable matter. That's why the former mistake occurred. D'ye see! Kismet! To my judgment, stamp dealers and stamp collectors ought to be honest themselves and trust others to be the same. There is too much bona fide business required and going on to be dishonest in stamp dealing. A man dishonest in philatelic transactions in my estimation resembles a horse thief on our plains and ought to be treated as such. Strong language! Not any stronger than the deed itself is provoking.

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A Stamp Hunter's Luck.

BY LEON V. CASS.

I always took great pleasure in searching over old letters and documents for stampic treasures. Some of my friends doubtless thought me a great nuisance and with some reason too.

I never had any great luck in my searches and yet I have never given up the hope that sometime I will make a great find. About the time I first became conversant with the delights of Philatelia, I had the good fortune of getting permission to look over a lot of old letters. Great was my delight when I unearthed about 30 three cent '51, '56. '91, '67, '69 and '71 issues of stamps. The three cent of '69 must, I thought, be a rarity and I would not have exchanged it for a Brattleboro. I had never seen a catalogue and estimated the value of my stamps according to their beauty and the number I found.

I almost found a lot of really scarce stamps. After asking a friend for any old stamps she might have I found that she had recently consigned to the flames nearly a bushel of old letters written between 1840 and 1860.

Illinois Notes.

BY S. E. MOISANT.

The new paper published in London called the "Young Stamp Collector" says the following which I am inclined to doubt:— J. S. Higgins, a 14 year old boy living in Manchester, England, is undoubtedly the foremost boy stamp collector in the world." I believe there are over a hundred boys in the U. S. alone who are better known than the one above mentioned.

The postage stamps in small books were placed on sale at the Chicago post office on April 19. I understand the first book containing 12 stamps was endorsed by Postmaster Gordon and was sold to Edward B. Butler.

A collector in this state, whose half-tone appeared in a leading paper has sent me a letter which was sent to him by two girls who signed their names the same as that of a well known review editor. Among other loving things, they stated that they had fell in love with him. The letter was probably sent by this review editor as a joke. I am of the opinion that this same gentlemen is the publisher of "Stampic America."

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BY LAYOS.

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above conversation ensued. "Sit down on that chair and make yourself comfortable. You have been in Yorkville perhaps, then maybe you know the old house which was once occupied by some of the gentry some years ago. Well, close to where that now stands, there used to be, twenty years ago, an old book store which has been of late torn down. A queer old place it was to be sure, with its casement windows and overhanging gables. I was living at Richmond Hill then. It's nigh on thirty years ago, when the story I am about to tell you happened. I was an enthusiastic stamp collector of there was not many in those times compared with today, no philatelic papers of any note were then published, though I must say that stamps were collected with as much interest by the few that did collect. However to proceed with my story.

CHAPTER 2.

One cold December day, I started for Toronto to arrange a small matter of business. As I meant to make a two days journey of it, I meant to stop at Yorkville for the night and go into Toronto the next day. I did not leave home till about four o'clock and I had a weary road to travel and the sleet and snow started to come down so darkness came on before I reached my destination. It was a cold night and the road was bad so that it was late before I rode into Yorkville. I intended staying at a friend's house for the night. I made up my mind to visit the collector. This collector was the proprietor of an old book store, where he sold stamps as well as books. On arriving at the store the proprietor came slowly out to me. I had never had any dealings with this man but intended looking over what he had in the shape of stamps with a view to purchasing. He then showed me into what he called his stamp office, where a large bright fire was burning on the hearth.

CHAPTER 3.

"Miles Gordon as was the proprietor's name, had at one time been wealthy and a stamp collector of some note across the water, but meeting with reverses, he was compelled to part with the greater portion of his really valuable clolection and to come to Canada. He had still some rare stamps which he was loathe to sell, and would not sell any of these except when necessity demanded, which was sometimes the case and then it was with the utmost reluctance. His customers were mostly students and professional men. He was known to have followed a customer one half a mile to try and buy back the stamp he had sold a few minutes before. Of course the purchaser would not do this and he then even offered an advance on the price he had sold it for. Gordon would almost beg with tears in his eyes for the return of them. When a purchaser wanted a stamp which he knew Gordon had, he would reluctantly show the stamp and if the

customer offered to purchase it he would state a price far in excess of its actual value. If the customer still wished it, Gordon would deprecate the stamp, saying it was torn or perforations missing or other equal flimsy excuses but there were times when as I have stated, necessity required him to dispose of them. His stamps could not last forever. At this rate he was every day becoming more melancholy and his actions very queer. Thus was Miles Gordon's stock of stamps and books gradually diminished with no view of replenishing.

CHAPTER 4.

About this time the city of Toronto was startled by the murder of Doctor Neville, an eminent physician. He was found on Bloor St. near Yonge, a very secluded spot at that time. He had been struck from behind and there was no clue to his assassin. Closely following this crime another murder was committed, this time a young theological student. The quiet and peaceful people of that vicinity were startled at this double murder. Whoever he was he eluded the vigilance of the law. Both were stamp collectors of some eminence.

CHAPTER 5.

Nearly opposite Miles Gordon's store was another occupied by a second dealer. His stock of stamps was of large variety. As Miles Gordon seemed to grow poorer day by day, so Francis Duval, a Frenchman, seemed to thrive. As Gordon's collection grew smaller, Duval's grew larger. Of course this was not pleasant to Gordon.

Fires in those days were not of such frequent occurrence as they are today. The fire department had not the grand equipments it now has and therefore fires were not so easily extinguished. One evening in October as the good people were preparing for their night's repose they were aroused by the fire bell. It was soon discovered that Duval's store was in flames and was almost consumed before aid could be procured. Duval himself was supposed to have been burned to death in bed before he could be saved.

These are the events that had transpired a few months previous to my visit to Miles Gordon.

CHAPTER 6.

We examined the stamps together. He had some really good stamps, early issues, Europeans and British Colonies; they would be worth triple value today. My eyes fairly glistened over these treasures. Gordon seemed to take as much pleasure out of them as myself, like a miser over his gold but the moment I mentioned purchasing any his countenance darkened and I might have as well been alone for all the notice he took of me. He was gazing at the stamps with what seemed to me a wicked look in his eyes. Ah, I wonder what were his thoughts as he gazed at his collection? At last he raised himself and chose

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Following our usual custom we combine the July and August numbers. Even philatelic editors like a rest.

The Genesee Stamp Co. says: "Our last adv. netted us 40 (forty) replies, most of them with money inclosed. Our PROFITS on the stamps sold through this adv. were three times its cost." See their adv on back cover. Better hustle in your adv. if you want results.

Miles Gordon.

Continued.

what I wanted, amounting somewhere about a hundred and fifty dollars. After the business was done he asked me if I would accept his invitation to stay with him over night as the storm seemed to be increasing. I accepted and was shown to my room for the night. I asked him to call me early in the morning and he promised he would do so.

CHAPTER 7.

My bedroom was long and low with queer old furniture, quaint carved chairs, and a big four posted bedstead, which seemed as big as a hearse. There was no lock to the door so I could only let the latch down. The night was wet and dark, and the sky was as black as ink. Try as I would I could not get to sleep. I lay listening to the ghostly tapping of the ivy twigs on the window, and remembered the evil look in Gordon's eyes and all the horrid stories I had ever read, came crowding into my brain. Suddenly I started in my bed, wide awake enough, for I heard someone coming up stairs and along the hallway. I lay with palpitating heart and straining eyes listening to the sound which every moment became nearer. Suddenly a thought struck me and I rose hastily making the bedclothes look as nearly like a human being as I could. I had just time to creep under the bed when the door opened and somebody entered softly. It was a man. I heard him sigh wearily to himself. You can ima-

gine how pleasant I felt, and my money bag under the pillow. As the person approached the bed on tiptoe, I saw it was Miles Gordon, and leaning over the supposed sleeper stabbed him to the heart. The would-be murderer did not go for my money bag as I had supposed he would. He seemed searching for something; at last his eyes lighted on my coat at the end of the room. Then it flashed across my mind, the stamps I had purchased. His joy on regaining possession of them was like the gladness of a child on receiving a new toy. As he left the room I decided to follow



him. He led me to a room at the far end of the house, leaving the door ajar as he entered, so I was able to have a full view of the room. I determined to see the end of the adventure. The room was small and my eyes were greeted with more stamps than I ever hoped to behold. As I peered through the door, I could see him going over the stamps. At length he commenced talking to himself in an entreating tone. "Please Dr. Neville return me the stamps. I will give you others for them."; then his mind wandered. "That stamp has been torn but cleverly mended, my theological friend," he was saying in a deprecatory tone.

What next did I see but a book of stamps that I had examined in Duval's store the day of the fire. Then it occurred to me that perhaps this is the culprit of the two murders and the incendiary of the fire at Duval's store. I could see him look over book after book of stamps; someof them I recognized as Dr. Neville's. Well sir, it made me turn queer and giddy for the meaning of this lunatic's babble was now clear.

CHAPTER 8.

Well sir, that's about all. The next day I reported my experience to the authorities. Needless to say he was arrested and after a long trial he was found guilty and sentenced to be hung. That is all. The strangest story you ever heard? Well so may it be but it is true, every word of it. Going are you? Well, good day, the storm is over and thank you kindly for listening to my story. It does me good to chat a bit sometimes. Good-day, sir, and a pleasant walk to you."

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According to *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* there has been a "corner" in the 12c. Hawaii. The price has already gone up to 20c. in the islands. Now is your time to get one.

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Worse still! Bach is alleged to have done more counterfeiting this time in South American stamps.

A Million of Stamps.

BY E. R. S.

A young Danish girl, selling milk to the passengers on No. 1 which came into Mindan from the East, unluckily fell across the side track and both her feet were cut off by the switch engine. The father being dead (her mother, a poor laundress) the girl was left helpless in the deplorable state of sliding through life until some good neighbors took up the matter with a will. Through their intercession some eastern firm was moved to offer a pair of artificial feet for the consideration of one million of stamps. The local newspapers, and soon outsiders also, advertised the facts appealing to the benevolence of mankind. The consequence was a brilliant success. Stamps floated into town by the hundreds and thousands and not only the amount required was obtained in a considerably short time, but also a nice surplus and the girl consequently walked happily elevated to her normal height. I used to be at their house frequently (about my washing) and looked at the floor strewn with all kinds of stamps! indifferently!—stop a little I have to beat my head—and the idea of collecting stamps never entered my brain. They say every man is given his chance but once in a lifetime. Well surely I lost mine. Strange to say I always had a notion to collect something, old coins, coats of arms on sealing wax, sea shells, books, curios, herbs and grasses. And where have all these collections one after another gone to? Ah to some admiring friend. Finally I gathered cartoons and pictures about the World's Fair and to make the matter complete I pasted the different values of the Columbian series in my scrap book. For years I paid no attention to it until I saw an adv. in the Youth's Companion offering 100 stamps for 7c. Now talk about advertisings being a useless expense. Like a divine spark the idea struck me then and there to get these stamps and then the old song came true and I was a "goner". Since that first lot of stamps came to hand I have tried to make up for lost time. My collection numbers 2500 adhesives. How often do I think of the lost chance? Don't ask me. Think of it. The finest old stamps being trodden under foot and I—oh don't mention it!

Exchange Column.

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BY GERANT.

The following papers were received from May 1 to June 1.

	Vol.	No.
Allegheny Philatelist	1	2
Bi-Monthly Collector	2	2
Collector	2	2
Collectors' Companion	1	8
Energy	–	–
Enterprise	2	2-3
Evergreen State Philatelist	–	–,
Exchange	1	3,4
Filatelic Facts & Fallacies	8	7
Grant's Monthly Philatelist	1	1
Indiana Philatelist	1	5-6
Int. Phil. Review	2	1
Monarch	3	4,5
Montreal Philatelist	2	11
Nebraska Stamp News	1	3
New York Philatelist	8	2
Northwestern Philatelist	2	1
Perforator	16	6
Philatelic Advocate	8	5
" Chronicle	2	1
" Post	1	5
" West	12	2
Search Light	3	4
Stamp Exchange	1	2
Virginia Philatelist	3	9
Westerner	3	2
Youth's Realm	6	5
Foreign.		
Antverpia	3	32
Das Postwertzeichen	18	4
El Curioso Americano	1	8-9
Internationaler Fortschritt	1	1
La Propaganda Filatelica	2	9
Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.	9	8
Sa Carte Postale illustree	2	1
Stamps	4	4
Weltall	2	5

Grant's Monthly Philatelist has appeared from Kansas City, Kansas. It consists of sixteen pages and cover. The matter is interesting and the publisher is not afraid to print philatelic stories. We are glad of it. Persons who object to philatelic stories in order to better dispose of their own notes, etc., deserve to be "sat" upon. And they will be.

The *Nebraska Stamp News* is a new one to our desk. Published by D L. Wimmer, Minden, Nebraska at 20 cents a year.

Weltall, a German magazine, has changed hands. It is now published by Mr. Adolf Hartmann, a prominent German collector. We wish him success.

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Mr. James Chandler, who has been in California during the winter, is expected home this month.

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Politics.—A Good Man.

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Librarian's Report.

Fellow Members,

Now that the Librarian question has been decided, I hope you will all come forward with your papers. Since my report of May 1st I have received the following: The E. S. P. has been turning up regularly lately and the May number has just come. From Mr. Gile I received the latest copy of the B. S. P. and also five other papers. The pub. of the J. C. has sent his latest paper and I hope will continue to send it as it comes out. I will give a stamp cat. 50c. to the person sending in the most papers before Aug. 1.–B.

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Some Stampagraphs

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

TO TAKE GREASE SPOTS OUT OF STAMPS

Sometimes it happens you get grease spots on your stamps or on the pages of some stamp magagazines you wanted to keep nice and you are at once filled with a sense of the helplessness of ever removing the ugly and irritating blemish without sending the copy to a professional cleaner. Here is a remedy that has been tried with success:

Heat an iron and hold it as near as posto the stain without discoloring the paper, when the grease or wax will disappear. Upon any traces that are left put on powdered calcined magnesia for a time. Bone, well calcined and powdered is an excellent absorbent of grease; also plaster of Paris. For extracting spots of a serious nature use cologne, turpentine or benzine.

A nicely bound and an entirely new stamp album had oil from a lamp spilled over it. The culprit called for quicklime but there was none to be had, so he got some bones, which he quickly calcined and pulverized and applied. The next morning there was no trace of oil, but only an odor, which soon vanished.

POSTAGE STAMPS DOOMED?

In a newspaper biography of the Italian Count Detalmo di Brazzi Savorgnan I noticed an ac-

count of an invention that some seem to think will revolutionize philately. It appears that for many years the count has busied himself at a series of devices for collecting, registering and stamping mail matter without the intervention of clerks or the use of postage stamps. An incorporated company, located in New Jersey of course, has purchased seven of these patents and propose to urge upon the United States and other governments the use of their timesaving and accurate devices. One invention is a coin-controlled machine which does away with that awkward and sticky appendage, but philatelic necessity—a postage stamp. Does this mean that future philatelists will have to becom e fiscalists? It is very doubtful. However it may much reduce the number of future issues of postage stamps for which many will be very thankful though others will no doubt lose interest if new issues of picture stamps become unknown. Then it may have the effect of lowering the number of beginning collectors- But speculate for yourself.

ORIGIN OF PHILATELY

In an old Chicago Inter Ocean the other day I came across the following, which may prove of interest on account of its delicious absurdity:

Atkinson. Illinois Jan. 29. 1880;— May a small girl venture to ask a question which I know will interest many readers? For what reason are so many persons collecting old postage stamps?

Answer: It is said that postage stamp collecting originated in India, where the missionaries are able to reclaim from the heartless Hindoo parents the little babies they are accustumed to sacrifice before their idols, by trading postage stamps for them. For some reason the barbarians covet these paper tokens, either to offer to their gods after the manner of the Chinese, or to decorate their huts. The fact becoming known in England has worked a change in the economy of cancelled stamps. There are chairty schools in England to which admittance is gained by presenting a certain number of defaced stamps. All large counting houses throughout the realm carefully preserve every envelope and the junior clerks make it their business to soak off the queen's heads and paste them on rolls of wallpaper. They are presented to some worthy lad who makes an exchange of them for leaaning.

PHILATELIC SCRAP BOOKS

Do you beep a philatelic scrap book? Do you keep up your philatelic library? If you don't do either, you should. A philatelic library, unless composed of bound volumes, is not a joy forever and even then it may not be. Many persons do not keep up a library because of the room it occupies and also few have the time to index a library properly so as to make it easy of reference. But there are many articles in the philatelic press one oft wishes to preserve yet does not desire to keep the whole magazine. Here is where the scrap album comes into play. Of course you'll have to have two copies of each issue of the papers in case the articles you wish to keep is printed on both sides of the page, but you'll find that two copies of stamp papers cost but a trifle more than one.

As to the kind of scrap book you have great latitude. Take the book itself in the first place. This may be anythtng from a very expensive made-to-order album to a book of old official government reports with all the leaves torn out except every third or fourth one to prevent bulging. Now as to the contents. Some keep just one album for everything. Others keep several albums. One will be for stamp stories, poetry, and jokes and another for the scientific articles. Some keep a particular one for the writings of their favorite philatelic authors and comments pretaining theretoo. And each of these albums usually contain the autograph and picture of the author of its contents. Some who specialize in a few countries keep a different book for notes and article on the stamps of each of their favorite countries. Some keep scrap books in which they put articles that pretain to certain philatelic literature and literature collecting only. A unique scrap album is an extra one containing headings of different philatelic publications. But whatever articles you keep you will a scrap album is a handy way of keeping them. so they will take up no great space and as a volume of this kind is easily indexed you will find your articles very easy of reference.

Original Jottings.

We have seen the two sen, green, Japan, current set both surcharged and uncharged. Sometimes with two and sometimes with three characters. Color of surcharge red. More common in two characters.

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Now for "some timely remarks" to the effect that the "coming season is to be a record breaker."

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As an evidene of how carefully some editors of the "New Issues" column conduct their department, we would recite the following: In a recent number we mentioned the discovery of a new stamp. which discovery we are sure no other paper had heard of before the B. S. P. Nevertheless these kingships went serenely on their way and never mentioned it. Hurt our feelings? NO!

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Not withstanding the notices to the effect that Chinese stamps are speculative, we have seen so many this summer on the original cover that we would "just as lief" take them as——well, Miss Swift's articles.

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Editorial.

Have you noticed the large number of philatelic magazines which print cuts that have already appeared many times in other publications? One person said to me recently:—"Good for you! The B. S. P. never prints worn out half tones. No paper gets my money that does it." It is a waste of space. How many persons do you believe there are who have seen the features time and time again of such notables as the "Big Three," "H. A. C.," etc. If one's pitcure appears once or twice all right, but having the "same old thing" go the rounds of the press is foolish. It is only another case of "filling up space." Good papers like the V. P., Mekeel's, etc., never do it. Now here is a chance for some one whose photo has appeared in half-a-dozen papers to register a severe kick. No matter. We've had our say and will allow the matter to resphere.

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In respect to the above, some magazines make it a pratise to secure second hand cuts. It costs them nothing. That's why they do it! They are hard up and don't believe in wasting(?) a cent. But how about their readers? They certainly do not approve of it. "But does the average philatelic editor care about his readers?" That has been the downfall of more than one paper. Sleep on it.

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The Colonel's Story.

BY CHARLES LAIT.

The story of a soldier-collector and the important part stamps played in two friends lives.

It was the monthly meeting of the R—— Stamp Club, one of the largest and most successful in London at the time, but is now only a memory of the happy collector's days of the '70's.

It was a custom of the club for all new collectors to relate some story connected with his collection or with stamps in general. It was on this night that Colonel Glenlugh, a distinguised Indian fighter, joined as after the usual custom. We asked him for a story. Ah well gentlemen I will tell you a story of a friend of mine in fact the only story I know that is connected with stamps

"It was," began the Colonel, "in the year 187— I was stationed at Bachte, a small village in the southern part of India, there were thirty-six of us including myself. I had not been there very long when I became acquainted with Jack Kalston, "the drinking sargent" as he was called, because of his dissipated habits, in fact no body would have anything to do with him I soon found, however, that though shunned by his comrads, he was a man of striking personality, and above all, an earnest student of philately. As I was myself at that time very fond of stamps my time was spent mostly in his company gaining some knowledge of stamps. What with exchanging and buying from his splendid collection (we both had our collections with us) our otherwise tedious barrack life was passed pleasantly. It was one moonlight night as we sat and smooked our evening cherout that Jack suddenly jumped from his chair and exclaimed "I did it for his sake." Come Jack, whats up, tell it all, I will see you through. "Colonel," he said, as he stood in the moonlight, and clasped my hand, "You are the only friend I ever had, but to tell you the story would not do any good. It is but a bitter memory of a ruined life. Sometime when death is near I will tell you, till then never mention it." As we parted for the night, I noticed that the old accustomed Devil-may-care look on

Jack's face was replaced by a bitter smile, as one who had made a mistake in life. Sleep, I could not: to get to the bottom of this was my only thought; but I soon overcame this and fell asleep.

II

The Colonel after taking a drink of water said, "I hope I am not boring you, gentlemen. It a rather long story. Chris, of Noni assured him we were deeply interested. So he continued. "I was up early next morning, when I was surprised to receive a visit from the high commissioner. Colonel Glenlugh, I have a most important duty for you. A native tells me that the Maja have been secretly gathering guns and men together and as this looks rather like an outbreak, you had better take one of the men and take a look into this matter. As he turned to leave, he said, "don't do anything rash." "Alright sir," I answered and straight way made my way into Ralston's room. I explained to him the H. C's. comand. "Delightful. dear boy, thank goodness a little excitement at last." He seemed delighted at the prospect of a little change. We gathered the necessary things for our departure as the palace was some fifeteen miles. One thing I was surprised at, was Ralston taking his stamp album, not the splendid bound volume of Gibbons or Mekeels, but an old fashioned affair bound in thick leather made to last, no doubt. "What's the idea of taking that," I said pointing to the album. Oh well, I'll tell you: you well know the Maja is very fond of stamps and I don't expect the old cheat has a few varieties I have here. However, I intend to try him. You see this will disarm suspicion.

Well we arrived at the palace at about four in the afternoon and we were admitted. That the Maja's intentions were far were evidenced by the canons and other amunation scattered in the yard of the palace, but no sooner were we admitted to H. R. H., theMaja (of Boorel) than we were seized and bound. "My Dear Sir, please don't carry this joke to far, it becomes tiresome, we are here to exchange and buy stamps as we are aware that your interest in stamps is very great," said Jack "Oh my white friends," exclaimed the Maja, a man of about forty years of age, eyes black and beady as night. He was surrounded by his court who laughed seemingly to enjoy our discomfort. "You see my friends, you are my guests and pray make yourselves comfortable, that is under the circumstances."

Here we were, trapped before we had been there a half an hour. The wily Maja with all the hate and fury of his race. "You men of white heads," he said, "think of what the white man has done for me. Iam no longer my own master. You come to me with your stamps to disarm suspicion. What do I want with your stamps, I want my country back, but you want

stamps, yes you want them and you shall have them." His rage was terrible to witness. You shall now have the chance of seeing my little arrangement, We were led out to a large square, where there was an alley about two hundred feet long "You see my dear white friends it is a matter of life or death. You see there is a cage at the other end. You will run and leap over that cage before the tiger is let out, if you don't, well you know the rest. I will not disturb you for a half an hour, so prepare, if you succeed in getting over safely you have my collection of stamps, it cost me five thousand pounds in your English money. It is well worth trying for. Here the Maja laughed, the laugh of a devil, a genius in crime. Well I will leave you now. As soon as he was gone a native entered and cut our bands, and brought us fruit and wine. As soon as he disapeared Jack said, "The time has come at last; Colonel. There is no escape. If I could only warn them at the barracks all would be well." Yes but we can't do it, there is no escape whatever Colonel, we shall never get out of this. I want you to do me a favor. I will tell you the story of my life. It was my fortune to enter the large firm of——the London stamp dealers. I became great friends with Morris, a young chap of my own age and met his sister whom I fell in love with. We were to have been married but somehow or other Morris lost money on the turf. To save his name from disgrace he stole a collection belonaing to Lord Evendale that was in the hands of the firm and sold it in my name to save himself from disgrace. I left England for ever. I want you to take this letter to her, and tell herI suffered for her brother's sin. Here Jack tore a sheet from his pocket and wrote two or three words, sealed and gave it to me. Just at that moment the Maja and his court entered and it was with some difficulty that I concealed the note.

We were both led out by two guards to the end of the alley. We drew lots to see who was to go first. Jack was first. He grasped my hand, "Good bye Colonel, God bless and give her the letter." As soon as the bell rang Jack started down the alley running as fast as his limbs could carry him.

Would he reach the cage before? Yes yes, nearer, he's almost there. My God, too late too late, the Indian pulled back the cage door and the tiger sprang out rushed at poor Jack, and, well you may guess the rest. The Devilish Maja seemed to enjoy the sight very much. "Ah too bad he was not fleet of foot." My turn came. The tiger was driven back in the cage more savage than ever, having tasted human blood. I hardly heard the bell. I ran as I never ran before. I could neither see nor hear anything. Nearer! Nearer, I am almost there. Just in time, through the gate into the green wood, nor did I stop till I sank down. How long I slept I know not.

It was dark when I awoke. I crept on through the forest till at last I reached the the barracks. Hastily telling what hap-

pened, we all started back. The Maja did not expect us. Like wild beasts we rushed into the palace, overpowered the guards and captured the Maja. He was shot next morning and paid the full penalty for his crime. Poor Jack Ralston,s grave is near the palace gate overgrown with the beautiful flowers of the forest. I rescued the Maja's collection and also Jack's which I will never sell, and his sister, well, she is Mrs. Glenlugh. Every year we go to Jack's grave to plant fresh flowers on his last resting place.

That is the only story I know. And the Colonel relaxed into silence.

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Speaking of new issues reminds me to sound a note of warning in behalf of the New Zealand 1d. This now comes in the design of the 4d of 1898, and therefore it is rather apt to be overlooked. In general appearence it is the same as the 4d, but closer inspection shows many variations from the old design; some lie in the engraving itself, but the most noticeable difference is in the color, which is a deeper carmine than the 4d, and in the size of the stamp as a whole. Curiously enough, it is both shorter and narrower than either of the values it replaces, as far as the engraved portion is concerned, I mean.

I begin to have suspicions that the editor of the Boston Journal is a philatelist, for quite often the paper contains items bearing upon our beloved hobby. Here is one of the latest.

"The Marquis of Londonderry, the Postmaster General, has issued a hard and fast order to Post Office clerks that "Esq." shall be used in the future in addressing all male correspondents unless they "are evidently laborers, personal servants or tradesmen." In cases of doubt the " Esq." must be used. Depositors in postal savings banks are not entitled to the "Esq." "

Now what in wonder can be the object of such a move? Is it an attempt to draw still more carefully the always regarded line of caste? The difference between a man who is a gentleman because he is not obliged to work, and one who is not a gentleman because he does work? Whatever the reason the clerks are to be pitied. Think of their bewilderment as they try to decide whether their correspondents are, or are not, entitled to the honary address; the way they'll he lectured by folks who are entitled to the honer but didn't receive it; and think too, of how they will be frowned upon when they unwittingly bestow it upon some low caste individual who did not deserve it, as per the social law. On the whole, I think our postal clerks may be thankful that they are not employees of the Marquis of Londonderry, and his country.



We present the modest features of Mr. James M. Chandler, a resident of "Old New England," his home being in Jamaica Plain, Mass. At present, our friend is at Nordhoff, Cal., this being his second year there.

Mr. Chandler wishes us to omit his sketch but did you ever know an American editor to omit anything of a like nature? To begin with, Mr. C. has been collector, author, dealer, and publisher. In 1898, he published two numbers of the "New England Philatelist." Several offices have also been creditably filled by him. But we must give some respect to his wishes so will draw our say to a close.

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There have been several changes in the D. P. A. and here is Mr. Muirhead's opinion of one of them.

....An Opinion on a Decision....

My attention has been drawn to the decision of Mr. Wurtele, President of the Dominion Philatelic Association in regard to the seperation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The opinion of the President is that Mr. Starnaman was elected Secretary-Treasurer by a majority vote under the old constitution,- he therefore is secure in his dual office, but the constitution being now changed he could not be elected to the two offices next year. This decision means;—

That a change in the constitution is not operative until the lapse of one year after its passage.

Is there anything in the constitution to this effect? No.— the conception has leaped, full-powered, from the brain of Mr. Wurtele and les messieurs Starnaman like Minerva from the head of Jove.

Any dispassionate study of the facts must reveal,-

1. That Mr. Starnaman is holding the office of Treasurer in violation of the constitution.

2. That the office of Treasurer is now vacant.

3. That it is the constitutional duty of the Secretary to call for nominations for the office of Treasurer.

We hold these facts self-evident

Why does Mr. Starnaman hold on the Treasury with that death grip, subventing the constitution to do so? Why is Mr. Wurtele so complaisent, under the specious garb of safeguarding member's rights divesting them of the very substance of rights and leaving them all naked in the untempered wind of political and official cupidity?

A. M. Muirhead, D. P. A. No. 1.

PIQUANT PHILATELIC PARAGRAPHS.

HARRY M. KONWISER.

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ENTHUSIASM---

It is evident to several old-timers in the philatelic ranks that the general run of collectors are less enthusiastic in the advocation of collecting the wee bits of paper than the ancient advocate of the pleasant pastime. The exact causes may have been caused by events outside the pale of philatelia but some of this indifference must be attributed to the professionalism that has entered into the ranks during the last few years. Time was when publishers issued their papers endeavoring to interest their readers and were just anxious to even-up on their exponent of elucidation of stampdom. Now the publisher endeavors to support a wife and family on a monthly philatelic magazine. The new-comer to the ranks who has previously collected cancelled stamps without knowledge of philatelic papers, catalogues and societies, as a rule, doesn't perpetuate his interest. His interest is of the curious sort, at his entrance, and he becomes a listless and dull disciple of stampdom after he peruses a paper or two, noticing the many ads and articles and deducing most of us are "in it" for the money.

FRAUDS:—

Many writers in mentioning the matter of frauds advise the dealers to install a better business system. Up-to-date ---or usually-- it is the dealer getting the worst of it. No sooner is a dealer humbugged (?) by a buyer than out comes a hertogeneous assortment of lurid language (dependent on the value of the stamps). But really, has it e'er occured to the gentlemen who make money out of philatelia that some buyers are honest and may be the victims by some cause other than their own inclinations? It seldom enters into their craniums that some buyers would hesitate to defraud a stamp dealer. Most dealers imagine his customers are honest because of the customers anxiety to retain his standing.

I was once a party to a little case which may have been duplicated and ought to interest. About two years ago I was the recipant of an un-asked-for assortment of stamps from a Pennsylvania dealer; this selection I returned to the dealer intact within a few days of their receipt. A short time later the dealer wrote requesting an accounting. I replied stating what disposition I had made of the stamps and the dealer was kind enough to dis-beleive my statement. After some furthur correspondence the dealer threatened to publish my name as a "beat", etc. I advised him to go ahead and lay himself open to a libel suit and that closed the incident for my name was never "published" as a "beat". I am certain I returned the stamps, the dealer is certain he never received them--- now who is the guilty party?

There are undoubtly frauds 'mongst collectors but if there are frauds amongst collectors there are frauds amongst dealers. I could cite instances when I have mailed five or ten cents for a stamp and ne'er heard from Mr. Advertiser. The amount being so small did not warrant any re-search. Besides the mails are risky, you know.

STAMP PAPERS---

Probably there isn't a collector extant who is perfectly content with the philatelic papers. All lack something, to his way of thinking. One paper is too scientific, the others too frivolous, while others may prove lacking in literary style or is not newsy enough. It possibly might benefit philatelia considerably were the several weekly papers to consolidate and cater to the news of stampdom only, with a monthly edition containing articles on

stamps, reviews, etc. Then the monthly journals could devote their space to wholesome and readable essays on matters stampic, and for the advancement of the cause. To my way of thinking the papers issued from '88 to '92 were more interesting than those of to-day. Scientific articles were a scarcity in the majority of papers and most endeavored to entertain rather than to instruct. Most persons are better entertainers than instructors. Some instructors by their lax methods become entertaining, un-willingly. The present active collector is really lost when he desires to subscribe to a journal. Unless he has seen a copy of the paper he cannot know whether it caters to anything in particular or not and even then while the current issue may talk of scarce foreign stamps and seemingly be devoted to that specie of stamps the following issue may be devoted to the match and medicine stamps. Now is the time for specialties in papers. If several of our publishers got together and combined (they could get out a paper that would reflect credit to philately) and they'd coin cash. Here is the chance for a philatelic Napoleon who is not likely to meet his Waterloo, which serves as a reminder that Kissinger was once-upon-a-time nick-named Napoleon for his vast and successful ventures. Let's see some one develop the idea, organize a stock company, incorporate under New Jersey laws and make a bundle of wealth.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

What it will do for philately.

A. R. BUTLER.

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Although the question of using in the United States a system of mail delivery similar to that of the rural districts of Europe had been discussed long prior to 1890, and various schemes had been aired and bills introduced in Congress to establish such a system, that year marks the first practical work in the direction of rural free delivery and will be my starting point for the remarks to follow. John Wanamaker, Postmaster General, came into office and found these schemes before him, and with the practical work that has been the secret of his success, began to to make something out of them. Through his efforts, on October 1 of 1890 a joint resolution passed both houses of Congress, giving him authority to expend $10,000 to test at small towns and villages the system of the free delivery service. When this became known throughout the country, applications for the service began to come to the Department in hundreds, backed by petitions and recommendations of Congressmen, Senators and (other) influental persons. The appropriation, however, was found to be only large enough to give a test in 46 communities, and these 46 were selected by the Postmaster General with a view to testing the service under the widest possible variations of circumstances and surroundings: some were put in mountainous and thinly settled districts and others in closely populated communities. The resolution left the method of distribution wholly in the hands of the Postmaster General and the success was immediate and far beyond expectations. The residents of small places appreciated the delivery of mail to their doors, and show-

ed their appreciation by an increased patronage and by expressions of their pleasure. (About this time at the Universial Postal Congress at Vienna a treaty had been signed by the representatives at the Congress agreeing to deliver, so far as possible, mail at the door of the addressee.) Thirty-four of the routes not only became self-supporting, but showed a net profit for the service of $900. Letters to the Department and editorial notices praised the new departure, and the noticeable increase in the percentage of newspapers and periodicals handled along these routes showed the educational tendency of the experiment. Under this encouragement, the idea of rural delivery by the star route carriers was put forward by the Postmaster General: he pointed out that in various places this was already in operation by private arrangement and that while the postmasters were arranging for this merely to secure the good will of their patrons and to increase their receipts, the taking charge of the system and making it universial by the department would be a forward step. This idea, however, was never put into operation, mainly on account of the change of adminstration, but partly because the carriers on the star routes were not generally sufficiently educated to attend to the proper distribution. In 1893, with the appointment of Postmaster General Bissell, the system fell into official disfavor. The abandonment of the experiment was recommended as it was a waste of money. It is difficult to reconcile the statements made in support of this action, taken only a few months after Mr. Wanamakers retirement, with the glowing accounts by that gentlemen of the value of the results obtained by so small an expenditure. In his report for 1894 Mr. Bissell says that rural free delivery is not needed or desired by the people, a direct contradiction of the statements made by his predecessor. In 1895 Mr. Bissell was succeeded by Mr. Wilson, who immediately announced his willingness to continue the service experimently, though the appropriation required to put it into full operation he regarded as not yet justified by success of the trials. His statements are tinged with pessimism, and the fact that he thus declares himself seems to indicate that rural delivery was desired and that representations had been made to him which partly influenced his action. Next year, however, he announced the scheme as a failure, declined to spend the appropriation made to carry it on, and the work ceased.

The entry of the present adminstration changed matters again. Mr. Gary was appointed Postmaster General, and Mr. Heath (who was an advocate of the system in Wanamaker's time) First Assistant Postmaster General. Congress had not upheld Mr. Wilsons views as to the failure, but had, in the face of his adverse opinion, appropriated $40,000 for the work during 1896--7, and $50,000 for 1897-8, and the work was again started on a larger scale than before. From that time till now, the reports have been uniformly in favor of the system, and the methods for carrying on the delivery more perfect. In Carroll County, Maryland, probably the best route of all has been established; there what is known as a U. S. Postal Wagon, practically equipped as a postoffice, has a daily route, delivering and receiving mail, registering and delivering registered letters, taking orders for postal money checks, selling stamps and generally performing the work of a small postoffice, it has replaced a number of fourth-class postoffices, and the work done, apart from the value of the house-to-house delivery feature, is far superior

to that of the average fourth-class postmaster, and of course the Department is relieved of a great deal of accounting and inspecting work. Mr. Smith, the present Postmaster General, is fully alive to the value of the system, and has enumerated its advantages in his latest report.

1. Increased postal receipts, making many of the new offices almost immediately self-supporting.

2. Enchancement of the value of farm lands.

3. Encouragement afforded to the improvement of roads.

4. Educational influences, and broader circulation of literature.

The appropriation last year was $150-000; and 150 new routes were established; this year it was $300,000 and 630 routes were in operation in November last. It is not possible, as yet, to tell the exact saving by and cost (net) of the system. When a postoffice or star route is rendered unecessary by the new system, it is abolished and the expense saved, but just how much that saving is cannot be estimated until some years have passed, to furnish the statistics for comparison. There is opposition to the system, naturally, on the part of star route contractors, fourth-class postmasters, and those they influence. These classes find it hard to accept the dictum, "Fourth-class offices are maintained, not because the postmasters have any claim or right to the profits of office-holding, but because these offices have served a useful purpose". Some of the opposition is due to an honest disbelief of the practicability of the rural free delivery system, on account of the vast area of our country, but probably the greater part is the interested opposition of parties injured financially by introduction of the system. It is now on the way to a thorough trial and its practicability will be settled once for all. It is to be hoped that it will not be found wanting.

This article may attract adverse criticism on the ground that "stamps" have not yet been mentioned, and that it therefore has no place in a philatelic publication. But a knowledge of postal systems in general, and that of our country in particular, are as necessary to the educated philatelist as a knowledge of addition to an expert in mathematics. The postal system is the foundation of philately, and the collector who merely regards stamps as pieces of paper with varying designs never gets the profit and benefit derived by the one who studies the subject and "reads into" the design of each stamp he secures the facts known as to the history and circumstances of its emission.

The effect of this rural service will be in the first place to bring the subject of philately, as discussed in its own publications and in the press generally before a most fertile field for the making of new devotees. Advertisements and articles on our science will be brought before the country boy, and many of them will begin to collect. Many "finds" in the way of good stamps will be brought to light: a rare stamp found and in a collection is much less likely to be destroyed than when in some old trunk, and with a limited supply each one destroyed means an increase in price. Dealers and collectors both will reap benefit in this way. Then there may be new kinds of stamps required, the convenience of the perambulating postoffice for executing shopping orders and carrying packages will possibly lead to the parcels postage system, and special delivery limits may also be extended.

In fact, the advantages to our hobby cannot all be forseen, but probably the greatest will be the impetus given by the putting into close mail connection with our dealers, publishers and collectors the denizens of the country districts.

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NEGATIVE.

In answering this question in the negative I am met by the difficulty of being totally unaware of the grounds taken by my opponent. There are some questions where the negative and affirmative sides can present their arguments, conscious that they can meet opposing claims without even having them expressed in words. I must express my inability to appreciate the force of any argument against the collection of our colonial stamps and I am frank in my acknowledgement that I can conceive of but one argument that can possibly be used.

The speculative taint of our colonial issue is no doubt the strongest point that can be recorded against them, but it will be very difficult for any person to convince our collectors that these grounds are well taken. It is true that Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines have each had their surcharged sets and this movement had for its object the ascertaining of the amount of business done by each of the colonies. In the case of Cuba the issue of the 2½ c.d. peso was a clear mistake. As soon as the department could possibly do so, designs were considered for a new set, the one now in use. Guam, our newest colony, was the least entitled to the distinction of having postal issues of its own, but I am far from convinced that our postal department was guilty of planning this issue for the sake of the revenue. Granted that this was so in the case of Guam. Granted that the great demand for Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines and Hawaiian, had shown our postal authorities that an issue for Guam would be largely patronized by our collectors, ought that fact to throw out of our albums those stamps that mark a new era in the progress of the American republic?

We have seen in recent months a wonderful acquisition to our territory, there was a legitimate use for the provisionals provided these colonies, and we cannot afford to condemn them and consign them to oblivion on the assumption that "speculation" gave them birth.

Willard O. Wylie.

AFFIRMATIVE.

Last summer, while in preparation of this so-called debate, I wrote to several philatelic writers requesting their efforts on the affirmative. All refused, one going so far as to say that nothing could possibly be brought against them. So the task devolves on ye editor who will show and does show why our colonial stamps are not desirable.

My opponent, Mr. Wylie, goes so far as to admit that the issues of Guam are speculative. That will do for this island for the present. Now he argues that it is necessary to surcharge the stamps of our colonies in order to determine the volume of business done by them. Why? He gives no reason. On the contrary it is just as easy and safe to keep the accounts of these, our island possessions, without the surcharge as with. It is now done so. Why not before? Yes. Why not before?

The reason is obvious. It is speculation and of such a kind as has only been practiced by Portugal, Nicaragua, and other South American countries. Now is there one reason why we should endure the unnecessary issues of this United States of America than of the countries before mentioned? No. To do so would brand us in the eyes of the world as a nation of provincials.

To sum up it is a question whether the United States has a greater right to tax collectors than Portugal. Clearly she hasn't.

APPROVAL SHEETS & THEIR MISUSE.

Thomas C. Disbrow.

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It is an undeniable fact that dealers loose nearly as much by having stamps returned in poor condition as they do by having them stolen.

A stamp that is badly creased, torn or with perforations missing is a very hard article to sell to the up-to-date Philatelist, but a person never thinks of the dealers loss when he accidently tears a stamp in removing it from sheets, and then sticks it back on with a fresh sticker; carefully hiding up the tear.

Neither does the young boy who kindly folds the sheets so as to fit one of mother's square envelopes, and somehow or other succeeds in creasing several choice stamps, breaking off a few perforations, and causing a rupture of the fourth commandment, on the dealers part, when the letter is opened.

If a party writes a dealer requesting a selection of stamps on approval, he is responsible for them until they are again in the dealer's hands.

The boy who carries the sheets around in his every-day coat for several weeks until the sheets look more like crumpled tissue paper than any thing else, always makes good for the damaged stamps. Doesn't he? Well I never heard of that boy, but perhaps it was not you?

Approval books are a great improvement over sheets. They do not soil as easily and are a great protection to the stamps, but frequently books are returned badly worn, etc; which necessitates remounting the stamps in another book before they can be sent out again. It is no pleasure to remount them, and a little thoughtfullness upon the collectors part will save the dealer both time and expense.

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EDITORIAL.

And still those half-tones exchange hands with lightning-like rapidity. The editor is considering if it would not be advisable to print a table of cuts used in the philatelic press, the number of times used, and lastly the papers which are the greatest offenders in this respect. In this manner, the reader would be able at a glance to know "what's what."

It is not true that the goverment intends to celebrate the election by a new set of stamps.

Mr. Russell Brown, who has always been a friend of the Bay State Philatelist, is now our Canadian agent.

Affectation in one age is followed by atheism in another. So now the pendulum of our public feeling is swinging towards a greater simplicity in collecting. Instead of collecting plate numbers, match and medicine stamps, revenues, freaks, etc., we are now approaching an era of common sense, and the day of the 'straight' collector is in fact dawning. But don't let the pendulum swing too far in the other direction as the results would be equally harmful.

Mr. W. J. Stanton is to be praised for his stand in regard to the Italian counterfeiters. We had trouble ourselves with Mario Distefano Ecora and came out of the affairs with lowered prestige. This time it was a case of not paying the advertising bill. It is only by the co-operation of men of the Stanton type that we can hope to keep our moral independence.

It looks as though the established papers have scared our ambitious friends from starting a philatelic publication. The absence of these new arrivals is remarkable and makes us wonde——you are surprised?

THE FOREIGN MAIL SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES.

A. R. Butler.

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A writer in one of our philatelic monthlies has recently expressed surprise at the extent of the foreign postal service of our country, and not only is he, or she, (for M. A. Bell may be of either sex) once surprised, but in two numbers the amazement is given vent in the same words. An explanation of the size of this service, and the reasons for its rapid growth, may therefore be timely.

The rules which regulate this system are the outcome of the work of the Universial Postal Union, an association of practically all civilized governments of the world, having its Central Bureau at Berne, Switzerland. A Congress of delegates of this Union meets every six years, and the regulations are then amended and improvements discussed. A Congress was held in Washington in 1897. The idea of such a union originated with Postmaster-General Blair in 1862, but the treaty organizing did not actually go into effect until 1875, and the 25th anniversary of the Union is to be celebrated in Berne next July. The work of the central bureau may be summed up as follows:- distributing information and collecting statistics, ruling upon disputed questions, carrying out the regulations promulgated by Congress and in general giving effects to the acts of that body. The cost to the United States of their share of this work was last year $728.58. The reader, then, will understand that this Union has been given by the governments concerned, absolute power in the making of regulations for the international mail system, and that the present facility for the exchange of mails exists only by reason of this delegation of power for mutual benefit.

In showing the extent of our foreign mails the figures given apply to the calender year 1897, the last for which statistics have been compiled by the Bureau. In that year we received from other countries 47,649,477 letters, 3,169,582 postcards and over 40,000,000 other pieces of mail matter. We dispatched during the same period 50,133,251 letters, 2,833,113 postal cards and 63,000,000 other pieces of mail matter. There are some partial figures for the fiscal year 1899 given in our official reports for that year; the total weight of mail dispatched to foreign countries being 7,760,377 pounds and the total cost $1.643,117.95 for transporting it, while the amount of postage estimated to have been collected on all articles exchanged with foreign countries was $3,622,925.97, leaving a profit of over one million dollars. In addition to this weight of mail, 107,529 pounds of parcels post matter was dispatched. Statistics are dry reading, the above is sufficent to show the immense volume and to form a solid basis for my article, and I shall give no more.

Apart from the fact that there are 80,000,000 of persons in our country, there are several reasons why the foreign correspondence of our people should be relatively large. In 1870 five million of our citizens were of foreign birth, or 16 per c. of the then population; in 1899 nine millions or 20 per c. The flood of immigration bringing to our shores the young and vigorous children, leaves behind in many cases the parents, and to these there is a sending of letters, and money (foreign money orders last year were issued to the

number of 968,501, valued at $13,744,770.-37, and this only one of the ways of remitting) so that the correspondence of our adopted citizens accounts for a large portion of what may be termed the "social" mail, which is not equal either in point of numbers or bulk, to the "business" part.

The United States, of all nations, is the one which believes in advertising and the Government spends many million dollars annually in bringing to the attention of other peoples the products of this country. At every foreign exposition and national celebration we have a building and exhibit, paid for by the government itself, in addition to the many private exhibits of enterprising manufacturers. At Washington there is a Bureau of American Republics, whose work is wholly the encouragement of trade and the bringing into closer union the independent countries of the Western Hemisphere. The consular system of the United States comprises a vast corps of agents gathering commercial information and transmitting it to the State Department, where it is published for the benefit of manufacturers interested. All this causes correspondence, and the shipping of samples, catalogues,—to the countries with which we have parcels post treaties,-- more bulky articles, adds to the weight of our end of the international mails, while the number of letters of inquiry regarding our goods thus advertised can hardly be estimated. A young and growing nation, we have many reasons for correspondence which do not effect older, and, may I say, less progressive peoples. Reaching out, as we are, to the far East, conquering the wilderness and establishing new industries, our foreign mail system will expand proportionately. The routine is about as complicated as in the inland service.

The mails are handled on the ocean steamers in much the same way as in the inland railway mail service. On the transatlantic lines where the mails are heavy, our outgoing mail is sorted on the steamers though they have comparitively fewer clerks, the accomodations are rather poor and the methods not so systematized as in the railway mail service. The mails for Great Britain and the continent of Europe are dispatched by every fast steamer, and everybody is acquainted with the mileage records made by the ocean greyhounds of the North German Lloyd, Cunard, Hamburg-American, American, White Star and General Transatlantic lines. By these lines the period elapsing between the actual receipt of the mails at the postoffice in New York and their delivery at the Postoffice in London is, on an average, about 160 hours. The delivery on incoming transatlantic mails is expedited at New York by a fast mail steamer, which meets the incoming liners as they enter quarantine and takes in the mails, this saving the time consumed in the quarantine formalities. In all the transoceanic service, preference is given when possible in awarding contracts to vessels flying the United States flag, where their speed is nearly equal to that of a foreign competitor. Naturally the trans-Atlantic mails are the heaviest, but the trans-Pacific are

a good second. They are carried in vessels of American register, and leave from San Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle. There are a number of lines, the steamers of the Northern Pacific line probably being the fastest and best equipped. In addition to these main trunks, there are a number of ocean mail routes, and, in general, it may be said that where ever there is a commercial steamship line, that line handles the United States mail.

The methods of the payment for these different routes are complicated, and beyond the scope of this article, but the general method, where practicable, is by contract, and this is by far the cheapest. Vessels of United States register, not under contract receive $1.60 per pound for letters and post cards and 8 cents per pound for other articles; vessels of foreign register receive about 44 cents per per pound for letters and post cards and 4½ cents per pound for other articles. There is a disposition on the part of Congress (U. S.) and the Postmaster-General to complain that these rates and the contract rates are excessive; it being stated that while a 150 pound passenger is given a first class passage for $100 with meals etc. included, the same weight of mails will cost $110 and the mails don't occupy 1-10 of the space and do not eat nor require attention, and it does seem to be a well-founded complaint.

Although the service is carried on winter and summer, the casualties are not many. On the trans-Atlantic lines last fiscal year the Aurania in September 1898 was detained two days over the time, the St. Paul, New York and Germanic steamers were each two days late in December trips. With the ill-fated La-Bourgogne, on July 4, 1898, went down 217 sacks of mails for Europe, none of it being recovered, but this was the only actual loss of mail, as the mails wrecked with the Paris on May 20th last, were all saved.

If any of my readers are fortunate enough to attend the Paris Exposition, they will find there, among the other government exhibits, a complete working postoffice, with models of all kinds, and among these will be models of the various fast mail liners and other things which will convey a far clearer idea of the workings of the mail system of the United States than can be gathered from the reading of any magazine article.

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CANADIAN DEPARTMENT.

A. M. Muirhead.

The little controversies which pertain between those valliant journals the Philatelic Advocate and Montreal Philatelist, bring out clearly the mental qualities of each. The Montreal discovers for its editor a long and honaroble record as a leading philatelist, and a career that extends back to the dim and legend haunted time when most of us were at school, while the Advocate, in a caustic style born of Epworth League conventions and Maccabeian encampments makes its reply. As to which paper has most influence with the government in procuring the withdrawal of the embargo on stamp cuts, rest your soul in peace, gentle reader, for it is safe to say that neither the Montreal nor the Advocate had the smallest tithe of influence in the matter. The government giveth, the government taketh away, blessed be the name of the government.

In the Montreal Philatelist, Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, referring to politics in philatelic societies counsels the members of the League of Canadian Philatelists to avoid them, or it, as one would avoid a plague or a man who has said a bad word. For our part, it is per se suspicious for a society officer to preach too strongly against politics. Willy nilly the question comes to us, could such an officer stand a campaign of adverse criticism and of searching investigation by political opponents? An officer must not shrink the facing of that fierce light which beats upon a throne,— if he does so shrink, well, let the galled jade wince. I don't think an awful lot of the league. It looks to me like a select coterie of sharks, for the various purposes of sharkery. I have been wrong very frequently during the past few years and this may be but another case of the same kind, still it looks that way. Prominent philatelists do not band together for purely altruistic purposes, and when so banded they fear politics, for it interferes with the skinning of the lambs.

Our D. P. A. president, Mr. Wurtele, is a very complaisant man. He sees no fault in the Starnaman regime; if he did find fault in any open manner, Messrs. S. would have him fired. I am aware that a stricture such as this may be deprecated in some quarters and yet it has always seemed to me best to get a thing like this off the mind. Mr. Wurtele is a very courteous and polished man, and I trust will always meet with courtesy at my hands, and, somehow, he seems to resemble the late lamented Keely Motor, which was so polished up it would'nt go. The late grab for the secretaryship by Mr. Geo. W. Starnaman in defiance of the constitution, law, government, usuage, custom, decency and dignity was sufficient to make any President who was worth a pound of soap grab the offender, figuratively, by the arm and lead him out of temptations way. But Mr. Wurtele was made of different stuff; he condoned the larceny, and Messrs. Starnaman are on top.

From my observation I am led to think that the use of those new Special Delivery stamps is most limited; leaving the question open as to whether the use of them to the public is sufficient to warrant their continuence. When our Postmaster General was installed, many philatelists glowed at the thought of a philatelic P. M. G., but lately, since the honorable gentleman has evinced a disposition to favor the free and unlimited coinage of postage stamps in the ration of sixteen stamps to one set, and a set as often as possible, some of us incline denunciation. In fact, the most enthusiastic of us view with apprehension the continual flood of new issues and we see great menace to the best interests of the pursuit.

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No. 34, Albert Distlehorst,
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The Burden of Unused.

Amy L. Swift.

The valuable collection of the present day is one which consists mainly of unused stamps of old issues. Every collector is well aware of this, and is entirely too prone to take it for granted that the collection which is to be valuable must be built up on the same lines. But must it? The old issues are worth so much more in unused condition mainly because they are scarce that way, very few having been saved by either dealers or collectors. A glance over the issues now, and recently current will show that there are fully as many unused as used to be had, in some cases far more. Hence it follows that the unused of the current issue will never be so scarce, nor from a pecuniary standpoint so valuable, as the unused of the past. If collectors would but give a few minutes careful thought to the prevalence of unused stamps offered in the approval books and advertising columns of our dealers they could hardly fail to be impressed (not to say a bit disgusted) with the result of their mediations. In many instances it is almost impossible to obtain used stamps of a set that in unused condition is common enough. As the issues add years to their age this difficulty will become more and more evident, until by and by we may hear of a used collection bringing as high a price at auction or private sale as the unused of old issues do now. Really, the unused of the present are becoming an actual burden; just pictures which philatelists are expected to buy instead of stamps prepared for postal necessities.

Look through the catalogue, and note how many stamps are priced in unused condition only. I have not counted, but believe myself safe in saying that fully half of those issued since 1890 have that doubtful honor, while of the other half a goodly proportion are either placed on the same plane as the used, or on a lower one. It was never so with the old issues, barring out reprints and remainders of course; the two are sometimes priced alike, but it is rarely indeed that the used is quoted as being the most valuable.

An instance of stamps common and cheap enough unused, but rarely seen used, take those of the Seychelles Islands, to which country the catalogue has opened at random. Twenty-seven varieties are listed under that name, and not a single one of the lot is priced in canceled condition. The prices placed on unused show that none can be very scarce, as except for two put at $1 and two at $2 the prices run from 3c to 60c. Very easy

to obtain in that condition you see, but it will take you many a day to get them in used form; in fact, I do not remember ever having seen more than two which had done postal duty, and in each case those were held at considerably more than were their unused brethren. This seems a case where the burden of unused is both woefully weighty, and weightily woeful.

The next country in the catalogue, Siam, is another example of the prevalence of unused. Thirty-nine varieties are listed there, and of these ten (nearly a quarter of the entire lot) are not priced in used condition; twenty-one are priced alike in both conditions; one at a cent more used than unused; one is not priced in either condition, and only six are quoted less than are the corresponding unused. Does not this show that the burden of Siam is almost as weighty as that of her neighbor, the Seychelles?

The next country, Sierra Leone, shows very nearly the same state of affairs after entering upon the '90s, and I presume I could go through most of the catalogue without finding many variations from the rule, especially where the smaller countries are concerned. Try it yourself and see if the indications do not point to there being a great many more unused than used stamps of recent issues in the hands of the public. This being the case, is it not fairly certain that a collection of recent issues should be formed of used specimens, the scarcest if the owner wishes it to grow in value with the years? such is my opinion, anyway, and I am doing my best to live up to it, yet in spite of plain statements that I do not wish, and will not buy unused stamps, more than half of the specimens sent me on approval are of that class. One selection of 350 varieties requested with that express warning turned out on receipt to contain by actual count 159 of the undesired class.

ILLINOIS NOTES.

S. E. Moisant.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hereafter hold an auction sale every four weeks. The December sale was made up entirely of wholesale lots for dealers.

The Chicago Philatelic Society now has nearly three hundred members and a number of applications are received each meeting of the society.

Recent visitors to Chicago were W. Sellschopp, San Francisco, Cal.; Albert C. Stewart, Toledo, O.; N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.; Scott F. Redfield, Smethport, Pa.; I. A. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

Three new stamp papers are announced from Illinois this month. Having had considerable experience in this line myself I hardly think there is an opening for any more. The Illinois Stamp Co., of Prophetstown, inform me that they will start a new philatelic journal called the Illinois Monthly. Mr. R. Green, 204 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, also informs me of his intention to start a journal called the Illinois Philatelist and there is a rumor that another to be called the Philatelic Globe is to appear from Quincy. Great success and a long life to these new candidates for philatelic support.

Mr. Dave Tausig a prominent dealer of Chicago has just been elected Pres. of the first voters club of the eleventh ward in Chicago. He is quite a politician now.

The Chicago Philatelic society has again been obliged to look for new quarters. The present quarters are to be remodeled and will take sometime, so the society has decided to look for another hall. The next meeting will be held in the office of F. N. Massoth & Co. 1603 Marquette Building. A new room is now being looked for and in all probabilities the large and spacious rooms at 204 Randolph St., will be selected.

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The criticism of Mr. Muirhead, in the November B. S. P. on the action of President Wurtele in overruling the recent election at an annual meeting of the D. P. A. of persons to fill two offices created at that meeting by a change in the constitution, is couched in somewhat more vigorous language than a "dispassionate study of the facts" would seem to call for, and displays less familiarity with the provisions of that constitution than would be expected from a member who is "D. P. A. No. 1."

The sections applying to the case are as follows:-

Article X, section 2- Three months prior to each annual election the secretary shall call for nominations for offices.

Article VI, section 1 (a)- The President shall fill all vacancies.

Article IX, section 3- At the request of 25 members the President shall call for a mail vote upon any desired question

Article IV, section 2- Every member of the society in good standing shall be entitled to a vote at said convention, either in person or by mail ballot.

The nominations made and the ballots sent to members in the recent election contained the office of "Secretary-Treasurer" only, and the members in good standing, not having any other notice, voted for that official only.

The change in the constitution having abolished that office, the votes cast were void.

The Provisions of Articles X, section 2 and IV section 2, not having been complied with, the election of persons to fill the newly created offices "of Treasurer and of Secretary" was also void.

The President, under article VI, section 1 (a) filled the vacancies; he selected the person who had received the majority of votes for the old office, thus carrying into effect the wishes of the members, while following the letter of the constitution.

Arthur R. Butler, Washington, D. C.

(Mr. Chapman criticised Mr. Muirhead's "diatribe". Will he praise as energetically the above?) -Ed.

NOTES FOR U. S. COLLECTORS.

E. R. Aldrich.

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Charleston S. C., is now employing a flag cancellation with the inscription South Carolina Interstate and West India Exposition-1901-1902, in four lines.

A set of twenty odd varieties of U. S. stamps showing the Shanghai Postal Agency Cancellation is in a Minnesota collection and is so far as I know, unique and in this day of Chinese uncertainty may some day be of considerable value. Before the Spanish War this was our one foreign post agency.

Visitors who happened into Massoth's office in Chicago during the Convention week will remember the red ten cent Confederates there displayed said to be from an original plate, discovered some years ago in a Southern well. I recently saw a specimen which had this year gone through the mail and which bore the Kansas City cancellation.

Speaking of postal oddities, I have in my own collection a pair of 1c I. R. revenues, a 2c I. R., a 2c documentary, a 2c proprietary and a pair of 1c documentary all on original cover. The 2c documentary was used in June 1898 before the war tax went into effect.

I recently saw an interesting envelope The stamp- a 2c green was impressed on the flap of the envelope, while the return card (governmental print) was diagonially across the front. This is about as unique a specimen of a mistake as I have met with.

THE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

Designs for the postage stamps to be issued and sold during the year 1901, in commemoration of the Pan-American Exposition, to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., have been decided on by the Post Office Department, says the New York Herald. There are to be six denominations of these stamps--1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 cent; each containing a central figure, printed in black, with suitable ornamental surroundings in colors. The 1-cent stamp will have a green border; the 2-cent stamp a red one; the 4-cent stamp will be light brown; the 5-cent stamp will be dark blue, the 8-cent stamp will be maroon; & the 10-cent stamp will be dark brown. These colors correspond with the color of ordinary stamps of like denomination now in use. The central pictures will be a large lake steamer, representing fast lake transportation; a train of cars, representing fast railroad transportation; an automobile, representing the newest form of transportation; the great canal at Sault Sainte Marie, with vessels going through; Niagara Falls, with the Suspension Bridge in the foreground, and an ocean steamer, representing fast ocean transportation. The stamps are all somewhat larger than the ordinary stamps, and are very artistic and beautiful.

PRECANCELLED STAMPS.

Stamps of this nature have been quite popular the last year. It is now our pleasure to add another one to the list---Wollaston, presumably Wollaston, Mass. Over printed in heavy gothic type in RED letters, Value 1c.

1c green.

Red surcharge.

Gothic type.

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THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Arthur R. Butler.

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When the collector of postmarks or of original covers notes on a specimen the circular cancellation of the "Slabtown-Clamville R. P. O." it is seldom that he considers from what beginnings the service of the mails by the railway has grown: how the makeshifts of its infancy have culminated in the almost perfect devices of the present time, and how the uncertainity and delay of 1835 have given place to the mechanical rapidity and accuracy which have so trained the public that a storm is raised over a delay in delivery of but one hour. The scope of an article like this can only allow of a sketch of the progress of this service. In 1885 the Postmaster General caused to be compiled from the records of the department a 200 page history of the Railway Mail Service, and I quote a few of the many interesting points from this, and from reports and letters.

The life of the service may be covered in two periods, from 1834- when railroads first began- to 1860; and from 1860 to the present time. During the first of these periods the railways were simply used for the transport of mail, no seperation in transit was attempted (to any extent) and the employees were simply guards to ensure its safe delivery to the "distributing office." From 1860 to the present time there has been a steady growth in the direction of a perfect "travelling postoffice," whereby time and handling of the mail may be saved.

The stage coach, so graphically described by Twain and Dickens, was the immediate fore runner of the railroad, and fulfilled its misston, according to the views of that time, very well. True, when there were too many passengers, the mails might be left behind till the next trip, and muddy roads might stop travel for a time; but people were conserative. When the railroads began to open up in 1829 the postoffice department began to look into the advisability of using them to transport the mails. Gingerly at first, the stage coach was familiar to everybody, but the locomotive was a new thing not altogether unconnected, in the minds of many, with witchcraft, and its excessive speed of 15 miles an hour seemed a flying in the face of and a tempting of Providence. In 1834 the first railway mail route was established between Baltimore and Washington, and the comments of newspapers on the opening of this railroad from Washington to New York are amusing in their inability to grasp the true significance of the new power. This mail service was a little uncertain; in April, 1835 a letter from the Postmaster General seriously advocates a return to the stage coach, the experiment of railway mail transportation being stated to be, after a full trial, a failure and not to be relied on with that degree of certainity which is all important in the transmission of the mail. But although the department clung to the stage coach, business men were more enterprising. They used the railroad, and by means of private express companies, outdistanced the information conveyed by the mail to so great an extent as to make it often useless. The Department then issued an order making it punishable for anyone to transmit or be concerned in transmit-

ting, commercial intelligence more rapidly than by mail, if in its employ. The Private Express Companies, which grew up in consequence of the slowness of government methods, became a tremendous power. They took all the good business, and prevented the official service from making a profit. It took a hard fight ten years later for the government to establish the mail service as a government monopoly. The number of U. S. Local stamps in our albums are mostly the stamps of these companies, which supplied a need on the part of the business man until the government was ready to do its duty.

In 1838 every railroad was declared a postroad, and the system may fairly be said to have its birth at that time. It was pretty small each day; all mails originating in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond only weighed 55,241 pounds (100 tons per day now pass daily over the Pennsylvania Railroad between New York and Philadelphia alone).

In 1845 the Department was experimenting with the Morse electric telegraph, and was trying to see if such an arrangement might not be useful in replacing the mail service when great celerity was desired.

As before stated, the railroads were used only to transport the mail, the sorting was done at distributing offices. At first each office looked over the mail brought to it, took out its own, and sent the next rest along by the next train; this delay caused such trouble; so fewer distributing offices were made, then through packages were established and then the mail was not all taken off the train but only the mail for the particular office; but even then a passenger beat the mail by days in a long journey. Now in 1860 thereabouts some brilliant official, many years ahead of the average official, but many years behind the average business man, the private Express Companies had been doing this right along, figured out that if the men sent to guard the mails spent their time in sorting it while the train was travelling much time would be saved, and herein was the practical inception of the present railway postoffice.

One reason for the delay at the distributing office was that the employees at this office were paid a commission according to the amount of mail handled, and the more mail they could hold over and handle for offices other than their own the more money they received. From 1862 to 1869 the distribution en route on the train was tried as an experiment, and from that time to the present it has advanced, In 1869 there were employed as head clerks, clerks and assistant clerks in the railway mail service 282 men.

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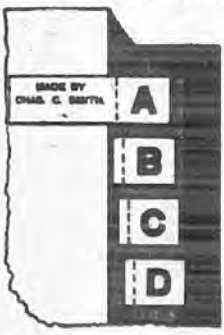

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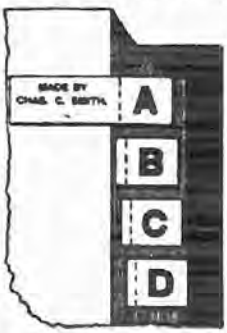

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in Congress to remedy this weak place in the chain, but the cost involved in paying suitable officials has prevented their passage. Numberless instances might be given of the experiences of inspectors of the happy-go-lucky methods in vogue, but a single example will show the type. An inspector was sent from St. Louis to investigate the administration of a fourth class office, from which the returns had been very irregular. It was 15 miles from a railroad and the roads were bad. A cross-roads store marked the "town" and a "Postoffice" board announced the official's location. In steps the inspector to confront a lank Missourian, no sign of any postal fixtures and the usual crowd of loungers. An announcement of his errand seemed to "sorter kinder rile" the postmaster, and it required most earnest talk to convince him that the visit of the inspector was not a personal insult. "Where are your books?" produced a blank stare, and an explanation that no books were kept. Postal Guides, rules and regulations and other matters of instruction were then enquired for, and were pointed out in the corner of an attic while the letters were found to be kept in a candle box, and the stamps in an old envelope in the cash drawer. By this time the postmaster was getting tired of enquiries, and a gentle hint from the inspector as to the study of regulations and forwarding of returns required by the department irritated him beyond endurance. "I made 23 cents last year out of stamps, and it cost me 25 cents for my oath. Git out of here and take your (adjectived) postoffice with you" a request enforced by a suggestive movement toward the hip pocket. But the inspector calmed him down by sympathy and finesse, and they parted good friends. And this is a sample of many of the offices. In the moonshine districts the postmaster is also in league with the illicit distillers, and the inspector runs an additional risk of being mistaken for an internal revenue agent. When one of these postmasters gets tired of his charge, finding the office eagerly sought to be a profitless encumbrance, his astonishment is great to find that the department will not accept his resignation until a successor is secured and until his accounts are straightened up. He then resorts to various schemes to compel a settlement, mails the official supplies to the department or to his office of deposit, or locks up the office and goes off on a hunting trip. They sometimes notify the department that they want to take a trip of this kind, and that they will therefore have to close the office. Truly the shackles of office lie lightly on them. But Uncle Sam has the bondsmen, and relies on them to persuade the postmaster not to be too sudden in his methods, though the clerks in the department who have to wrestle with the accounts and correspondence of these offices are often puzzled to bring order out of the chaos.

His character is often a negative one, uneducated, unpaid, without understanding of his duties. The inspector is his enemy he thinks, until the arrival of that officer, after that he welcomes him personally though perhaps not as a representative of the government. All these offices are in buildings used for some other purpose, a country store usually, but often a blacksmith shop or a dwelling. In the store the postal fixtures are very much subordinated to the requirements of the business. An item has recently been going the rounds of an office made from a piano box, fitted up with boxes and shelves. In South Carolina an office is described as being an 8x10 shanty, the postmaster's receipts were $1 per month or less. The greatest makeshifts in

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We are sorry to omit much advertising this month and we assure our readers it is unavoidable.

Geo. S. Mc Kearin of Hoosick Falls has issued a comprehensive price list. Its free.

It is very evident that many philatelists believe Chinese stamps will not rise rapidly in value. The circuits of our large societies are simply flooded. While the above is only one instance, many conclusions may be made.

"The Burden of Unused" published by us last month has been repeatedly praised. And when one comes to ponder on the subject, the more one agrees with Miss Swift. Although we are "editors condemned" we congratulate ourselves in securing this article.

The following, which appeared on the first page of the Boston Evening Record. is characteristic of the non-collector.

There is a new class of mourners for the death of Queen Victoria, but their mourning very faintly veils their joy.

It is the stamp collectors who are mourning, and at the same time rejoicing, that with the accession of Edward VII. to the throne, there will be an entirely new issue of English stamps, bearing the profile of the king.

Stamp collectors know neither party nor religion, neither republics nor monarchies. A perpetual revolution it what they want, as every change in government begins a new issue of stamps and the collectors struggle anew.

For this reason stamp collectors have greater admiration for the transitory governments of So. America , where a government is overturned daily with a new issue of stamps, to Great Britain, where one woman has been at the head for 63 years.

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The Editor, B. S. P.,

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Arthur R. Butler's criticism of my published opinion on the decision of President Wurtele in the matter of D. P. A. offices is before me.

Mr. Butler's premise that I am not well familiar with the clauses of the D. P. A. constitution relating to Election of Officers is exceedingly naive, and is hereby awarded honorable mention. Why, Mr. B., the entirety of Sec. X., Election of Officers, with the exception of ten lines, consists of regulations made by me during my first encumbency as President. Thirty lines out of forty are my very own, not a letter, not a punctuation mark altered. See Philatelic Advocate, May 1898. Please, Mr. Butler, these are facts.

Coming now to that portion of Mr. Butler's discourse which is most reasonable, we find him, actually, to differ from the presidential decision he essays to champion. It is seen that his incomparable dialecticism has singled him out and where erst were two opinions,- the Starnaman-Wurtele opinion, and those opposed to Messrs. Starnaman-Wurtele, we have now a third great division of thought which we may term the Opinion Butler. Observez-vous,- Opinion Butler,-

> The change in the constitution having abolished that office,-(Secretary Treasurer,) the votes cast were void....The president..... filled the vacancies.....

Decision Wurtele,-

> I therefore declare that Mr. Geo. W. Starnaman is the duly elected Secretary-Treasurer, and that the election which divided this office into two seperate ones is non-effective.

The saliant difference in which is, that Mr. Butler says the President declared the office vacant and procee-led under Art. VI-I-(a) to fill the vacancy, whereas Mr. Wurtele says he did no such a thing but held that the office was NOT vacant. Mr. Butler is very welcome to his opinion, and there will be no ill feeling if he even agrees with President Wurtele.

A. Moir Muirhead.

WITH THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

I intend to make my little say each month as interesting as possible. It will treat more particularly with Canada and especially D. P. A. matters.

Would be pleased to receive items of interest from our D. P. A. members, both in the U. S. and Canada.

The collectors of our Prairie City (Winnipeg) have at last formed a Philatelic Club. They have rented a room in the Mc Intyre Block and the meetings are all well attended.

The Toronto Club has again been organized for the winter months, with practically the same officers as last season.

What's the matter with Hamilton? Suppose Applegath and Mason are ready to say "It's all right."

Mr. W.E. Elliott, formerly of Goderich, has accepted a position with the Algoma Commercial Co., of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The Editor of the "Jubilee Philatelist" says that we may now expect the 4c and 7c stamps since the Laurier Government has been sustained. This is certainly a strange view to take, since we have been waiting two years for this same Laurier Govt. to issue stamps.

In Vol. 1, No. 1 of the National Philatelic News, Mr A. Lloyd Jones refers to the Bay State as a "defunct" paper. It is both possible and probable that the B. S. P. will live long enough to see the day when Findlay I. Weaver will chronicle in that birth and death column of this.

"Died,— At the early age of 3 months and sixteen days; the National Philatelic News of Indianapolis, Ind. This paper will be much missed as the numbers published were very creditable."

W. Russell Brown.

postal methods occur when, for some reason or other, a place with few inhabitents suddenly becomes the objective point of a "boom" or "rush". This has happened frequently in Colorado and the other mining states. One moment a letter a week is a fair average, then comes a find of mineral and sacks of mail per day overhelm the unprepared postmaster. In an official report for 1891 an interesting account is given of a case of this kind. Briefly stated; in July of that year Creede, a mining camp of Colorado, was made a fourth class office, and a prospector, a good fellow without special qualifications, was made postmaster. His outfit was simple and improvised from discarded tin fruit cans, tobacco boxes and the like. Perfectly satisfactory. But one day a miner struck it rich, and the news spread. Miners, prospectors, dealers and all the tag rag and bobtail of a mining camp on the boom began to arrive. A glut of mail took place, the postmaster promptly forwarded his resignation to Washington but it would be two weeks before it could arrive and be acted upon at the Department, and meanwhile a crowd beseiged the office calling for mail, deeds, registered letters, money orders, all the postal work of a place of 10,000 people swamped the unfortunate ex-prospector, who could absolutely do nothing without help. The fact that after the arrival of instructions from the Postmaster General and the engaging of proper assistants 2,000 letters were sent to the dead letter office during the first week gives some idea of the accumulation that must have been on hand when the new postmaster took charge. Several cases of this sort are in the history of mining. The same thing happens to a limited degree in Alaska, though the difficulties of travel prevent the sudden arrival of a large crowd and the simultaneos advent of large mails.

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✝MONEY AND✝ STAMPS.

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The paper money issued by the United States Government is printed on the toughest of paper, yet the life of each individual note is comparatively brief, and, as a result, a big plant is kept constantly employed turning out new notes and certificates. During the coming year, according to the estimate made by the Treasury Department, the 76,000,000 inhabitants of this country will require $10 apiece in fresh-printed money to carry them along, representing a total of 107,500,000 crisp new bills of various denominations. Of course, a large majority of these will be ones and twos, because the average life of most one-dollar notes is not much over a year, while a two is good for less than twice that length of time.

Taking an average, every man, woman and child in the United States will use 53 postage stamps during the year 1901, 40 of them being of the popular two-cent denomination. The total number consumed will be over 4,000,000,000, and nearly 1,000,000,000, of these will be of the one-cent variety. One person out of every ten will send a special delivery letter in the course of the twelvemonth, to accelerate business or make appointments of pleasure.

....CUBA'S STAMP GRIST ...

Cuba, in 1901, will require about 16,000,000 ordinary stamps, with 100,000 "special deliveries," all of which will be turned out at Uncle Sam's money mill in Washington. The Philippines will use up 5,000,000 stamps, Porto Rico 1,600,000 and Guam 150,000. Of course Guam, Porto Rico and the Philippines have no stamps of their own, but are supplied with the ordinary United States postage

stamps, altered simply by the addition of a word printed across the face of each one in unornamented black letters. Thus all Guam stamps have the word "Guam" marked on them, as if it were for a cancelation, and the word "Philippines" makes our common stamps serviceable for carrying mail matter in Uncle Sam's new Oriental archipelago.

By and by our insular dependencies will have stamps of their own, which will be printed in Washington, but adorned with special designs—just as is the case nowadays with the Cuban postage stamps, which are more artistic than any of ours, the Treasury Department having exerted its best efforts in the production of the engraved plates. The patterns are appropriate, too. For example; the 2-centavo denomination is ornamented with a group of royal palms, while a statue of Columbus appears on the 1-centavo stamp, and the "special delivery" shows a boy on a bicycle. The Guam stamps for 1900, by the way, have cost the Government only $10.06.

The first process in the manufacture of stamps at the money mill is to count the sheets of blank paper, which are purchased by contract. This work is done by women, who, indeed, perform most of the labor in the Bureau of Engraving, simply because they have proved themselves more capable than men for business of this description. Each sheet is the proper size and shape to make 400 printed stamps, with a small margin. After they have been counted the sheets are moistened by laying wet rags between them, at intervals of 20, and the following morning, when the rags are removed, the stamps are ready for printing.

The press for printing postage stamps is a queer-looking machine, half-automatic in its action. It is quite a small affair with four square steel plates, set horizontally, occupying the four sides of a horizontal square. These plates, always horizontal, travel round the four sides of the square at a moderate rate of speed, passing in turn beneath an inkroller. Each of them is engraved with the faces of 400 stamps and after being inked by the roller, goes under a mechanical rubber, which removes most of the ink. Then the plate is cleansed of all the rest of the ink, save what is in the graven lines, by a man who rubs it with a cloth and his bare hands, and finally it goes under a dry cloth-covered roller, which a sheet of white paper being interposed, does the printing.

All of these processes are accomplished four times inside of half a minute. A girl supplies the fresh white sheets, as the plates come round to her in quick succession, and another girl takes them out, fresh-printed, as they appear on the other side of the cloth-covered roller, piling them neatly as she does so.

Then the sheets, so new and beautiful with their bright-colored impressions, are carried to another room to be counted, after which they are laid on racks in wire cages on wheels, and hauled into a steam drying room, to stay over night.

On the following morning they were taken into the examining room, where each of them is carefully inspected for defects. Torn or otherwise imperfect ones are rejected, but all fragments are carefully accounted for. Each person in this department of the money mill is expected to examine 12,500 sheets in a day's work.

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These clay tablets are no bulkier than modern official letters. In many cases the tablet was enclosed in an earthen vessel or envelope, which was inscribed with the address and a summary of the contents of the letter.

We may assume that these clay letters were handled much as modern mails are handled. They were probably carried in bags. Excellent postroads connected Egypt with every part of western Asia, and there were post and relay stations for the king's messengers, who probably also forwarded private letters.

According to the El Amarna tablets, Pharaoh was in correspondence with Babylon and Assyria, Cappadocia, Palestine and Syria. The post roads followed the old paths of war and commerce which had been trodden by caravans and armies through countless generations.

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THE FRENCH STAMPS OF 1849
USED IN THE COLONIES.

Herbert Gile, Jr.

From 1849, the date of the emission of the first French postage stamps, until 1860, the date of the appearance of the stamps in the eagle type for the French colonies, there were various methods of prepaying the postage on one's correspondence.

It was believed for a long time that letters were prepaid in cash, and, indeed, this was the only way until the middle of the year 1851. But from the end of August, or the commencements of September, the public had the power to prepay letters by means of postage stamps. This service was from the capital to French destinations or to foreign countries whereof France was the intermediate agent.

There is perfect certainty upon this point, thanks to the official documents which have been found by Monsieur Langlais.

June 13, 1851, M. de Chasseloupe, sent to Guina, Martinique, Reunion and to the French offices in India an official despatch containing orders relative to the prepaying of letters by means of postage stamps in the colonies. As a result of this ministerial circular, a note from the Post Office Department arrived giving more complete and precise information.

The number of stamps sent to each colony is given below.

	10c.	20c.	1 fr.
French Guiana	400	2,000	1,500
Guadeloupe	2,500	9,000	5,000
Indies	1,000	------	3,575
Martinique	2,500	9,000	5,000

These were stamped or canceled in the following manner.

Lozenge shape. Linework of large square dots, containing the characters P. C. 1.

Thus while it is seen our albums do not list these early stamps, they were nevertheless issued and used. Here indeed is a delightful field for the specialist. We must not forget to state that much of our information is from the Gazettetimbrologique.

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EDITORIAL.

An asinine attack, hurled at ye editor by a writer in the "National Philatelic News," angered him for a short time, but as his temperature lowered, he resolved not to answer any spiteful charges but to save all made against him and at the end of several months to congratulate himself that a large amount of space had been placed to better advantage.

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It is indeed pleasant to note that two or three amateur "literary" magazines are now publishing very good departments in the philatelic line. The department of philately by Mr. C. T. Reno in the American Gem is of a high character.

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Why should not certain stamps issued by Indian States be collectable? Not long ago, we informed a friend that we were quite interested in the stamps of Afghanistan. The answer was brief; "What! Collect Indian States?" But a little research seems to disprove the idea that the stamps of all Indian states are undesirable. Afghanistan, for instance, is a very interesting country for the specialist. It deserves attention from the fact that it never indulges in speculation, that the stamps in themselves are unique, that there is a broad field for the specialist, and lastly, that the opportunities for new discoveries are limitless.

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If the statements of many dealers are correct, philatelists are very much like sheep. We are continually told of collectors changing from one country to another -not literally-only because that country is in the public eye. It does seem as if philatelists could develop a mind of their own! Perhaps they have! The philatelic press is often "worked" by speculators and these incidents may only be the bait held forth by them. Moreover, it is well to settle the point for yourself.

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U. S. POSTAL

METHODS IN CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

A. R. Butler,

The efforts of the Postoffice Department to put into operation in the once Spanish colonies the business methods in vogue in the United States have been singularly successful, considering the semi-hostile surroundings, the "manana" Spanish methods to which the inhabitants had been accustomed, their peculiar prejudices, and the total lack of mechanical conveniences. After the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico the tempoerary system which had been adopted for handling the mails gave place to methods introduced by the trained officials imported from the States.

The United States took charge of Cuba January 1, 1899, and in anticipation of this a commission composed of expert postal employes had, in December, 1898, been sent to the island to look over the ground and devise the best ways in which to deal with the reorganization of methods and men which was imperatively demanded. The Spanish methods were slipshod in the extreme, thieving was the rule without an exception for salaries were small and generally unpaid, and public office was generally regarded as a private snap. This Commission went into the matter thoroughly and submitted its recommendations to the Postmaster General. A Director of Posts was appointed to take charge of the service, which is totally separated from the United States Postal Service, Cuba being an independent foreign country for which we are acting as wet-nurse. Under Spanish control the telegraph and postal systems were united, there was no money-oyder system, the registry system existed in name only, and free delivery did not obtain. Private carriers collected a stated amount from the addressees (from 3 to 5 cents) to pay for the delivery. The seaport towns were the only ones supplied with the postal facilities, the inland towns had none at all, letters for parties living inland were delivered by carriers who collected the cost of delivery from the addressee; when a merchant desired to communicate with a customer in the interior he sent a messenger. When the Americans took charge at the Havana office the greatest confusion prevailed. "There was nothing left by the Spanish administration in the way of records that could serve as a finger board to point the way in any direction or in any degree; not a postage stamp, not a cent in money was left."

The policy was to retain as far as possible the best of the Spanish and Cuban employes and to bring in enough trained material from the states to teach them the new methods.

At first the stamps of the United States, overprinted with the word "Cuba" and the value were used. The number of these reported by the Department as having been furnished is as follows:-

		.....Adhesives.....	
1	cent		4,000,000
2	"		4,000,000
2½	"		2,000,000
3	"		4,000,000
5	"		4,000,000
10	"		400,000
10	"	Special Delivery	20,000
		.....Postage Dues.....	
1	"		100,000
2	"		200,000
5	"		70,000
10	"		60,000
		.....Envelopes.....	
1	"		20,000
2	"		10,000

There were also 1,003,000 one cent and 581,750 two cent postal cards furnished. These official reports evidently do not take into account a number of "special request" 1, 2, 4, and 5c envelopes that were furnished to parties direct from the factory, as no mention is made of the issue of 4 or 5 cent values. In July 1899 a special series of stamps was designed for Cuba. They are printed at the Bureau of Engraving and printing at Washington, D. C., and paid for out of the Cuban postal revenues. Up to June 30, 1900 the number issued of each denomination was

.....Adhesives.....	
1c	4,000,000
2c	7,000,000
3c	2,000,000
5c	2,000,000
10c	600,000
.....Special Delivery.....	
10c	100,000
.....Envelopes.....	
1c	10,000
2c	100,000

No mention is made of the number of 5 cent envelopes or of the 1 and 2 cent wrappers, printed, In the Special Delivery there was an error, the word "inmediate" being spelled "inmediata." In the next printing this will be corrected, the die having been changed.

Under this trained management the service has become more and more efficient, and from the seaport towns is being extended to the interior as rapidly as possible.

In May 1900 it was discovered that some of the United States officials in Havana had been unfaithful to the trust reposed in them, and had embezzled $132,000, but this did not interfere with the progress of the service, as the guilty parties were immediately arrested, and the Postoffice Department proceeded to investigate and root out the last traces of the fraud. The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, assisted by skilled inspectors reported on the matter and the courts now have the cases on hand. Now that these peculations have been stopped the service will probably be self-supporting. It was not the size of the sum embezzled but the injurious impression produced on the minds of the native Cubans that renders this slip a serious one. Everything depends upon gaining the confidence of these "new caught sullen peoples."

In Porto Rico the problem is somewhat more simple, the Island belongs to the United States, and hence a separate system of administration and finance is not required as it is in Cuba a "ward" only of Uncle Sam. A Commission was sent in August 1898 to look into ways and means or postal administration by the Postmaster General. The report of this commission reveals a number of interesting points showing the kind of postal service given by the Spaniards. The postoffices were mere side issues to the telegraph department and the telegraph operator and postmaster was a government spy. He had full authority, on suspicion, to open the mail of anyone, so that letters were never safe. The mail, when it came in, was put on a table and anyone who chose could come and sort over the pile. There was no free delivery, at each office there

were one or more "carteros," carriers, not in government employ, but who were sub spys of the postmaster, and who were permitted by him to take out letters from the pile of mail and deliver them, collecting one centavo from the addressee for the service. The postmaster was known to be a spy and an odium attached to the office. In reorganizing the service the American officials would frequently propose to some merchant that he should let the office occupy a corner in his store and accept an appointment as postmaster, thus bringing him trade and a small commission, and saving the government rent, but the suggestion was invariably rejected with indignation that the official should make such a proposition to an honorable merchant, to become a government spy; the appointment would have kept people from trading at his store instead of bringing trade. There was no money-order system, how could there be? Stamps were sold, not by the postmasters but by agents outside the postoffice, who were allowed a commission of from 2 to 4 per cent. The registry system was but a name, no one would trust valuables to the hands of a spy clothed with full authority to open and "lose" a letter which he considered "suspicious".

Under American rule all this has been changed. In November 1898 there were established twelve principal postal stations having connections with many smaller places. They were under the direction of a superintendent detailed from the Railway Mail Service of the United States, assisted by a force of six railway mail clerks, 3 postal agents and 32 post-office clerks, including 4 Spanish translators. All this of course, was under the military government then in charge of Porto Rico. Up to the time of the hurricane in August, 1899 the outlook was good for a self-supporting and independent postal service, but the havoc wrought by that disaster set the work back. The destruction of the railroad between the four principal cities broke the backbone of the new system, and until this was replaced nothing could be done in the way of extension; the destitution throughout the country was wide spread and the superstitions of the people may have attributed the hurricane to the anger of someone at the changes wrought by the Americans.

On May 1, 1900, the act of Congress which provided for a civil government in Porto Rico transferred the control of the postal service of the Island from the military authorities to the Postmaster General, and merged it in the United States Postal Service. Up to this time, the stamps used in the island were the United States stamps, overprinted with the name "Porto" or "Puerto" Rico so that an estimate might be formed of the revenues from that postal service. The official reports show the delivery of the following numbers of these overprinted stamps;

.....Adhesives.....	
1c	1,500,000
2c	3,000,000
4c	—.—
5c	500,000
8c	75,000
10c	500,000

.....Dues.....	
1c	75,000
2c	75,000
4c	----
10c	10,000
.....Envelopes.....	
Ordinary:-	
1c	10,000
2c	200,000
4c	----
5c	20,000
Special Req.	
1c	3,000
2c	6,500
4c	500

Also 15,000 one cent wrappers and 34,925 one cent postal cards, The last shipment of these over printed stamps was made in February, 1900; and for some reason on the 1 and 2 cent adhesives and the 1, 2 and 5 cent envelopes of this shipment, the name of the island, formerly spelled "Porto Rico," was changed to "Puerto Rico." It was reported by the Washington correspondent of Mekeels Weekly that a full set of proofs of all the island stamps with this new spelling had been prepared for exhibition at the Paris Exposition, but that the one and two cent values were the only ones put into stamp form. Since May 1, 1900 the ordinary stamps have been in use.

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D. P. A. AND OTHERWISE.

It is rumored around Toronto that Mr. Charles Bailey, the genial D. P. A. Counterfeit Detector is thinking seriously of becoming a benedict.

President Wurtele finds fault with the doings at last year's convention. The convention by a two thirds vote split the office of Sec'y.-Treas. Some of the members more particularily, the holder of the dual office were not satisfied with this so Mr. Wurtele is having a mail vote taken.

The convention also appointed a committee of three to receive suggestions as to changes in constitution. Evidently Mr. Wurtele was not notified about this as he has appointed a committee composed of Mr. W. A. Starnaman,
Geo. W. Starnaman,
F. I. Weaver,
or perhaps a more correct reading would be, First- Mr. W. A. Starnaman,
Second- Mr. W. A. Starnaman,
Third- Mr. W. A. Starnaman.

In his late appeal to the members, Mr, Geo. W. Starnaman stated that the office of Secy.-Treas. was split to create an office for a supposed defeated canidate-myself by the way-. This statement is not based on facts. The correct reason can be easily given if necessary.

W. Russell Brown.

Editor, B. S. P.

Dear Sir;-

Mr. Muirheads letter in your February number, I am pleased to note, drops the question of the legality of Mr. Starnaman's incumbency of his present position, and merely points out that there are several methods by which the vacancy could have been filled.

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.....President's Report.....

I have received the following nominations from our Sec.-Treas., Mr. Brown. Members should send in vote to Herbert Gile, Melrose Highlands, Mass., within two week of receipt of this paper.

Pres. Herbert Gile, Jr.
W. Russell Brown (declined.)

Vice Pres. W. Russell Brown.

Sec.-Treas. J. M. Chandler.
W. Russell Brown (declined)

Supt. of Sales. J. I. Atsatt.
W. R. Brown (declined)

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Mr. G. A. Hunt was nominated for three offices but as his dues were unpaid, he could not run.

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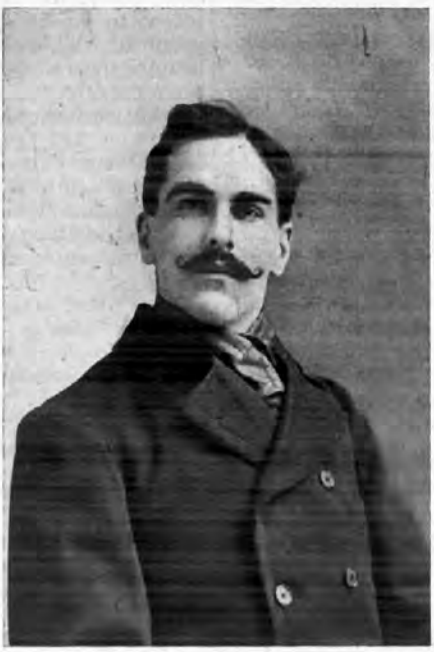

CHARLES W. NEVILLE USSHER.

Mr. Charles Neville Ussher is quite an interesting personage to meet. He is an Englishman by birth, and comes from a very old English family, which can be traced back as far as 1158.

The family name was formerly De Neville or Neville, but it became changed to Ussher, when one of the family acted as Grand Usher to the King. The Earl of Warwick—the "King Maker"—was a Neville.

At the time of the great Napoleon, another name, which sounds more familiar, is mentioned in history, it is that of Admiral Sir Thomas Ussher, who conveyed Napoleon to Elba in his flagship "H. M. S. Undaunted." For his kindness during the voyage Napoleon presented the Admiral with a diamond set snuff box and a leather cigar case. These historical treasures are now in the possession of Mr, Ussher and the material used in their manufacture was of such a fine quality that they are as good as new.

Mr. Ussher is twenty two years of age and has been collecting for about twelve years. He has a general collection of four thousand and a splendid collection of Canadian Revenues.

Mr. Ussher is Secretary of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, and a prominent member of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

He will be a candidate for D. P. A Trustee next election and if the members want to elect a man who always works for the welfare for the Association and who is not afraid to say what he thinks, they should vote for C. W. N. Ussher. W. R B.

POSSIBILITIES FOR U. S. SPECIALISTS.

A. R BUTLER.

Now that the United States has fairly embarked on her policy of expansion, and has organized a colonial service which in its theory is the most perfect known, and has in its practice as yet revealed but few faults, it may well be expected that with this machinery of administration all ready, there will be possibilities for the extension of the territory of the stars and stripes.

The far-seeing collector should take a few moments to consider where these extensions are likely to be, and then fill in as many of the stamps of those countries as he can. His forethought may not be necessary, but he will have the stamps, and his trouble will not therefore be wasted. The stamps used in a colony of the United States are likely, in the future, to be the regular issue. Overprinted stamps are being abandoned, in the Philippines they are used concurrently with the ordinary stamp, in Porto Rico and Guam they are no longer used, in Hawaii and Tutuila they never were in use. So that the stamps after the United States takes control will be easy to acquire; it is the issues of the former governments that cause trouble.

We entered on the 19th Century without a stamp to our name but the U. S specialist of the 20th Century has an unattainable list of Spanish—colonial and Hawaiian issues to work upon. The prices go up with leaps and bounds, and the collector who has secured a fair showing is in a position to chuckle.

There are immediate and remote possibilities. It is hardly useful to mention Cuba, as she is almost a certainty. Negotiations are now pending for the purchase of the Danish West Indies, which consists of two small islands, St. Thomas and St. Johns. The former is the larger, length 17 miles, breadth 4 miles, population 14,000. St. Johns has an area of 42 square miles and a population of 1054.

The island of Hayti is divided into the Republic of Hayti and the Dominican Republic. The rule of the Spanish in Domingo and that of the French in Hayti was thrown off in the early part of the last century by the blacks, who organized the republics. But education must precede the ability to form a stable government, and education was not a strong point in the colonial systems of one hundred years ago: the so-called republics have been a succession of military despotisms, each president rising to his office on the wave of an insurrection against the party in power, only to be dashed down in his turn by some other leader. San Domingo applied for admission to the United States in 1871, but we were not prepared to accept the responsibility.

The other large island of the West Indies is Jamaica, but this is decidedly a remote possibility. Although the reports from there are not so great as in years past, the production of sugar having fallen off greatly, yet the British Government is hardly likely to want to sell at present.

The isthmian canal, and the question of the control of the land it will traverse, coupled with the unsettled conditions in the Central American states, may lead to something. The United States already is in very close connection with the rest of the American republics. At Washington, D. C., there is a Bureau whose sole function is to bring into closer commercial and general relations the free countries of the Western Hemisphere. I would not suggest any wild rush for Seebecks; the plates are here in the United States, and if there is any reason for it, there can be any desired quantity printed.

Mexico is a country which owes her standing and stability of government to one man, Diaz; and in the nature of things his influence must pass away. Her past history shows a disposition to rebellion. In 1844 Texas broke loose, her admission to the Union involved us with Mexico, our indemnity for that war

brought us the Pacific States, and the Gadsden purchase (a sop to Mexico) gave us a little more territory. It is quite possible that history may repeat itself.

The Spanish-American war and other recent events have given us a number of centres of attraction for new territory. Porto Rico will be a nucleus for the West India Islands mentioned above, the Philippines will give us a chance to pick up anything lying round loose or not tightly spiked down in the East, while Hawaii and Samoa are useful headquarters for the South Seas.

The above countries are the ones most likely to become interesting to the U. S. specialist. The issues of Hayti, Jamaica and Danish West Indies are pretty easy to complete, while San Domingo (Dominican Republic) and Mexico are, for the average collector, impossible. Nicaragua, Seebeckized, is not worth bothering about. But the stamps of these countries will never be cheaper than they are now, and in view of what may happen a wise collector will look out for them on approval sheets and in packets, and should the possibility become a fact, his foresight will be richly repaid.

Stray Items

FASHION NOTE FROM THE CONGO.

The postal authorities at Brussels have lately noticed the mailbags dispatched to the Congo were not being duly returned, and after a lot of trouble they have discovered the reason.

It appears that the postmen in the Congo Free State make presents of the mailbags to their wives or fiances. These ladies simply cut out the bottom, and by drawing what is left over their heads, and with the assistance of a piece of string, they have an ultra modern ready-made costume.

The fact that the sacks are furnished with an enormous black seal bearing the legend "Brussels-Center" does not disconcert them in the least.—*Svenska Dagblad.*

That the lamented death of our Queen should cause considerable speculation as to a new issue bearing the King's head was to be expected. The change will be widespread, almost revolutionizing stamp albums, for the countries, colonies and dependencies using the Queen's head, provide a very large proportion of the world's stamp issues. It is highly probable that many of the colonies will take the opportunity to abandon the old style of head-stamp, and go in for those emblematic of the country or colony in some way. As for these islands of Great Britain, although no definite notice of change has been given, it is understood that the matter of changing the design of the stamps is under consideration, and that the King's head, in some form or other, will be the salient feature of the new issue.—*Philatelic Chronicle*, (England).

Mr. John Sands, who recently died, was the originator of the St. Kilda post. This is like no other post in the world. The St. Kilda Islanders being cut off during winter from all communication with the mainland, the curious postal system devised by Mr. Sands is their only means of correspondence with the outer world. The St. Kilda mails are deposited in a number of small buoys of a special make; these are cast into the sea, and, sooner or later, the strong current wafts them to the mainland. A precarious post, truly.—*Philatelic Chronicle*, (England).

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FOLLOWING our article last month entitled "French stamps of 1849 Used in the Colonies," Mr. A. R. Butler kindly sends us a letter similarly used in China. The stamp is surcharged with the inscription, "Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1 China," with the date in the center. Items of this nature are always welcome and our readers will confer a favor on us by sending them in.

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WE MUST apologize for combining our April and May numbers, but in changing printers so much time was lost that it became absolutely necessary—and this is the result. All subscriptions are advanced one month.

BY THE time this number is in the hands of our subscribers, the Pan-American stamps will have been issued. Whether or not they will be of benefit is not for us to decide, but certain it is they have hurt the morals of some of our editors, who have appropriated articles for their own journals from others and have failed to give recognition of same.

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THE PROPOSED "improvement" in our current issue, whereby we may have the name of the person whose head appears on the stamp, is certainly not reflecting everlasting glory to those thus honored. Who needs to be told whose portraits appear on the 1c or 2c stamps, and as for the others, the average citizen scarcely sees them. Imagine a notice in our post-offices that the 1c bears so-and-so's portrait, and so through the list. Our post-office department is now a bureau of education as well as of speculation and of advertising. The power of the department store is great! Collectors, however, will probably appreciate the loving thoughtfulness of the government.

IN THE REIGN OF KING EDWARD.

BY AMY L. SWIET.

The sceptre, with all its accompanying duties, privileges and honors, has fallen from the hand of Britain's Queen, and another hand has lifted it. Victoria rests, and Edward the Seventh reigns. What will be the result to philatelists? Victoria rests; the monarch whose pictured head was more familiar to the entire world than that of any other ruler, past or present, is a monarch no longer; the emblems that were a sign of her authority and position must soon disappear to give place to emblems that shall show the authority of the new ruler. It has always been so in all countries, and with all rulers, and will be so again. Edward reigns; he who now holds the place so lately held by Victoria will soon possess also all the visible honors which accompany the position, and among them will be the substitution of his head for hers upon the coins and stamps used throughout the British empire. From a sentimental standpoint, the thought is a sad one, but stamps and coins are not supposed to be issued for sentimental

reasons, and viewed from the business point the change is both reasonable and right.

When Victoria ascended the throne, postage stamps had not been adopted, so there are no precedents to be followed in respect to changing the design, but with coins it is different, and doubtless the same rules which apply to those will be held as applicable to stamps also. It is a law that on coins the head must be shown in profile, in order that the face may be turned to look left and right in alternate reigns. George III faced to the right; George IV to the left; William IV to the right, and Victoria to the left, therefore Edward VII must face to the right. This same rule holds good for the postal issues of certain other countries, and the fact that it does so, will probably weigh with the postal authorities of Great Britain when they are ready to institute a change. Take Holland for instance. Wilhelmina looked to the right in her first issue; her predecessor looked to the left and *his* predecessor to the right. This same plan of reversal was followed in the Dutch Colonial issues too.

In the majority of the stamps bearing Victoria's head, the face looks to the left, just as it does on all British coins. The exceptions are few, the Colonies supplying them all, as Great Britain itself invariably has the head turned correctly toward the left. The chief sinner against the rule is Canada, who never seemed to care much whether the Queen looked right, left, or straight ahead; Newfoundland, too, has been careless in that respect, as a glance at the catalogue cuts will show. In the issues of Faulkland Islands every stamp has the head incorrectly facing to the right, so if the law of reversal is followed there King Edward must gaze to the left. The 1878 issue for the Transvaal bears practically the same head as do the Faulklands, and facing the same way. Victoria, as befits its name, has not gone wrong at all in its postal issues, unless the full face and enthroned varieties can be considered wrong (which is not probable), but among its revenues are several that face as King Edward ought to face, viz., towards the left. The two first Tasmania face to the right, but this appears to have been corrected promptly, as all later issues look to the left.

These exceptions referred to are the only ones I can recall to the general rule of having the Queen look to the left as was the law with regard to the coins of the empire, therefore we may be fairly certain that when stamps bearing the head of Edward VII appear they will almost without exception show a profile looking to the right. Of all the Colonies under the British rule Newfoundland alone has no need to make extensive changes in her postal issues. She may decide to turn around the portrait of King Edward now adorning her two cent stamp, so as to have him looking in the correct direction (to the right) but otherwise she is well prepared for anything which may come along since the five cent bears the portrait of the next in the line of succession, the Duke of Cornwall and York, and the half-cent that of his son, little Prince Edward.

Summing up, we may decide with good reason that the reign of King Edward VII will be an era of "looking to the right." In the matter of coinage it assuredly must be, for as stated above, the law of precedent reigns demands that the head of the ruling monarch shall face alternately left and right; there is no reason why this law is not equally applicable to stamps, both postage and fiscal. It will probably not be very long (generally speaking) before the first stamp in the new design and position appears, and then the other colonies will gradually fall into line with similar emissions. In a few years the stamps bearing the long familiar head of Victoria will have vanished entirely from the mails, to be seen only in the possession of collectors and dealers. It is the fate of all rulers to yield position to another, and be pushed aside in consequence. Not forgotten, but remembered only as a memory. It will be so again. Victoria rests, and Edward reigns.

MOLDAVIAN STAMPS OF 1858.

WALTER FRANK.

In July, 1858, four stamps, circular in shape, with the central figure of an ox, surrounded by a five pointed star, were issued. They were of four values—27, 54, 81, and 108 paras—and bore the inscription, in Russian letters, of Porto Scrisorei. The values, handstamped on laid paper, were—

27 paras, *rose.*
54 paras, blue, *green.*
81 paras, blue, *blue.*
108 paras, blue, *rose.*

The diameter of the circle is 19½m for

the 27 and 54 paras; 20m for the 81 paras; and 20½m for the 108 paras. They were printed in sheets of sixteen stamps in two rows of eight, each by means of a handstamp. These were issued from the 15th of July to the 1st of November, 1858. Only the 27 paras have been found in *tete beche*, but as all these stamps were printed by hand, the others probably exist in this state. The laid paper of the 54 paras is sometimes so faint that it seems like wove paper, such was the specimen in the collection of Dr. Legrand.

Very few of these stamps were printed as they were only issued for three months and were used exclusively in the interior of the principality.

M. D'Assche, in considering these stamps, states as his opinion that no specimens of the 27 paras, unused, exist. He also considers the 54 paras, used, as undervalued.

These four stamps were not known to early collectors. The three higher values were discovered in 1862 The 27 paras in 1868. The post-mark consisted of two concentric circles with the name of the town above and Moldava below, the two words placed between the two circles. In the center, two numbers, one above the other, separated by a line, the higher number indicating the date and the lower the month. Color, blue. Handstamped. Size, 20½m in diameter.

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New Zealand, '73, 2 rose	02
New Zealand, '98, 1 brown and blue	01
Norway, '67, 1 black	05
Norway, '67, 2 orange	03
Norway, '72, 2 blue	03
Norway, '72, 6 red brown	15
Norway, '77, 3 orange	02
Norway, '77, 50 claret	01
Norway, '88, 2 on 12 brown	01
Norway, '94, 50 claret	01
Orange Rep., '68, 1 brown	02
Persia, '81, 10 carmine	08
Persia, '82, 5f red and black	20
Persia, '89, 10 gray	20
*Persia, '89, 2k rose	12
*Persia, '89, 5k green	06
Persia, '79, 5k green, used	08
Persia, '98, 2k rose	10
Persia, '98, 5k green	15
Persia, '98, 10k orange	25
Portugal, '62, 25 rose	31
Portugal, '66, 25 rose	03
Portugal, '80, 5 black	01
Portugal, '92, 100 brown and yellow	02
Portugal, '92, 200 blue	08
Portugal, '92, 300 blue on buff	02
Portugal, '95, 300 blue on rose	27
Portugal, '95, 500 black on blue	03
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Queensland, '91, LA joined, 2 blue.	.01
Queensland, '91, 1sh violet	.03
Queensland, '95, thick paper, 1 red	.03
Queensland, '95, thick paper, 2 blue	.04
Roman States, '52, ½ gray	.15
Roman States, '52, ½ violet brown	.15
Roman States, '52, 1 green	.02
Roman States, '52, 3 yellow brown	.06
Roman States, '52, 5 rose	.02
Roman States, '52, 6 gray green	.10
Roman States, '67, 20 crimson	.12
Roman States, '68, 2 green	12
Roman States, '68, 10 vermillion	.04
Roman States, '68, 20 magenta	.10
Roman States, '68, 20 crimson	.10
Roman States, '68, 20 red	.12
Roumania, '72, 3 green	.05
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Roumania, '79, 5 green	.01
Roumania, '79, 10 rose	.01
Roumania, '80, 25 blue	.01
Roumania, '85, 1½ black	.01
Roumania, '85, 3 olive	.03
Roumania, '85, 10 red	.01
Roumania, '85, 25 blue	.02
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RAYMOND S. BAKER.

The subject of our sketch is a native of New Brunswick. Mr. Baker, whose father is a Methodist clergyman, is 24 years of age and makes his home at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He was a leader at the University of Mount Allison, from which he graduated in the class of 1900 with the degree *Baccalaurei in Artibus* with honors in Philosophy. As we have said before, Mr. Baker was a leader. He was editor of the college journal and President of the Students' Literary Society. To the University *Centennial*, held at Frederickton, in 1900, he was sent as the undergraduate repre-

sentative of his college. He is, at present, taking a post graduate course at Victoria University, Toronto. He is favorably known as a forceful speaker. At the Annual Public Debate between the Post Graduates and the Seniors, he won the decision, and everybody knows how high *all* Senior Classes hold themselves.

As a philatelist, Mr. Baker began his career in 1890, being a general collector with an especial interest and pride in Canadian issues. His first collection, as well as his philatelic library, were destroyed by fire. But he is as interested as before in these lines.

He distinguished himself in the literature of our hobby by writing in the leading philatelic magazines, such as the *Eastern Philatelist*, (under Pinkham), being a contemporary of Severn, Quackenbush, the two Greenes, Fox, Ashcroft, etc. During the present winter, he made several addresses before the Toronto Philatelic Club, his subject being "Philatelic Fiction and Poetry" illustrated by selections from both.

He has heretofore declined to have his picture published in any magazine, owing to the trash in this line, and the BAY STATE PHILATELIST takes great pride in being the instrument to bring his likeness before the public.

Mr. Raymond S. Baker is now a candidate for President of the Dominion Philatelic Association and a more efficient and worthy man would be hard to find. H. G.

FEAT OF A PONY EXPRESS RIDER.

It was about the year 1851 that Aubrey gave his wonderful test of human endurance, before which all other attempts of the kind pale into insignificance. He was a short, heavy-set man, 38 years of age, in the prime of manhood and strength. His business for ten years as a Santa Fe trader had made him perfectly familiar with the trail and all the stopping places. He was a perfect horseman, and although there were great riders in those days, none of them ever cared to dispute the palm with Aubrey. On a wager of $1,000 he undertook to ride alone from Santa Fe to Independence inside of six days. It was forty-nine years ago that he undertook the terrible feat. It was to be the supreme effort of his life, and he sent half a dozen of the swiftest horses ahead, to be stationed at different points for use in the ride. He left Santa Fe in a sweeping gallop and that was the pace kept up during nearly every hour of time until he fell fainting from his foam-covered horse in the square at Independence.—*Denver Post.*



A. RENE.

It is with much pleasure that we present the features of one of our Canadian correspondents, Mr. A Rene. It is all the more fitting as our friend is a candidate for Trustee of the Dominion Philatelic Association. By those who are acquainted with him, he is voted one of the most genial of men as the illustration well shows.

He is running with Raymond S. Baker, W. Russell Brown, in fact, with the whole Reform Party, against the absolute control of the Starnaman Bros.

May success come to him!

SIDE LINES AND THE PHILATELIC GENERAL COLLECTOR.

BY A. R. BUTLER.

About ten years ago I had for a room mate a young man who was travelling agent (vulgo drummer) for a saw and lumber machinery company. He got

$100 per month and expenses. On one of his trips he was persuaded that it would be a bright idea to take soap as a side line, he did so and cleared a nice little sum. So far, so good, but the next trip candy as well as soap was taken on, and after about three trips his saw sales showed the effect to such an extent that he was laid off, and the side lines were not enough alone.

The above was brought to my mind on glancing over several of our large philatelic journals ; postmarks, proofs, essays, plate numbers, precancelled stamps, entires, counterfeits, etc., the collecting of these about filled the paper and left but little room for stamps, the alleged object of the journal's existence. Philately is the collecting of stamps, stamps that have done or are available for postal service, and the collecting of these other lines, while open to those that care for them, should not be boomed in a philatelic organ, any more than should the stock market.

In a majority of cases, a general collector of stamps who turns his attention to any one of the side lines mentioned above is lost to philately. They are expensive, and the average victim who has been led into one of them and who, possibly has disposed of his stamp collection to provide means for pursuing the fad, drops out a dead loss to philately; not only for himself, but his disgusted feeling communicates itself. We are all aware of the tendency to speak in a disparaging manner of an abandoned pursuit. The side lines are parasites, they take the life from the philatelist, and, like other parasites, they soon follow their victim. Take plate-number collecting; the general rush is over now on this, though a few collectors with money still cling to it. The stamps were of necessity unused, three stamps from each of four different positions on the sheets locked up ready cash in an alarming manner, not to speak of the premiums paid for the imprint and number strip; any one would think that the mere contemplation would deter, yet the fact remains that many collectors took up the fad, disposed of their general collections, bought plate strips at fancy prices—and later on used them for postage, and stopped all collecting.

Postmarks—there are 76,000 offices in the United States, and each office changes each day its dating stamp, making 76,000 varieties each day, not taking into account the fact that many of the larger places have more than one variety of stamp in use. Under this head come precancelled stamps which had a short and violent career, as a claimant for recognition as a variety of stamp.

Proofs, essays and counterfeits—the Standard catalogue denounces as speculative (and by inference as not collectable) stamps which have not done postal duty, though printed with that end in view (see the note to the 1898 issue of Hayti). It may be alleged that proofs and counterfeits have a reference value in determining the identity of a *stamp*, but this value is of necessity confined to the dealer or the society counterfeit detector, and should not be dwelt on at length in a journal for the general collector of postage stamps.

This article is in no way intended to reflect upon collectors of these things, the point aimed at is that the "philatelist" the general collector of stamps for whose benefit (and subscriptions) the philatelic journal is published, is not a collector of postmarks, proofs, old shoes or tintags, but a collector of stamps, and a philatelic paper should deal with stamps, if not entirely, at least almost so.

Of the date when the mania for stamp collecting set in I have no exact record, but I know there is a tradition that in 1854 a few people began to awake to the value of the pursuit.

The technical title first given to stamp collecting on its elevation above the rank of a fashionable craze was Timbromania. This word was rather unpleasantly suggestive and was therefore abandoned. A similar fate befel its successors, Timbrophily and Timbrology. The word Philately now used to denote the so-called science of postage stamp collecting is of comparative recent origin.—*Stamps*, (England).

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A HOMELY, dull set of stamps—so the Pan American series appeared to your editor last April when he was shown whole sheets of them at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. But since their appearance and a careful study of their merits has been made, the verdict is reversed. So much for first impressions, which generally amount to *nil*.

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AS YOU will soon see by the official ballot, the BAY STATE PHILATELIST is a candidate for official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association. Careful observers have noticed that for several years this society was under the control—an absolute control—of the Starnaman Brothers. To remedy this, i. e., to place the control in the hands of the members, the Reform Party has been organized. They have selected this paper as a candidate for Official Organ. May we not, in the interests of the association, have your vote? You will benefit yourselves as well as the society; for the BAY STATE promises, if elected:—

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AT THE time of going to press, there seems to be a disposition on the part of the government to restrict the sales of the Pan-American stamps. Certain postoffices refusing to sell more than five to a person. This should, and probably will be, remedied.

NEATNESS IN COLLECTING.

It goes without the saying, that as in all other things, neatness in collecting stamps goes far in improving ones collection, and amplifying its pecuniary and intrinsic value. There is an old proverb which sayeth that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and we are inclined to believe that the axiom there set forth can with a little change be quite suitably applied to philately.

We all know what a pleasure it is to see a collection of bright, new, well centered, perfect stamps mounted in a good and cleanly kept album. We know of the contrast which exists between that sort of a collection, and one which is kept in an old second hand dilapidated album, and consisting of torn, heavily cancelled, and mended stamps. If there is any comparison in the category of things comparable or rather contrastable there is one which is at the same time obvious and odious.

I do not believe that authors of things philatelic should simply tell us how things differ; but when there is a difference so perceptible, and two paths so unequal, and leading to two drastically different ends, I believe it to be their duty to point out the better path, and insofar as it is possible, advise the

wanderer as to how best to pursue the path thus chosen. And so whilst I am not to be considered a very good person to advise in such matters, and less fitted to lead, I shall, nevertheless, endeavor in some measure to point out several facts which can with profit be followed in making a collection.

Of course, we must assume at the beginning, that the collector is looking for neatness. I care not how careless the collector is, he always admires carefulness. I care not how unneat a philatelist may be, he nevertheless loves to gaze upon a neatly kept collection. And so, if you are careless or untidy in your collection, a few hints will perhaps go far in changing the condition of your collection and metamorphose it from an unneat present into a neat future.

ALBUM.—The first great factor to be considered is the album. Like the house we live in is the album. It is for many the criterion whereby the value of our collection is judged. And thus if your aim be towards making a collection which shall not only be neat in its material aspects, but also lend value to it, then by all means select a good serviceable album. Great progress has been made in this direction during the past several years and it is not necessary for me to recommend any particular album. The taste and the pocket book can best decide that.

STAMPS.—In selecting stamps, choose with an eye single to neatness. Always take the least cancelled when possible. This should be considered first, all other things being equal. Well-centered is a term to be remembered when purchasing unused stamps. Put this down in your note book: *Never buy a torn, mended, skined, faded, mutilated or unclean stamp.* In the long end it's the dearest.

MOUNTING.—Having now purchased a good album, and having at length learned to be careful in purchasing, the next lesson to be learned is mounting. It is of course unnecessary to tell the readers of this magazine not to paste in, but to hinge a stamp to the album, and always to remove paper, etc., from the backs. A beginner of a month's experience knows that and does it, but I have seen several "beginners" of twenty four months experience use hinges costing in the neighborhood of five cents per thousand, and then raise "Old Harry" when a stamp fades or discolors. Moral: *use good hinges.*

Another matter to learn in this connection is to mount stamps so that whenever there is a watermark it can easily be discerned. This can be accomplished by placing the hinge on the side rather than at the top or bottom of the specimen.

As a general thing I am not in favor of using regular mounts, unless in a blank album. I have seen them used otherwise, but they do not give the album a neat appearance. Neatness is one thing. Elaboration another. I prefer the former.

These few suggestions and hints are offered at their par value, with the belief that if used, they would materially aid in beautifying those things which are so near and dear to all of us.

CLAUDE T. RENO.

Stray Items

Most collectors are aware that the arms of Madrid—a bear and a tree—form the central design of the two stamps value 1 and 3 cuartos issued in 1853, for use in the Spanish capital, but probably few have any idea of the origin of the device. The following story was told in an ancient number of *Le Timbrophile* to account for its adoption by the city of Madrid and though we cannot vouch for its truth, it is nevertheless interesting.

Long years ago when the site of Madrid was occupied by only a few peasants' cottages, a young girl, resident in one of them, left her home to go and pluck *madronos.* On approaching the tree she was about to despoil she observed a huge bear seated in its branches busily engaged in munching the fruit. Horror-stricken, the girl hastily retreated; but on telling her mother what she had seen received in reply a blow from her distaff. "Indeed, *Madre,*" (mother) said the girl, "if you do not believe go into the orchard and see, and you will soon believe I am speaking the truth." Nothing loth, the mother went; the bear saw and seized her; and the justice of heaven was accomplished by her destruction. In memory of the fact the government of the day conferred on the infant community the name of *Madre-id* (corrupted in time to Madrid) and granted it permission to take for its arms the "Bear and the Tree."—*Ewen's Weekly.*

A hobby is essential to a well-constituted mind, especially to the more active intellects amongst us, and it is well when a man's hobby is both harmless and instructive, when it enlarges his knowledge of the world and its rulers, and gives him practical knowledge of the great and wonderful postal machinery by which humanity has solved the problem of speaking to the absent and the unseen, by which the mind, leaving, as it were, the body, travels in a magical paper casket over ocean, desert and mountain top to commune with fellow men.—*Stamps* (England).

A GOOD IDEA.

It is a well known fact that in this country, only those who have passed away are honored by having their likenesses on postage stamps. In view of the fact that a new issue is projected for the United States, why not place the likeness of Benjamin Harrison on one value? As two members of the family have been presidents, it would seem as though one of them at least should be honored, and as Benjamin held the presidential office a full term, besides being the more prominent, he ought to have the preference.—*Adhesive.*

SENSIBLE WORDS ON WHAT TO COLLECT.

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SOME LITTLE KNOWN RULES OF THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE.

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

The 10c special delivery of Uncle Sam is a stamp whose availability and limitations are only vaguely understood by the public which makes such frequent use of it. That it, when attached to an ordinarily stamped letter, will insure the immediate delivery of that letter at the residence of the one addressed is well known, but very few are aware that if the aforesaid residence or office is closed so that delivery is impossible, the article is considered to be ordinary mail matter, and is treated accordingly, yet such is really the case. Any letter or article thus subjected to disgrace is officially endorsed with the date and time it was offered, together with the cause of non-delivery, and in addition a printed notice of the above quoted rule is affixed, so that the addressee may understand the treatment as ordinary mail.

Another use for the stamps is this: If you are expecting an important bit of mail, want it at the earliest possible moment, but do not know the time of arrival, you can buy a special delivery stamp at your own, or any office, and leave it with the postmaster with a description of the expected article. When it comes he will affix the stamp, and hurry it along to you. Should it prove to already have the special delivery stamp, or should it fail to come, your own stamp will be returned.

Some people seem to think that ten cents worth of ordinary postage stamps will accomplish the purpose of securing special delivery if the request is written beside the stamps, but Uncle Sam says "No". Neither can the special stamp be used for ordinary postage. Other careless or ignorant folks often omit the regular postage on mail matter to which a special delivery stamp has been affixed, perhaps thinking the latter will cover all charges. Should such an omission occur with a letter, it is forwarded and specially delivered, but double the missing postage is collected from the addressee, just as is always done in underpaid cases. Only first-class matter is thus privileged however, all other than first class is held until the sender, or addressee remits, upon being notified, the missing postage after which it is entitled to full special delivery privileges again. I will also add before leaving the subject, that special delivery matter of all classes may be registered, an 8c stamp being needed for this in addition to the regular postage, and the 10c special delivery stamp.

Where registered matter is concerned a point not clearly understood by the public is that the sender, or some one authorized by the sender, must do all necessary work in addressing, sealing, or attaching stamps, for neither the postmaster nor any one of his clerks is permitted by the official rules to do anything of the kind.

Another rule not generally known is that postmasters are absolutely forbidden to exchange stamps of high value for those of lower, or vice versa except that unused stamped envelopes which were in some way spoiled may be exchanged at full face value for other postage if presented with that request at the office where purchased. I am not certain whether they would be redeemed at any office, although statements to that effect have appeared in print. Postmasters are often asked to exchange one denomination for another, and must not be considered unaccommodating if they refuse. They don't always, but the proceeding is really against the rules.

Living animals are debarred by law (save with one exception) from the mails although they occasionally are passed along by some official who does not know it, or thinks it too much trouble to refuse. This exception—I think it is the only one—relates to queen bees and their attendant bees, which are mailable if offered in their proper receptacles. Poisons are also prohibited, whether in powder or liquid, yet this rule is probably violated by some one every day, although any one sending such prohibited matter is liable to a heavy fine for each offense should the violation of the law be reported, or discovered by the officials. This ruling will be universally commended as a wise one.

Still another rule which is frequently abused is that which says nothing whatever must be attached to postal cards unless it be a special delivery stamp, or an ordinary 1c stamp to pay extra postage if the card is to be sent abroad. It is quite a common proceeding for some people to paste a newspaper clipping on the back, or a sample of cloth to be matched, or something similar. This subjects the card to a liability of full letter rates in the postage line, though the charge is not pressed as often as it might be.

The forwarding under cover of letters to a distant office with request that the postmaster mail them from there is a proceeding of which Uncle Sam does not approve. He has no intention of helping folks in deceitful doings, so in such cases he rules that before such missives are forwarded, the postmaster must endorse them in some such fashion as this:—"Received under cover from ——— for postmark of this office." Of course occasionally such epistles are forwarded without the betraying endorsement, but in such cases the official either does not know he is disobeying a postal law, or risks doing it to oblige a personal friend, or—perhaps!—to improve the plumpness of his pocket book, for it is sad to say that some postmasters are open to bribery.

These few rules mentioned are only a sample of the many Uncle Sam has formulated for the good of his postal service and his people; they have been selected for this article as being among those which are not as well known, nor as carefully regarded, as they should be.

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WHY ADAM ATE THE APPLE.

BY WALTER FRANK.

After Adam had left the trolley car at Eden Station, he made a quick trip in his automobile and in a short space of time he reached his bower of palm leaves. He was much disturbed. This, Eve perceived and so, knowing the adage concerning the filling of a man's stomach with good things, spread on a bare rock eight different kinds of health food.

The least important member of the family then made way with the repast spread before him and, as he had eaten an unusually hearty meal, took three grains of pepsin and let out his grapevine suspenders. He then leaned against an apple tree and, being in a story telling mood, gave Eve his experience of the day.

It seems that this morning on reaching the office that the red-headed cherub having it in charge pleaded for a half holiday, as his uncle had just died. Adam was suspicious and sent him out for a paper but as the ball team was away from home and there were no comic operas in the city, he gave the desired permission. But Adam was suspicious, and as he needed a new suit of fig leaves, followed his prey.

Now the red-headed galoot, otherwise known as the office boy, entered Frank Brown's stamp store. Adam followed.

There was the boy swapping the stamps removed from Eve's letters. This nearly overcame Adam who had from his childhood, collected stamps and edited a philatelic magazine.

When he reached this point in telling the story to Eve, his feelings overcame him and he hastily called for refreshments and in his haste ate the apple.

A Postmaster of central New York never returns one cent letters to the dead letter office, that are not called for. He uses them to build fires with, and on a recent morning, while a few were burning, an explosion occured blowing off the top of the stove, and came pretty near burning up one of "Uncle Sam's Post Offices."—*Columbus Philatelist.*

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WHY A LOCOMOTIVE APPEARS ON THE STAMPS OF SALVADOR.

BY WALTER FRANK.

The locomotive which appears on the 1891 issue of Salvador has frequently been mentioned as symbolical of the resources of the country, but, although plausible, it is not the truth. The following authentic story shows the childishness of some of our Central American leaders.

A prominent State official of Salvador who had never been to the Capitol or seen a locomotive conceived the idea of causing a revolution. This was soon started and finally became of respectable proportions. In the course of it he reached a large town and desired to send a message but had no horseman. In his dilemma, he was told by a standerby that he would carry it on his engine. Curious to see this new wonder, he himself, rode with the engineer and delivered it in person.

Later on, when he became powerful, he compromised with the existing government and through his influence the 1891 issue bears the likeness of a style of locomotive yet used on small railroads in this country.

The first postal curiosity after leaving the United States for Europe (this time via Gibraltar and Italy) I encountered near the Azores, in plain sight of the beautiful little white town of Ponta Delgada. It was a marvelous day, late in October, ocean and sky of an absolutely clear blue, when our steamer slowed down somewhat, and a picturesque rowboat with about twelve or sixteen sturdy Portugese fishermen hove in sight. A little square box, I hope it was watertight, was simply thrown overboard. A few minutes later the boatmen showed by signs and gestures that they had succeeded in picking up the box, and, full steam ahead, our boat went her way. The box, I was told, contained what little matter there was for the Azores Islands. Only in good weather is this peculiar kind of delivery possible; otherwise the letters must go via Gibraltar and Lisbon by the Portugese mail boat. —*Filatelic Facts & Fallacies.*

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A FORTUNE IN STAMPS THROWN AWAY.

Late advices from Barbados, West India Islands, tells of a wholesale destruction of valuable stamps there. It appears that the records of the Official Assignee's Office, in the shape of bankrupt's ledgers, day books, account books, etc., had accumulated during the last fifty years to such an extent that they were some ten years ago removed to a room in the Court House. This room had also got filled up, and a short time back the Official Assignee decided to have the old ledgers carted away to the reef and buried. But, besides the old books there was a vast mass of correspondence from England and various West India Islands relative to bankrupts, and numbers of old and valuable stamps remained on the envelopes, as in those days the stamp-collecting craze had not yet arisen. It is rather surprising that, when the number of local philatelists is considered, and when such heavy catalogue prices are asked for old West India stamps, a mine of unexplored stamp wealth should have remained hidden away in this musty old lumberroom. But the manner in which they were brought to light was even more peculiar. The order to throw away the ledgers was taken to mean clearing away everything in the room. Deep trenches were dug on the reef and some twenty cart loads of old ledgers and correspondence deposited therein. The matter would have possibly been forgotten but for the fact that a few street arabs picked up some of the envelopes that had blown away, and finding stamps on them determined to search for others. Dozens of these grubbing arabs were soon at work, and they unearthed thousands of stamps. But the methods of the Philatelist and the street arab are very different, and the latter's treatment spoiled hundreds of splendid specimens. When, moreover, a block of five or six was found on one envelope, a scrimmage usually ensued and the victor often only secured a useless fragment.

As soon as the matter came to the notice of the Government orders were immediately given to disinter and burn what yet remained of the lumber room deposit, which was accordingly done.

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EDITORIAL.

NO ONE has yet remarked that the Pan-American stamps look like 30c, even if that is the price of a set.

PAN-AMERICAN inverts are reported on good authority to exist in the 1c, 2c, and 4c values, in fact we have seen the 1c and 2c inverted. Are these inverts necessary? It has been stated in a contemporary that they are counted twenty times at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing before they are sent out. Take Labuan, for instance. Scott does not list a single Labuan stamp with inverted centre, and every one knows the tendencies of Labuan's postal administration.

THE philatelic review. Is it passing out of existence? Formerly nearly every philatelic monthly had its review, but now hardly any paper of note has one. With the weeklies, *Mekeel's* and the *Era* dish up occasional reviews. The *Era* man often omits it for several numbers and then gives us a mass of papers with a two or three line notice, all that is possible. *Mekeel's* is more regular and better, but is frequently omitted for more important departments of that paper. Perhaps this is well. The review departments of many publications have degenerated into departments of "mud-slinging" or mutual admiration societies.

THE editor of the *Philatelic Record* offers a rather amusing argument in the June number of that journal, it is as follows:

> Every now and then we hear some one complaining that Mr. So-and-so has control of such-and-such a society and that they do not think it fair that things should be allowed to remain in this condition. But let us take a closer view of the matter and we will find that Mr. So-and-so has been the hardest worker for the society which he controls, that is to say he has introduced more new members and worked harder than the other members to build up the society and here is where he gets his reward.

According to this statement our societies are intended merely for those introducing the most members. This policy, if carried out, would be most injurious to any society, for frequently those obtaining the most members are the very ones who are least fitted for officers. A person's qualifications for office, depend, not on how many "new members he introduces", but upon his personal character and capabilities. Don't you honestly think so, too, Mr. Magill?

A law recently passed by the government makes it a crime for a publisher to erroneously give reports about his circulation in order to get the patronage of advertisers. This practice seems to be on the increase, and especially among the young class of philatelic publishers, who probably take it as a matter of course for a journal to count from three to five readers to each paper sent out, thereby rating a magazine with a circulation of 1200 and 1500 when as few copies as 300 ar 500 or distributed, and which the advertiser discovers as soon as he tries such journals. Many of our stamp magazines are published for the sole purpose of getting other papers in exchange.

THE REDEMPTION OF MISDIRECTED STAMPED ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

During 1886 Congress passed a law for the redemption of stamped envelopes and wrappers which read: "The postage on stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers spoiled in directing will be refunded in stamps by a postmaster, if satisfied that they have never been sent by mail, and that the misdirection actually occurred at the place where the redemption is claimed; also, provided that such envelopes shall be presented in a whole condition."

On account of this law, the larger cities of the United States have in the cashier's department of their post-offices a window behind which a clerk is kept busy from morning till night paying out good postage stamps in exchange for the misdirected envelopes and wrappers.

For several years before 1886 the government had redeemed postal cards with a slight reduction taken off, but this was soon discontinued as very few were redeemed.

Up to this time firms who were in the habit of keeping on hand stamped envelopes and wrappers began to find that they lost many hundreds of dollars a year from envelopes misdirected and spoiled in other ways. Finally the New York banks, who were very heavy losers in this respect, made an appeal to the postoffice department at Washington for the redemption of the spoiled envelopes. Many of these banks, and also a large number of other business houses, were in the habit of keeping in hand a supply of ready directed envelopes, with the names and addresses of their chief correspondents printed on them; and whenever one of these correspondents changed his address or dropped his dealings with that firm, a large number of these addressed envelopes were left on the firm's hands, which became a total loss to them.

Thus we owe the redemption law chiefly to the New York bankers.

But Uncle Sam is foxy, and in order not to get cheated, he demands that the whole envelope be presented to him; for in many cases the cancellation stamp does not strike the embossed stamp, but some little way from it, so that a cut-square envelope stamp might be passed for unused. Many have learned this to their cost. A redemption clerk in one of the large western cities told me that one old gentleman presented to him $80 worth of cut-square two-cent envelopes to be redeemed, and when he had the law explained to him and found that he was out $80, he swore that he'd never use a d—— stamped envelope as long as he lived.

This redemption is made entirely in adhesive stamps, for Uncle Sam has made it a standing rule never to refund money.

In looking over an old philatelist's scrap-book a few weeks ago I found a clipping from the *New York Sun* back in '91, which gives quite an interesting account of the redemption business at the New York postoffice ten years ago. The redemption clerk says: "The redemption business at the New York post office is probably as large as that of all the other post offices of the country combined. They come to me sometimes in great batches, and one day alone I paid out $380 worth of stamps. The largest amount returned in a lump was one lot of about 10,000 envelopes, one-cent and two-cent. I handed out for these just 8,700 two-cent stamps or $174 worth. Once a quarter the envelopes which have accumulated are packed up and sent to Washington, where they are ground up and destroyed after being checked off.

"The large banking and mercantile houses and the clubs are about the only concerns that take advantage of the law. There are, undoubtedly, thousands of stamped envelopes spoiled, which are destroyed, as the fact that they are redeemable is not generally known."

Uncle Sam is very liberal with his stamped envelopes. If you buy 1,000 you can get them for just what he pays the contractor; and if you buy 500 or over at a time you can have your name and address printed in the corner for nothing. The reason for this liberality is that a great number of letters never reach the person they were meant for, and now they are immediately returned to the sender instead of being sent to the dead-letter office as they used to, thus saving Uncle Sam much work and money trying to find the owner.

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[Exact copy of clipping from New Orleans paper, 1861.]

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38		22½c green	.....	10
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40	1891-94,	3c orange	.....	00½
40a		3c yellow	.....	01
41		5c light ultramarine	.....	00½
41b		5c dull blue	.....	01
42a		7½c violet brown	.....	02
43		10c rose	.....	00½
44		12½c bluish gray	.....	01
44a		12½c gray	.....	02
47		22½c green	.....	04
49		50c bistre	.....	04
50		1g violet	.....	12
51		2g 50c bt. rose & ult	.....	35
51a		2g 50c lilac rose & ult	.....	50
67	1896,	50c green & brown	.....	04
68		1g brown and olive	.....	10
70	1898,	1g green	.....	15
71	1899,	½c violet	.....	00½
72		1c red	02	00½
73		2c brown	.....	01
74		2½c green	03	00½
75		3c orange	.....	02
76		5c rose	.....	00½
77		7½c brown	.....	03
78		10c gray lilac	.....	00½
79		12½c blue	.....	02
80		15c brown	.....	03
81		20c green	.....	03
82		22½c brown and green	.....	04
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6	1860,	1c red lilac	05	.....
7		5c green	02	.....
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29	1866,	24c blue	30	.....
34	1867-73,	6c dull rose	15	.....
37	1876,	3c blue	.....	22
39	1880,	1c violet brown	.....	04
42		3c blue	.....	03
43		5c light blue	.....	09
44	1887,	½c rose red	03	.....
45		1c green	03	02
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10	5	10c OMAHA
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13	8	8c Sherman, 1895
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Stray Items

BY W. M. LESTER.

Drop a 25c blue Belgium, present issue, into alcohol and see the color run.

I detected a minor difference in a 5c New Zealand of the present issue, when comparing it to another copy of a more recent printing though both are of the type designed as "native print." The difference lies in one not showing the snow plainly in the ravines on the side of Ottira Gorge—as the stamp names it

One of the Pacific Coast dealers must have been working the old "brick scheme" to get postage dues, for he has sheets of the lower denominations of the present issue, in stock. But why he got used ones I fail to see, for now and then unused ones sell at such low prices, that to get them at face used, seems odd.

Berkely, Colo., has a stamp society under the name of the Berkely Philatelic Association; the members meeting in rotation at each other's houses once a month.

THE SCIENTIFIC ARRANGEMENT OF A COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTMARKS.

A. R. BUTLER.

While the collecting of postmarks is but a side line, there is a great deal of pleasure and even some philatelic learning to be gotten from a well arranged collection, cut in such a way as to show both the dater and the stamp with the "smudger." I have seen several collections, and the arrangement was generally so poor that there was little to admire, but the other day one was shown that almost won me over to advocate the gathering of postmarks, and from a study of this accumulation the following remarks are made.

The "Standard Catalogue" of the postmark collector (of U. S. marks) is the United States Postal Guide, published monthly by George F. Lasher, of Philadelphia. At the beginning of each year a complete list of all postoffices in the country is given, arranged alphabetically and then a separate list by states and counties. A supplement to this large list is published each month, giving the changes. The subscription price by the publisher is $2, but the book can usually be procured second hand for fifty cents (it is not necessary to have the current number, any number not more than four years old will do) or if the collector has

influence with the member of Congress from his District a free copy may be procured in this way, by way of the Postoffice Department.

The album consists of a number of cap sized (8½x14) sheets of heavy manila paper, which cost 75 cents per 1000. Two inches is left at the right hand side (the album is on the Wolsieffer left side plan) for hinge space and two holes are punched (the sheets are bought in the punched condition) for a tape to bind the sheets. Two bits of thin wood with corresponding holes enable the tape to make a tight binding without bending the sheets.

The postmarks should be hinged on ; the best hinge is the large (9-16x1 inch) peelable Victoria, but the cost of these is considerable, and the Berlepsch square hinge is about as good at a less price. The idea is to have a hinge sufficiently broad to keep the mark from wabbling, and yet which is peelable.

So much for the paraphernalia, and for the collection and its arrangement. The alphabetical list in the Guide should be discarded, a collection merely alphabetical has too monotonous an appearance, especially when it begins to grow large, and the alphabetical arrangement is difficult to keep straight.

The list by states and counties is the one which permits of an elastic and yet logical and instructive arrangement. A separate sheet or sheets is taken by each county, and the counties are arranged alphabetically by states. In the large collection mentioned each state had a separate album, but this is not necessary at first and can be easily adopted under the separate leaf system whenever desired. In the upper left hand corner is written or typed on each sheet the state and county represented, thus " Maine—Somerset." and if the sheet is devoted to some city and its stations, then after the county the city name. This system is unbounded in its elasticity, fifty or so postoffices to the county is about the limit, and two sheets will hold these, except where the stations of a large city take up a couple of sheets. There are 82,526 varieties of postmarks ; the first 15,000 come comparatively easily, but the difficulty increases in proportion to the size of the collection.

As in stamp collecting the least satisfactory way to secure a collection is by purchase en bloc. It is far more interesting, by exchange and hunting to increase the accumulation gradually and with little expense. Postmarks can be mailed as third class matter, one cent for each two ounces, and exchange is really much simpler than in stamp collecting, as " mark for mark " is the basis, and there is no elaborate standard of values to be considered. There seem to be so many postmark collectors that it is curious no society has been formed, as the society brings collectors together much better than can individual efforts.

There are points in favor of postmark collecting, the lack of expense, the thorough education it gives in the geographical divisions. If the stamp itself is saved, a very respectable collection of stamps on " part of original cover " may be had, and if the postmark collector turns to stamp collecting in the future, he will have both a good nucleus for his own collection and desirable exchange stock.

Each mark accumulated should be checked off on the list, to avoid duplication. The list itself should be taken out of the guide and bound in manila paper cover. It will go by mail (being second-class matter) for two cents and where there is an opportunity to do some exchanging an exchange of the lists will enable each collector to secure new varieties only, and save the postage on duplicates both ways.

Stamp collecting is my hobby, but the beauty of this well-arranged postmark collection was a revelation of the possibilities of this side-line.

MANY STAMPS BEING PRINTED.

Aggregate 5,405,757,900, and Supply May Last Less Than a Year.

There is being printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington a lot of postage stamps, aggregating 5,405,757,900, for the use of the people of the United States of America during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1901, or for such time thereafter until this enormous supply is exhausted. It may be that the supply will be exhausted prior to June 30, 1902. In that event additional stamps will be printed for circulation on estimates furnished by the Postoffice Department, which is always so thoroughly in touch with conditions throughout the country that a deficiency of stamps is practically an impossibility.

It may surprise many persons to learn that if every one of the new issue of stamps were placed end to end, a continuous chain would be formed that would girdle the globe more than three and two-thirds times.

In fact, allowing one inch for the length of each stamp, the string would be a trifle more than 85,247 miles in length. Ordinary postage stamps of denominations of from 1 cent to $5 are about an inch long. The same may be said of the postage due stamps that range in denomination from 1 cent to 50 cents in value.

The 10-cent special delivery stamp, however, is half an inch longer, but few are used in comparison to the ordinary postage and due stamps, consequently little difference would be caused in the average length of the chain as given—85,247 miles. The length of the ordinary stamps, from 1 cent to $5 denominations, alone would form a string of 80,748 miles long, or more than three and one-fifth times the distance around the world.

The new stamps, numbering 5,405,757,900, so soon to be put into circulation, will represent in actual face money value $54,057,579. Of this new issue of stamps 259,500,000 are issued in commemoration of the Pan-American Exposition, now being held at Buffalo, N. Y. They are divided as follows: One-cent stamps, 75,000,000; 2-cent, 165,000,000; 4-cent, 4,500,000; 5-cent 6,500,000; 8-cent, 4,000,000; 10-cent, 4,500,000. The money value of the Pan-American issue of stamps is $2,595,000.

The issue of ordinary stamps will amount to 5,116,236,000, divided as follows: One-cent, 1,300,000,000; 2-cent, 3,586,976,000; 3-cent, 40,000,000; 5-cent, 70,000,000; 6-cent, 16,000,000; 8-cent, 20,000,000; 10-cent, 30,000,000; 15 cent, 4,000,000; 50-cent, 200,000; $1, 50,000; $2, 5,000; $5, 5,000; and 10-cent special delivery, 9,000,000. The total money value of the ordinary stamps amounts to $51,162,360.

The new issue of postage due stamps will amount to 30,021,900, divided as follows: One-cent, 6,000,000; 2-cent, 15,000,000; 3-cent, 5,000,000; 5-cent, 1,500,000; 10-cent, 2,500,000; 30-cent, 12,000; 50-cent, 9,900. The total face value of these stamps amounts to $300,219.

According to the calculations made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing the cost of manufacture of the Pan-American stamps will be 20 cents per 1,000, as against 5 cents per 1,000 for ordinary stamps. Therefore it will cost the Government for printing the 259,500,000 Pan-American stamps the snug sum of $51,900, while the cost of the ordinary and postage stamps will amount to a fraction less than $257,312.90, making a grand total of expense for the entire output of the 5,405,757,900 stamps of $309,212.90.

It is interesting to note in connection with the foregoing statements that the last annual report of Hon. Edwin C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, shows that the number of ordinary stamps issued during the year ended June 30, 1900, was 3,958,143,660; special delivery, 6,940,650; postage due stamps, 20,969,410, making a grand total of 3,986,053,720.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, therefore, is now printing for use, after July 1, 1901, just 1,419,704,180 stamps in excess of the number issued during the year 1889 1900. So rapid is the growth of the postal business that before the expiration of the next fiscal year it may be necessary to order the printing of more stamps —*Boston Herald.*

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EDITORIAL.

AS THE organ of the D. P. A. Reform Party we wish to correct the misstatements printed in the *Advocate* and *Columbus Philatelist*. The Reform Party *was not* "badly defeated." On the contrary, the honors were evenly divided.

Again Starnaman Bros., impute that the characters of the D. P. A. Reform Party candidates are not of the best, and that they will in the near future expose us. Go ahead, *s'il vous plait*. If it comes to exposing, we remind our friends that we are "right in it."

We beg to thank those who voted the Reform Ticket and to assure them that their confidence was not misplaced.

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A SHORT article in our July number "on claims made by publishers" should have been credited to the *Stamp Exchange*.

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OWING to the hot weather, dullness and our prolonged vacation in the White Mountains, extending from June 24 to Sept. 23, this issue is smaller than the ordinary, but by no means unimportant.

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IT MAY interest some of our advertisers to know that the American Newspaper Directory, a recognized authority on the circulation of papers, gives the BAY STATE a monthly average of 1,333.

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WE BEG to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Wm. R. Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps. As this notice is late and it has not been extensively reviewed, we find ourselves unable to give an extensive review.

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Will other papers please copy?

OF INTEREST TO COIN COLLECTORS.

The following item, taken from an old copy of the *St. Louis Republic*, may be of some interest to our readers who are coin collectors :—

"The motto, 'In God We Trust', which is now stamped upon all gold and silver coins of the United States, was suggested by an old farmer living in Maryland. This conscientious Christian gentleman thought that our currency should indicate in some way the Christian character of our Nation, which, he argued, could be best done by a motto upon our coins expressing a national reliance on divine support in governmental affairs. It was in 1861, when S. P. Chase was Secretary of the Treasury, that this man first wrote to Washington regarding his pet idea. His letter was referred to Mint Director Pollock, who discussed the question in his report of 1862. Pollock and Chase were in favor of introducing the motto at once, but Congress gave the suggestion no attention whatever. In his next annual report Director Pollock again referred to the matter, this time in firm theological argument, saying: 'The motto suggested, 'God Our Trust,' is taken from our national hymn, 'The Star Spangled Banner'; the sentiment is familiar to every citizen of our country; the time is propitious; 'tis an hour of national peril. Let us reverently acknowledge His sovereignty and let our coinage declare our trust in God.'

A 2-cent bronze piece was authorized by Congress to be coined the following year, and April 22, 1864, the first United States coin was stamped with 'In God We Trust'."

A. V. C.

AN ADDRESS WANTED.

Mr. Geo. E. Anderson, of Exeter, Ont. has received a selection of stamps from one G. W. Robinett who does not give his address. If any of our readers know his address, will they not kindly send it to Mr. Anderson? and rest assured that they will receive both the thanks of Mr. Anderson and the publisher of this paper

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SEC'Y-TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS.

FELLOW MEMBERS :—

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J. M. CHANDLER, Sec'y Treas.

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REPORT OF SEC'Y-TREASURER.

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33	W. N. Bartholmay,	February 1901.

A. D. BLAIR, JR.,
Sec'y-Treas. J. P.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

FELLOW MEMBERS :—

The resignation of the newly elected Sec'y

Treas., Treymond Babcock compels me to appoint another. I think I have selected a man that will more than do credit to the office, A. D. Blair, Jr., 600 W. Church St., Elmira, N. Y.

All members who wish to participate in the Exchange or Sales Department should write Herbert Gile at once. At one time our Sales Department was the most active one, for the size of the society, in the country. I hope to see it the same in the future.

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COSY CORNER COMMENTS.

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

Just as all cosy corners deserving of the name are filled with a little of everything and not much of anything, so will this particular corner of the BAY STATE PHILATELIST, which I expect to henceforth occupy with fair degree of regularity, be devoted to odds and ends of philatelic interest. That they will be scientific items I cannot promise; for the present certainly not, but perhaps after the weather gets a bit cooler I may summon energy enough to distribute an occasional solid morsel in addition to fans and lemonade.

This is what a Tasmanian citizen thinks of the pictorial stamps of his country, the wail being taken from a recent communication to the Hobart DAILY MERCURY:—

"A few days ago I had occasion to post some 500 circulars. I applied at the postoffice, and was supplied with several colored rolls, which at first sight looked like gaudy wall paper, but were in reality postage stamps, and large enough, I should say, for jam labels, fearfully and wonderfully made. I thought 'Here's a go to lick this lot! Well, I had to take the job on, and I computed that I had licked some eight square feet of that colored paper when all were stamped. I am not known as having a 'thirst,' but after I had finished I felt as dry as a man with a prohibition order against him. So unreasonably large are these stamps that I find one will about cover four of the present Victorian ½d stamps. In other colonies, I believe, one can hand into a postoffice a number of letters with a docket signed and numbered, and no stamp licking is required. Such a regulation in this state of large stamps would be indeed a blessing. I wonder if the Postmaster-General ever licked in one act eight square feet of stamps. I wish he would try the effect on his salivary glands.

Yours, etc.,
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The above is only a sample of the many complaints that are being voiced both in public and in private, so it would not be surprising if the pictorial issue should soon be retired from duty. They are handsome stamps most assuredly, but when a man has to use eight square feet at once, I do not blame him for groaning about the extra trouble large stamps are in comparison with smaller ones.

Speaking in the August *Adhesive* of business relations between collector and dealer, Edgar S. Brightman says that when a selection of stamps on approval is lost in transit either coming or returning, the dealer will not believe the customer's statement of the fact, but would "treat him with suspicion ever after," and expect pay for the missing stamps besides. I think that rather too sweeping an assertion. Some such dealers there certainly are, but others exist who are of a different class. One assortment valued at $10 which I had ordered from a New York dealer never reached me, although he said it was assuredly mailed. Instead of forcing me to stand the loss, he sent me a duplicate lot; thus taking my unsupported word, and bearing the loss himself. This in spite of my being a stranger, and only an irregular customer, the transaction in point being only my second with that firm. Another dealer, a Californian, to whom I returned an approval selection with remittance for stamps retained, wrote that the en-

velope contained no money when opened, and asked if I had not forgotten to put it in as stated. I was certain I had enclosed it, part in coin and part in stamps, but offered to replace it on notification of the amount, which I had forgotten. The reply was "We are quite willing to take your word, and do not wish you to send the sum a second time. The envelope was somewhat defaced as though it had been opened, and since you enclosed the money it is evident that such was the case, some dishonest emyloyee having extracted the cash." Now, could anything have been nicer? These two cases balance the two on the other side given by Mr. Brightman, and I think if the subject is well studied it will be found that dealers as a class do not "punish alike the innocent and the guilty," and that many of both the dealing and collecting classes have already the "rule for universal practice" he thinks they should have, the grand old Golden Rule. For those who lack the sense of honesty, sharp criticism is not out of place, nor yet are attempts at reform measures, but to consider that the entire class of dealers or collectors must be measured by the proceedings of individuals is rather hard on the class.

The daily press has just been telling about the happiness of a postmaster who has finally managed to get the postoffice of Mier, Ind., off his shoulders. He has sent in 150 resignations, staid away from his place of duty for a month at a time, been flippant with the Inspector and begged him to recommend his dismissal, removal or suspension, and all without the desired effect of getting out of office. For sixteen years he has kept up the effort, having been appointed in March, 1881, and now at last is rejoicing in the acceptance of a resignation, and in his freedom to "go back to the farm and support his family." The office paid him sixteen cents a day and couldn't have been very laborious work, since half a dozen letters a month with still fewer cards and papers, were all he had to sort over, but he wasn't the right man for the position, and having at last induced Uncle Sam to take the same view, he is delighted. His experience is certainly amusing (to all but himself) and is probably unique in official annals.

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It is so easy to start a stamp paper. The means necessary are within almost every would-be publisher's reach. A small printing press with a few fonts of type, a lean treasury, abundance of enthusiasm and courage, with plenty of time at his disposal, all combined, is one vehicle of entrance for one aspirant for journalistic honors, who, "just for the fun there is in it," informs the public that he is about to issue in the interest of Philately Vol. 1 No. 1 etc.

The various stages of setting up, printing, folding and mailing the initial number goes on apace. When the first number is an assured fact, great is the satisfaction and expectations of the embryo editor and his near friends. Excepting from personal friends who sub-

scribe, he hoes not receive the anticipated flood of subscriptions. Nowise daunted, with scarcely less zeal, No. 2 is prepared and distributed. The Government, in fostering spirit, grants his publication the low rate of second class postage, without which it would succumb at once. Numerous small expense items constantly accrue; whose aggregate quickly disposes of what cash he has on hand to liquidate. The issuing of No. 3 creates a deficit, that is made good by some appreciative friend. No. 4 is sent out late; likewise No. 5. The editor's enthusiasm has cooled considerably; and success does not loom up so prominently and brightly as it did at first. The work drags, becomes less interesting, and after a while discouragement overwhelms him. Without warning, only to those intimately connected or interested, publication is suspended, and a rival sheet finally absorbs what little assets the paper possessed. Upon the initiated the signs of the coming dissolution were not lost. To them the shaping of the end was all along clearly intelligible.

Another neophyte who is obliged to depend upon the printer for his journal, but otherwise possessing all the requirements at the beginning of the aforesaid publisher, in the interest of Philately issues Vol. 1 No. 1 of his little sheet. His paper is necessarily more expensive for him to run than that put out by his brother editor who was his own printer. Similar obstacles confront him as did to the former; and after a few numbers have been sent forth, a like fate and ending overtakes his paper that closed the career of that of the first unfortunate.

The printer, rest assured, is not doing business for fun. With him it is a serious undertaking. He is mercenary; not unduly, but so from necessity. He is working for pay, and is seldom a dreamer. Publishers of Philatelic papers may hoodwind or cajole him occasionally into giving them credit for a period. When one thus softens and payment due him is long deferred, he usually stops at the most inconvenient time, and hardens so rigid it is only "cash with copy" that softens him sufficiently to accept further work from them.

When conducted with ability, on business principles, by those who have an inherent liking for the art, and who possesses a good understanding of the subject, with adequate financial support to enable them to secure quickly up-to-date news from all cardinal points and to obtain interesting and meritorious articles from the best writers; a Philatelic journal thus endowed, with perseverance and patience in alliance, is assured ultimately of success. With a reliable, enterprising business manager, who can prove a subscription list of generous proportions for his paper, and one who could gain the confidence of the dealers and get their advertisements regularly, it would soon be placed upon a paying basis beyond fear of financial straits or worry.

But alas! the shores of Stampdom abound in wrecks of Journalisit ambitions. Many of the Philatelic craft now afloat are in dire distress, and unless speedy aid is extended to them, must inevitably share the fate so many before them have experienced. Notwithstanding the large number of unsuccessful ventures ever confronting us, the lesson they portend of disappointment, vanished hope, failure, and unrequitted ambition, deter but a few of those so inclined, from launching new ventures upon the treacherous sea of Philately. A sea upon whose surface or shores so many promising vessels have foundered or met their ruin. Of voyages that at the start gave promise of being long and prosperous, but whose outcome proved to be short and disasterous.

It has been often urged upon the friends of Philately, and it is advice well given and will not tire of repetition, that every collector should be a subscriber to at least one stamp paper and a member of some one of our wide-awake Philatelic societies. The cost to do both is but a trifle. The many advantages to be derived thereby will more than repay the outlay; and while benefiting themselves they at the same time benefit their fellow collectors and the stamp papers. Were every collector to heed the advice just given anew, their so doing would go a long way towards giving the assistance so urgently needed to the Philatelic press and societies. Both would be placed upon a flourishing foundation, be of more value and of greater help to all concerned than unfortunately is their present status.

The dealer, like the printer, is not doing business for fun. He may sympathize with the Philatelic press in its misfortunes and struggle for existence, and often be willing to do his share to lessen their burdens and make their path easier. He knows that it is only by constant attention to his own business, and by his

unremitting efforts thereto, that he can with surety expect to succeed. He also has his troubles. Luck, now and then, may be an important factor with him in his affairs; but in nearly every instance where success has been gained, it has been only by persistent hard work with well directed energy that the fortunate one was enabled to push to the front.

If a paper lacks a substantial list of bona fide subscribers, of what worth to the dealer is an advertisement in such a weakling? "Business is business," is as old an adage as is trade itself. Business is ever alert, cold, calculating and forceful. Sympathy is well-nigh a stranger within its portals, so much so as to be almost eliminated from consideration.

Presumably a dealer is in business for gain. His vocation may be congenial, but profit is the first consideration. To increase his trade and make his goods known and sought for, he must advertise. Here is where the stamp paper and dealer come in close communion; are interested in the one object—profit. Without profit neither can survive long. Each is necessary, to a certain degree to the other's prosperity. The most successful firms are as a rule the largest advertisers, and contrariwise the best equipped and leading papers are very sure to be those who are able to print the most paid advertisements.

To most collectors it seems indisputable that at the present time there are far too many Philatelic papers published than are required to meet all the needs of the cause. Contention is made by some that for the good of Philately a curtailing of the number is imperative. But where commence to abridge? Every paper has its coterie of supporters, and they being human might decline to acknowledge that their publication was superfluous, and could not be reasoned out of their belief that the contrary was correct. They would be entirely willing for the casting out to begin elsewhere, certainly not in their immediate vicinity.

It is a fair question, if in its own little sphere every stamp paper published, indifferent or portentious, is not of some value and benefit to Philately, and deserving of the trouble and expense entailed upon its supporters. The most insignificant sheet may be the incipient seed of a future glorious harvest.

Inferring the general opinion of collectors to be that a few well conducted prosperous papers could cover the field of Philatelic literature as acceptably, and perhaps more so, than now done, and easily surmount every exigency likely to arise; would such a radical reformation, if possibly of consummation, be beneficial to Philately? Let he, who can authoritatively, decide!

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Attention also should be paid to our offer of a year's subscription for 10 cents. See inside front cover.

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HAS it ever occurred to our readers that registered letters travel slowly? We recently sent two to our printers from Bethlehem, N. H., to Federalsburg, Md. The first took 17 days in transit; the second, 7. An ordinary letter goes in 2 days. What is wrong, Uncle Sam?

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WE would call attention to a very carefully written article on "philatelic papers." The article shows much thought and good, hard common sense, and the advice to subscribe liberally to our papers is excellent. It may not be out of place to mention that a year's subscription to the BAY STATE may be secured for 10 cents if sent in before next issue.

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IT is a question worth solving as to where our Pan-American stamps rest after being purchased at a postoffice. From a careful lookout, I am convinced that about 1 stamp in 20 that travels through the mail is a Pan-American. Where then is the vast number reported sold? Surely not in the hands of collectors unless our ranks have been largely and suddenly increased. Question? Have they increased interest in philately to an abnormal degree.

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A VICTORY FOR REFORM.

The annual election of officers for the Dominion Philatelic Association has come and passed, and those who advocated certain reforms have cause to be justly proud of the confidence and splendid support accorded them by a large number of the members.

Although Starnaman Bros. state in July and August number of *Philatelic Advocate* that Reform Party was defeated, a glance at the following table will tell a different story:

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An active opposition ensures good government, and the members of Canada's premier society can look forward to an era of prosperity, increased growth, and beneficial rule under the new officers.

As to the way the campaign was conducted, the committee in charge endeavored to avoid personalities as far as possible, but their opponents, Starnaman Bros., did not reciprocate as shown by a circular letter issued by them, also by their diatribe in July and repeated in August number of *Advocate*.

Among many other unjust and contemptable things to be read there, is one accusing myself of working against the interests of the society at 1900 convention in St. Catharines. Far from this, it was the absolute control of Starnaman Bros. that was being worked against. It was decided there that the office of Secretary-Treasurer should be divided and under much pressure and persuasion Starnaman Bros agreed. G. W. Starnaman to be Secretary, and E. B. Macgillivray, Treasurer, and the members departed thinking that the meeting had not been in vain. Imagine their surprise shortly after to find that Starnaman Bros. were claiming a breach of the constitution. To make a long story short, they still monopolize these offices, and will continue to do so, until the members finding them out in their true characters turn them out of office altogether.

One other matter which they have not seen fit so far to give publicity to, is the fact that they are endeavoring at the present moment to apologize or be expelled from the association, Messrs. Brown, Gile, and myself,—the Campaign Committee of Reform Party; their reason for doing so, being, on account of certain literature published and circulated by our party.

Now it is necessary that a clear distinction be made between the D. P. A. and Starnaman Bros.; the latter demand an apology to be published in official organ. By what right may I ask? Who made them a tribunal to demand and publish in official matter, apologies to the association. If the association has been injured, if it has been maligned, let the association in its official capacity proceed, but I protest against its prostitution as the means on the part of private members of paying off old scores.

If these autocrats of the D. P. A. do succeed in their base endeavor at expulsion it will but be adding 3 more members to the 150 who have left our society during the year to join others of more democratic principles, where free expression of opinion is not curtailed to the favored few who publish official organ.

In concluding I must thank those members and friends who came so nobly to aid of Reform Party and contributed to its success by distributing literature by subscriptions to campaign fund and inducing other members to vote Reform.

A honor list of those Reform members who have worked for the best interests of the D. P. A. are the following:

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H. W. Woodall,	

W. R. Brown,
H. Gile,
C. W. N. Ussher, } Campaign Com.

Starnaman Bros. will perhaps be pleased to hear that the D. P. A. Reform Party is not dead, neither has it any intention of dying, for even if they succeed in expelling its promoters, there are others quite willing to carry on the good work.

CHAS. W. N. USSHER,
Sec'y Campaign Committee,
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	" 12 blue	01
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	'62, 3 black, AK*	03
	'81, 40 gray, AK*	01
	50 mauve, AK*	01
	1fr gold, AK*	01
	Unpaid, 100 blue	08
	" 500 green	08
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	'87, 2½ on 9 blue*	10
	'89, 4 olive bistre*	30
Tunis,	5fr lilac	75
Turkey,	'65, 5pi carmine*	35
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	'74, 20 green	02
	'76, 10 lilac	01
	20 green	01
	1pi orange	01
	'80, 5pa yellow*	04
	10pa rose lilac	04
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	'86, 2g orange	02
	'88, 5pa green	02
	'90, 5pi, orange gray	35
	'92, 2pi brown	01
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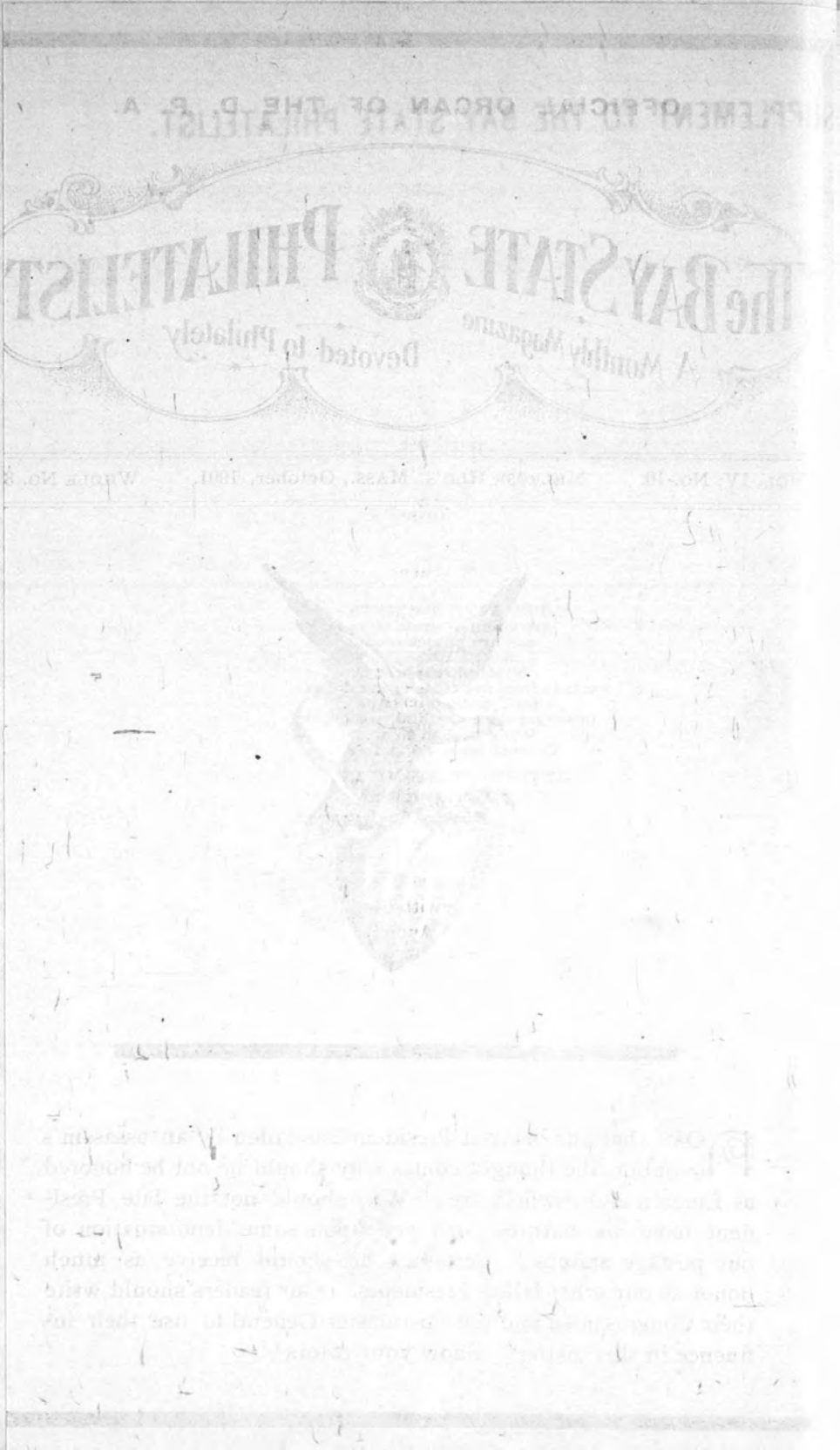

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A Monthly Magazine Devoted to Philately

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NOW that our beloved President has fallen by an assassin's bullet, the thought comes why should he not be honored as Lincoln and Garfield are? Why should not the late President have his features portrayed upon some denomination of our postage stamps? Certainly he should receive as much honor as our other fallen Presidents. Our readers should write their Congressmen and the Postmaster General to use their influence in this matter. Show your colors!

COSY CORNER COMMENTS.

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

A corner, however cosy, is a somewhat hard place in which to settle down comfortably after a vacation trip, especially when it was such a trip as that I have just been indulging in, one taking in the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, the glories of Niagara Falls, and the changing vista of a journey up the St. Lawrence through the Thousand Islands, so if I am a bit prosy this month I trust my readers will be lenient. Stamps have held rather of an unimportant place in my affections of late days, and I am really more inclined to read about them than to supply such reading for others.

Uncle Sam's collection as shown in the Government building was a rather poor showing for a philatelist of his standing and opportunities, and one needed to remember about the theft of his best specimens in order to explain the disappointment. In the minds of many who viewed the exhibit, it is probable a thought arose concerning the advisability of exposing rare stamps in such a manner, for aside from the danger of loss by theft there is also the danger of loss by fading of the stamps. Some of those I noticed, more particularly stamps of a red shade, had changed color quite a bit owing to the exposure to strong light, and one, a common 2c of the current type, had faded out so completely that it was hardly more than an "albino." This stamp was attached to a curiosity in the way of a misdirected letter, and what struck me most emphatically about it was that while the color of the stamp itself had almost vanished, the obliteration over it was as agressively deep as ever it had been. Now why cannot we have as "fast color" ink for printing our stamps as for cancelling them? Surely if permanency is possible in inks manufactured for the one purpose it should be just as possible for the other.

The demand for souvenir cards prevailed to an extent that simply amazed me. I never happened near the post office section without seeing men, women and children, of all ages and degrees of dignity, seated at the writing tables diligently writing tiny messages on those cards. I say 'tiny' because the gay pictures covered so much of the side meant for writing that he who succeeded in getting many remarks thereon was a real genius with his pen. These were all of the "private postal card" class, needing a one cent stamp on each one to give it carrying power, and cost twenty five cents for a package of ten, so the cost of mailing the ten was thirty five cents, whereas ten regular cards minus the picture, and with more room (the entire back) for writing are but a dime. Truly the writers paid high for the views. Had they been of the class sold at the Chicago Exposition, genuine Government postal cards requiring no added stamp for postage, the demand for them would have seemed more in accordance with the fitness of things. Apropos of the messages, I would not be surprised if a census of those written and mailed from the Pan-American Station (supposing such a census could be taken) would show that eight out of every ten of the writers utilize the space to say what a nice time they were having, and possibly also to give the date of their expected return. I did not mean to spy on any of the scribes but my eyes are quick, and several times in passing I caught fragments of such sentences until I grew to believe the printers might just as well have printed the remarks with dashes for dates and names, as a part of the card proper.

A recent letter from Tasmania tells me that the half-penny green of the pictorial issue, which is no longer being printed, have all been bought up, and is now held to be worth 3d each in unused state. This looks as if the festive speculator had laid hands on the poor stamp, and as dealers are prone to raise their price on such an occasion, I am afraid the collector who neglected to secure a specimen while they were plenty will now have to pay extra if he wants one. As we do not know anything about the number issued, it is impossible to say whether the rise will be permanent or not, but as the country is small, and the stamp was on sale only about eighteen months, I should say that within a few years it ought to be worth something though of course not to any wonderful degree. For the present there must surely be enough both used and unused, floating around to preclude danger of a speedy famine.

Victoria is another Australian "State" whose postal issues are going to keep us busy buying and wondering. Owing to

the decree that postal and fiscal departments must be kept separate nearly all of the current issue has been changed giving us twelve new varieties. The dies used are the old dies of 1868 to 1887, all with the words "Stamp Duty" taken out, and "Postage" inserted, this in addition to the color changes. As near as I can determine from the list sent me by an Australian correspondent the values thus doctored are: ½d 1875, (now green) 1d 1881 (now rose), 2d 1881 (now mauve) 2½d 1891-95 (now blue), 3d 1867-78 (now brown oronge), 4d 1881 (now bistre), 5d 1891 (now chocolate, but presumably a different shade from the earlier chocolate), 6d 1865, now pale green) 1sh 1875 (now dull orange), 2sh 1881 (now blue on pink), and 5sh 1868 with its two colors transposed. The 2d 1887 type has also appeared in green, and was to be good for postage about two weeks before being devoted to fiscal duty only. These changes have been noticed before, but a repetition may have interest for some readers. This same correspondent adds that the Universal Penny stamp of New Zealand has appeared on star and N. Z. paper perforated 11, and that the old 1½d letter cards have been surcharged 1d in red.

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BY W. M. LESTER.

When I went to the post office, recently, to get a money order to Sierra Leone, the clerk politely asked if the place in question was in Central America!

A local post office clerk showed me a 24 cent 1872, U. S., and about 250 of the one cent stamps of 1882, all unused, which he came across in the course of his work.

Stamp business is rather slow on the Pacific Coast on account of the strike, and Mr. J. H. Makins of the firm of that name, has taken advantage of this to make a trip East. He will exhibit some of the firm's rarities during his tour.

I noticed a 2 shilling Samoa, 1877-81, used, in a lot of continentals and common grade of old U. S. stamps given to a minister to sell in the interest of foreign missions. Noting it to be on part of the original cover, and a scarce stamp, I told the minister of its value. The lot is still up, but very likely for a higher price.

It may be of interest to comment of the purchases and sales of any above the usual size. Quite lately I saw on a desk at one of the "shops", a fine lot of Hawaiian stamps in entire sheets. There was a sheet of each of the $1.00 1883, the 12 cent black surcharge 1893, one of the red surcharge, and two of the 2 cent vermilion of the same issue. This was a recent acquisition the company made, and by no means a small one, taking the catalogue value of $1500 into consideration. These are only a small part of the fine Hawaiian stamps there, and it would be very interesting to go over the stock.

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EDITORIAL.

WE WISH that those who are interested in our idea as outlined on page 1 would use their influence—no matter how small—and we would then be quite sure of ultimate results. Our President has fallen! Give him all due honor!

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AS THIS paper is official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association, it will be our aim to print notes, items, etc., of interest to Canadians. Such information is always gladly received.

ACCORDING to advertisements, two new weeklies are reported, one from Illinois and one from New York. We wish them success—but it takes more than wishing to make a philatelic paper financially successful.

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THE season philatelic is now open. THE BAY STATE is carrying more ads. than ever before for October, and the winter season promises to be one of the fairest success.

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THE history of "Inquiry Departments" has generally proved very discouraging. Even when well conducted, they naturally repeat questions; questions of little interest turn up and sometimes they degenerate into burlesque. The best ever run was *Mekeel's* and even that has been discontinued. The conclusions seem to be either;—1. That philatelic papers contain most of the information or; 2nd, that information is personally sought from dealers and philatelic friends. We are inclined to think that both play an important part.

STAMPS OF THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. WITH THE GRILL.

For many years it has been held by philatelists that, of all the companies having contracts for the manufacture of our postage stamps, the National Bank Note Co. was the only one to use the grill. It will be remembered that this process was patented by Charles F. Steel, and that he transferred the right to use it to the National Bank Note Co. in 1868 (see *American Journal of Philately* for 1898, pages 58 and 59). That company applied the grill to the stamps of the issues of 1867, 1869 and 1870. Toward the end of their contract the process was abandoned and most philatelists have supposed that it was never again brought into use. Mr. Tiffiany mentions the two and five cents of the 1885 issue as having been chronicled with the grill, but he calls this an error.

Some years ago I obtained information

which caused me to believe that the Continental Bank Note Co. had made use of the grill. At my solicitation, a friend obtained access to the records of the company and secured the evidence that the patent had been used to a limited extent. This was confirmed by the statements of the treasurer of the company, the superintendent of the stamp department, the patentee of the process, and the man who made the machinery. Having learned all this, we began a quiet search for copies of the stamps and eventually found eight denominations. These were the 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12 and 15 cents of the 1873 issue, and the 2 cents of the 1875 issue. All were in used condition. We did not find more than two copies of any value and only one of most of them. Here the matter seemed to come to an end.

In the Journal for 1898, page 181, I referred briefly to the subject and described the grill as followed: "The grill is small and very clearly impressed. It measures 7¼x9½mm., or 10x12 rows of points. The grills are placed 14mm. apart horizontally and 18mm. vertically. The bosses, instead of being perfect pyramids, as on previous grills, are not brought up to a point but have the top truncated. Thus the impressions have the appearance of a group of tiny rectangles instead of crosses." The measurements between the grills were obtained from a proof impression, on a piece of white paper the size of a sheet of two hundred stamps, which is in the possession of a collector in this city. The finding of this impression was one of the first things which attracted attention to these grills.

A small number of these grilled stamps have recently been found in the possession of a gentleman who obtained them from the Postoffice Department at Washington. At the same time a few additional facts about the stamps have been learned.

In June, 1876, a stamp-cleaning case was tried in the courts. It was attended by the usual flurry among the officials and a revival of the discussion of preventatives of such frauds. The Continental Bank Note Co., who held the contract for the manufacture of postage stamps, suggested putting the grill into use once more. They were instructed to prepare 1,000 copies of each value then current.

As they had not the requisite machinery for making the grill roller, they entrusted that work to Campbell & Watt, a firm of machinists of New York City. To this we may attribute the small differences between this grill and those of the National Bank Note Co. The order was duly executed and perhaps slightly exceeded, since it included the 2, 7, 12 and 24 cents of the 1873 series, which had ceased to be issued to the public. The grilled stamps were forwarded to Washington and put into circulation; but the Continental Bank Note Co. did not receive any further orders to apply the patent.

Since these grilled stamps were prepared on proper authorization and duly issued and used, there cannot be any question that they constitute a legitimate issue and are worthy of a place in any collection of United States stamps. —JOHN N. LUFF, in *American Journal of Philately* for July.

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Paid up last report	325
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Total paid up	329

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Balance on hand last report	$29.55
Received for dues, etc	.98
Received from Sales Supt. (Brown)	9 50
	$40.03
Paid official organ September	$4.37
Paid exchange on Sales Supt. check	.25
Paid postage during month	.35
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	$40.03

The society is progressing very favorably, and I trust that the selection of the present official organ in place of the *Advocate* will not in any way affect the society.

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There has been a slight delay in issuing the BAY STATE owing to the change, receiving members' addresses, etc., but this is now past and everything should run smoothly.

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Fraternally,
HERBERT GILE, JR.

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SENSE AND NONSENSE.

BY ALBERT H. HALL.

During the early part of summer the daily papers contained items from Washington stating that the post office department intended to make some changes in the designs of postage stamps, such as adding the name of the person portrayed and the dates of his birth and death. The department is not in the habit of taking advice from outsiders, but, in the remote contingency of my notes reaching the inner sanctum and being at least considered, I shall take the liberty of offering a few suggestions.

The first two stamps issued by the United States bore the portrait of Franklin, the first postmaster-general of the colonies, and of Washington, the first President. To these were added in the early fifties that of Jefferson. For ten years these were enough for eight values of stamps. Then Jackson and Lincoln were added, making five. In 1870 this list was more than doubled by the addition of Stanton, Clay, Webster, Scott, Hamilton and Perry. Then came Taylor in 1875, Garfield in 1882, Sherman in 1893, and Madison and Marshall in 1894. Our present set of stamps portrays one postmaster, Franklin; seven presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Jefferson and Madison; one general, Sherman; three statesmen, Webster, Clay and Marshall; and one commodore, Perry.

The presidents predominate. Why not have them all presidents—at least on all values below one dollar. Governments are now appreciating the advantages of the far-travelling much-collected postage stamp as an advertiser of their scenery, resources, institutions and history. Here is a chance for us to teach to the people of other lands that our nation was established in 1789, that it is a government of the people, that its chief magistrate is chosen every four years, and that civilians as well as soldiers can hold that office.

The ornamental triangles of the upper corners of the stamps might be replaced by the dates of the administration. Below the portrait a scroll could bear the name of the president. Those who had served their country in the army or navy should be shown in uniform. The military portrait of Washington, found only on the ninety cent stamps of the early issues, is too attractive to lose. Here is a scheme for a presidential set.

1c	Washington	1789 1797.
2c	John Adams	1797-1801.
3c	Jefferson	1801-1809.
4c	Madison	1809-1817.
5c	Monroe	1817-1825.
6c	J. Q. Adams	1825-1829.
7c	Jackson	1829-1837.
8c	Van Buren	1837-1841.
9c	W. H. Harrison	1841-1841.
10c	Tyler	1841-1845.
11c	Polk	1845-1849.
12c	Taylor	1849-1850.
13c	Fillmore	1850-1853.
14c	Pierce	1853-1857.
15c	Buchannan	1857-1861.
16c	Lincoln	1861-1865.
17c	Johnson	1865-1869.
18c	Grant	1869-1877.
19c	Hayes	1877-1881.
20c	Garfield	1881-1881.
25c	Arthur	1881-1885.
50c	Cleveland	1885-1889, 1893-1897.
75c	B. Harrison	1889-1893.

Franklin might grace the dollar value or, if it be thought best to hold to the traditional custom of portraying him on the lowest value, and Washington on the stamp for single letter rate, the list could be moved along one point. It must not be thought that many of these values would be useless. In this age of manufacturing and of shipping by mail, many a merchant would be glad to buy sheets of a stamp of just the right value to use on his wares instead of pasting on a string of stamps. Nor would the cost of so many plates cause a loss to the government. Collectors alone would take take up enough stamps to pay for their manufacture. Let us hope for the issue of a presidential set of postage stamps.

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And while we are waiting for them, let us, not as collectors, but as users of the mails, beseech the government to give us a stamp between the fifteen cent and fifty cent. As a bookseller I see a constant need of it. The maximum weight allowed for a parcel of books is four pounds, and the rate for that is 32 cents. The old 30 cent stamp was of great value to us, but the 50 cent is useless. Bundle after bundle after bundle tips the scales at 25 cents and upward. Give us a 25 cent stamp to fill that gap, and let us have it quickly.

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And now for a little nonsense. Some folks may think the preceding notes nonsense, but that is a matter of opinion. Now for a little nonsense. The newspaper items say that the post office desires to give an educational value to our stamps. Here is its opportunity. It is

not enough to print on a stamp the name of the person portrayed and the dates of his birth and death. There should be given a brief biography. But there is not room for that on the face of the stamp. Other governments have found the place to use, but not the thing. On the back of stamps New Zealand printed advertisements and Portugal printed prayers. The United States can print biographies of its statesmen. Thus, on the 2 cent:

George Washington,
Born Feb. 22, 1732.
Lieutenant-Colonel in
Colonial Militia, 1754.
Member of House of
Burgesses, Virginia, 1760.
Delegate to Continent-
al Congress, 1774.
Commander of Conti-
nental Army, 1775.
President, 1789-1797.
Died Dec. 14, 1799.

Imagine the delight of the foreigner when he soaks the stamp off the envelope and it floats up to the surface of the water with this history on its back.
—*The Adhesive.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

E. S. BRIGHTMAN.

Of course the one absorbing topic in all minds now, to the exclusion of stamps, and everything else, is the too successful attempt on the life of our loved President—a sincere Christian patriot if there ever was one. The righteous indignation of the country is aroused and the Judas-like assassin is justly condemned by every true American. Anarchy must go! Anarchy, what is it? We all despise it, and our hatred of its venom is just;—but what is it? A simple negation of government, religion and right. The anarchistic idea in any form is a disgrace to human kind—but is the principle unknown to us? Incipient anarchy is present with us collectors, anarchy of morals.

In truth this is one of the thread-bare subjects—right and wrong is as old as Eden—but the only way to effect any reform is to keep everlastingly at it. One marked case of anarchy of morals has recently come to my notice. An acquaintance, an exemplary young man in other respects, received, he tells me, an approval lot from a New York State dealer last February. He appears to think that the dealer contemplated making him a gift of the stamps, since he has made no request for their return, and he will not be convinced that he is a thief, seeming to consider himself truly brilliant indeed. Anarchy must go, and every form of Anarchy!

A very lively controversy has been waged in certain foreign journals over a subject which receives little or no attention in Trans-Atlantic papers. The 25 cent Swiss jubilee had, it seems, been re-engraved and printed in considerable numbers, when presto! and the set is declared obsolete. Now, there are those who are certain that the 25 cent was never used for postage, and their argument is substantiated by official affidavits declaring that the stamp had not been placed on sale. But, notwithstanding official documents, a writer in the *Schwiezer Briefmarken Zeitung* citing the already known fact that several sheets of this value were distributed to high officials, says that, although it was not sold to every applicant, still, you could obtain it if you had sufficient "pull" with the powers that be. Further, our authority tells us that he has seen used copies on the original envelope, with his own eyes, and thus we have another "legitimate variety" to collect.

A correspondent recently asked if I knew the origin of the eagle in the coat of arms of the United States, which appears on the ten and thirty cent 1869. An article in *La Circulaire Philatelique* for April of this year sheds some light on the subject. The Continental Congress had much difficulty in settling upon a coat of arms for these United States, and many designs were offered. The matter was finally left in the hands of Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Congress. Among the many designs he proposed was one by William Barton of Philadelphia, which is the first in which the American eagle figures. This bird could not have been recognized as the American symbol at the time, for Franklin was greatly opposed to its adoption, saying: "It is only a cowardly rascal; the little wren which is not so large as a sparrow, bravely attacks it, and puts it to flight." He ended by telling the Congress that it was no fitting emblem for the brave and honest American people. But it was adopted. The only reason Mr. Barton seems to have had for this choice is that it has always been a symbol of great nations, like Rome, whose imperial eagles ruled the world.
—*The Adhesive.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

MANDAUMIN, ONT., Sept. 13th, 1901.

Gentlemen and Fellow Members:

As you are all aware, the matter of prime importance this month is the resignation and discontinuance of the *Philatelic Advocate*, our official organ for the last five years. This was an event for which we were not prepared. The *Advocate* has been such a constant and creditable representative of philatelic journalism in Canada, and on the whole has served the association with such vigor and punctuality, that we part from it at this time with genuine regret

The resignation was placed in the hands, not of the president, but of the Trustee Board with the request that they appoint a new organ. Immediately below the president's message of last month it is stated, presumably by the publishers, that "up to the time of going to press no appointment has been

made." For the sake of the Trustee Board and in explanation to the members, I must say that the above course of procedure on the part of the publisher was entirely unconstitutional. Article VI, section 1 (a) of the constitution distinctly states that the President *shall* fill all vacancies. It was for this reason that our worthy chairman refused to make the appointment, and thus occurred some little delay.

I have always held that this Dominion Philatelic Association owed some duty to Canadian Philatelic Journalism and was bound as far as was consistent with its own interests to give due recognition to the same. I am still of that opinion. Though international in scope ours is primarily a Canadian society. We welcome heartily collectors of all lands and none more than those of the American Republic, but at the same time desire the controlling interest to be of the Dominion. This sentiment manifests itself in the choice of a Canadian organ when one suitable and reliable can be found. Such a spirit as this is commendable as long as it does not degenerate into unreasonable prejudice and narrow sectarianism. Philately draws no destinctions between creeds, races or nationalities, but the mantle of her freemasonry covers all.

The Bay State Philatelist, Melrose Highlands, Mass., of which Mr. Herbert Gile is the publisher is the provisional appointment for official organ. Indeed the choice is all but limited to this journal since the constitution states that the official organship is an office, and that " no person shall hold office in the association unless he has been a member for at least six months," Arcicle V, Section 1 and 2. Not only then must the publisher be a member of the association but he must also have been a member for at least six months. This narrows the choice considerably. Mr. Gile has belonged to the D P. A. for some time and his journal was a candidate for the organship last election receiving the second highest number of votes. Since the resignation of the *Advocate* Mr. Gile has written me offering D. P. A. members, in case of appointment, three free exchange notices, reduction in advertising rates, unlimited space for official matter *including auction sales*, a journal of first class quality, regular, well printed, literary, and " Canadian " in tone and influence. In addition to all the above he will donate the first two issues to the society, money to go to the Sales Department. This will be a saving of some ten or twelve dollars to the D. P. A

I have given the contract of the Association printing to Stamaman Bros., Berlin, Ont. and in connection therewith have ruled that only the offices of President, Sec.-Treasurer, Sales Supt., Auction Mgr. and Chairman of Trustees shall be supplied with stationery. Such action was not taken from a misconception of the importance of the other offices but from a desire to keep the expenditure within bounds. A substantial saving has been affected by the modification of the tender.

Next month I shall have some important matter to bring to your consideration and in the meantime I recommend to you the hearty patronage of the different departments of the Association.

Yours in the Bond of Philately,

RAYMOND SMITH BAKER,

President.

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— entire envelope '79, 5 brown*	12
— entire envelope '79, 20 red*	30
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— '75, 1 vermilion	10
— '79, 1 yellow	04
— '80, 5 yellow, Esc	02
— '80, 5 yellow, Correos	06
— '95, 1 bol. green	08
— '98, Official, 5 green*	04
— '98, Official, 10 rose*	06
— '98, Official, 25 blue*	10
— '98, Official, 50 yellow*	18
— '98, Official, 1bol. violet*	25
Victoria '91, 1 brown on rose*	10
— '91, 2½ red	01
— '92, 9 rose	12
West Australia '83, 1 brown	03
— '83, 2 yellow	02
— '88, 3 brown	07
— '93, 4 red-brown	04
— '98, 5 bistre	06
— '98, 1sh olive penc	08
Zanzibar '96, 2½ ultramarine	07
Wurtemberg '69, 2 orange	25
— '69, 14 yellow	22
Hawaii '82, 1 green	03
— '82, 5 ultramarine	04
— '93, 1 green*	03
— '93, 2 violet	03
— '93, 2 rose	08
— '93, 5 ultramarine	08
— '91, 1 yellow	02
— '94, 2 brown	02
— '94, 5 carmine	04
— entire cover, 2 rose	07

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THE COST OF A COLLECTION.

BY ARTHUR R. BUTLER.

In reading descriptions of great collections, the financial side of the question seems to be often forced to the front: the stamps themselves are not described but the cost of them is gloated over to an extent likely to discourage the collector of ordinary means. This is unfortunate: the financial side of collecting is the least agreeable item (no joke intended): the pleasure of collecting is almost in iverse ratio to the size of the collection. Herr Von Ferrary on the one hand, with a corps of secretaries to arrange and keep his accumulation and on the other a schoolboy with 500 varieties: is there any question which of them gets the most personal delight? Ferrary's secretaries get the pleasure from his investments and the only time that he personally uses it is when exhibiting some rarity acquired not by exchange or "find," but by the brute force of a longer purse.

Midway between these extremes come the fine collections common in ihe United States, where the collector by personal and long continued activity, has acquired, without the expenditure of unreasonable sums. a collection, general or special, which is the joy of all beholders. He needs no secretary to expatiate on the beauties of his pets, the arranging and classifying he attends to himself, and his stamps are always on view.

The best of these collections have grown, by exchange and by judicious purchase, and by an occasional find—though finds are for the fortunate few. Usually it is necessary to purchase, but the money can be expended in such a way as to greatly reduce the amount required.

I have had three collections, the first (started in 1880) was, with all my duplicates and papers, stolen in 1892: the second I sold in 1889, and the third is still growing. Possibly my experience of how to make the least money secure the most stamps may be interesting to collectors like myself, with more desire than pocketmoney.

A point to be remembered at the start is that time is often the chief element in the value of a stamp. In the *American Journal of Philately* of March 20, 1874, J. W. Scott advertised the following:

U. S. 1851 issue, set complete	8 stamps	unsd	$0.25
1861	10	used..	.40
1871	11	used..	.20
1865 Newspaper stamps	3		1.00

Today's current issues are the gems of a few years hence—get them now. This does not mean to jump in and buy every new stamp issued as soon as advertised. The greater number of stamps used and saved today is offset by the enormous increase in the number of collectors.

Once started never dispose of a collection—if interest wanes put the book safely away—when you want to start again (as you generally do) it will be a nestegg. Regrets are only for the stamps lost and sold, never for those purchased and in possession.

In starting it is economical to begin with a packet of as many varieties as possible; up to 2000. A lot of this size will include a large proportion of the very common stamps, and far more cheaply than by single purchase. It will make an encouraging showing. If there is already a small collection, damaged specimens can be replaced and duplicates kept for exchange. After this, packets, except of special countries, are not useful, general packets or mixed ones always contain such a large proportion of the stamps that every collector has that there is no opportunity to exchange.

An album of the style of the Imperial is best until 4000 or more varieties have accumulated. The large books are inconvenient to carry around and a small collection is so scattered through many pages that it loses its attractiveness, and the many blank spaces are disheartening.

Get complete sets as far as possible: and get up a good showing for one country rather than a single stamp from many. It looks better and renders the collection more interesting and valuable. It is knowledge of stamps that renders economy in money possible, and this knowledge can only come by study. The number issued, the number used, the conditions of issue, &c., &c., all influence value, and being aware of these will enable a collector to judge whether the price at which a specimen is offered is cheap or dear.

In hinges the best is the cheapest, the Victoria or similar hinge, tough and readily peelable, permits that a stamp be hinged without damage and changed around any number of times. No hinge should be used that cannot be taken off without the use of water.

A Standard catalogue is a necessity, not because of the prices, which are merely the offerings of one dealer and in no way represent the market value, but for the information about the stamps, issues, watermarks, denominations, etc. It is a good plan to check off in the catalogue each stamp acquired, and carry the catalogue around rather than the album.

Two items of economical expenditure are the membership fee in a good society and subscriptions to at least two good journals, one weekly and one monthly The former provides you an exchange department for acquiring stamps and disposing of duplicates; a number of persons who are seeking for exchange relations; an official organ for information; and other advantages. But choose a live society, with a large membership and good official organ.

The magazines will give you information and save from 20 to 50 per cent. on purchases.

In buying stamps, it is usually best to avoid purchasing from pricelists: the offers in them are those of one dealer, and no one dealer can offer bargains in all stamps. It will be found that by watching the advertisements in a weekly or monthly the quotations in any pricelist are bettered, often to the extent of 25 per cent. If you are weak in any particular country, the auction sales of reliable dealers will give you an opportunity to fill up often at bargain prices.

When buying deal with reliable firms; look out for firms with high-faluting name. "Timbrophilic Trust" is probably an office boy with $2 capital and an immature conscience; there are a few firms thoroughly reliable who do not use personal names, but I like to deal with one that has somebody's name in its title, though this is merely a personal prejudice.

Duplicates begin to accumulate, and here is where the value of the society comes in. The Exchange Department

offers an outlet for the better class of stamps, and occasionally for a rare but damaged specimen (which should be marked and priced accordingly). The cheaper ones can often be disposed of by correspondence with individual collectors, and nothing better can be done with the very cheap ones than to make them up in packets and give them to boy friends. In exchanging with individuals absolute fairness should be the aim; it is rather hazardous to answer exchange advertisements and occasional losses should not cause a desire to "get level" at the expense of someone else. Some ed tors are careless in admitting advertisements and exchange notices and after a loss or two through the medium of one periodical it is a good idea to change the subscription, telling why you do so. Years of collecting will build up a most pleasant circle of correspondents, and nowadays when everyone travels, an acquaintance on paper may ofen become a personal one.

The outline of economy in collecting then is: begin with a large packet, and fill in by exchange, auction purchases, and advertised bargains, in the order named. The cost of the collection will largely depend on the commercial instinct of the collector. Money must be spent, but the exchange of duplicates, timely snapping up of advertised bargains, and above all, a knowledge of stamps, will decrease the expense wonderfully.

And above all, and with this these desultory remarks may end, be a condition crank in the best sense of the term. Clean and lightly cancelled or unused specimens: no damaged ones *where better are obtainable*, should be the aim. The main profit of a stamp collection is the pleasure derived from it, and condition is a great element in the pleasure. For the interest of the non collector and the example to other philatelists condition should be considered.

COSY CORNER COMMENTS.

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

We seem to be having an avalanche of advice these days, and as is usual with avalanches, its substance is pretty much all alike. At times it is the beginner on whom we all pour forth our eloquence; other times it is the speculative issue; still other times it is the dishonest collector, and so forth and so on. At this special period the afore mentioned universal eloquence is being bestowed upon the philatelic publisher. He is being told of all the difficulties in his path, and how to avoid them, i. e., by not publishing at all. He is also told how to run his paper, and how not to run it; what it should contain, and what it should not, etc., etc. Now a little advice from one qualified to give it isn't to be frowned upon, but

"Advice would be much better if
We might more often hear it
From people who have reached the top,
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And men who need advice themselves
Preach at their toiling brothers."

I don't know the author of the above lines, but it wouldn't surprise me a particle if the writer was some doing-his-best philatelic editor who had been making note of how many people with no experience in the matter are now utilizing the "advice to publishers" subject. We are all too prone to follow in a rut others have marked out; it makes easy travelling, and saves personal exertion, but really, ruts are often tiresome and uncomfortable things. Don't you think so?

In looking over a list of philatelic societies recently, I was amazed to encounter the name "Dum Dum Society" of India. An appeal to Noah Webster failed to explain the appropriateness of the title, and appeals to my own ideas on the

matter resulted in equal failure. Had it been "Dumb Dumb" my mental eyes would at once have had visions of silent groups gathered round stamp treasures, hunting out varieties with glass and benzine, a sort of study-instead-of-talk society. But Dum Dum—what is that! Will some one kindly elucidate? Of course it is not a very important thing, but as Rosa Dartle says, "I want to know."

It has always been a puzzle to me why our current documentary revenues should be considered so much more valuable with uncut cancellations than with cut. The little slits are really not very disfiguring when carefully done, and there are instances in which they barely show, this probably, when a philatelist wields the knife, yet the difference in the prices of cut and uncut is great. The most extreme case I have noticed occurred in the $3 red. Cut, it was priced in an advertisement at 65c, and uncut at $4. I would like to know how many $4 sales that dealer has made! For my part, I am quite content with cut specimens of the scarce values, and prefer them at low prices to uncut at high. I wonder if the coming Scott catalog will list them in both conditions. If it does, the extra valuation put upon uncut will doubtless continue, for we all know that most folks follow the catalog in their ideas of what and how to collect; but if it does not then very probably it will only be a question of time before the two varieties of cancellation will cease to receive special notice.

The collection of the Duke of York is worth, so it has been stated, over half a million dollars, truly a comfortable valuation. It would be extremely interesting to us of the general crowd to know how much it has cost him in cash, for judging from the various gifts we are so frequently reading about, he would hardly need to buy much. In addition to the finely filled album given him in Sydney, we read that while at Malta he ,, was the recepient of a collection of the stamps of Malta from the Governor, Sir Francis Grenfell. He also accepted Baron Testaferrata Abela's entire and superb collection, with which the Duke was exceedingly please, and from which he stated that he would be able to make 'some valuable additions' to his own." Pleased? Why, of course! So he ought to have been. But what do you suppose he did to pleased the Governor and the Baron in return for their scrifice? On that point history is silent. In like case have you ever known it to be otherwise?

It seems to me that the 1c Pan-American with inverted centre is not being bought up so eagerly after all, for I notice that advertisements of them are still in evidence, some by the same firms who offered them at first. Either the philatelic public doesn't much hunger for them at $25 apiece, or else these firms have a larger stock than they care to have us know. One firm is trying the plan of threatening a rise after a few copies are sold, a big rise too, thus appealing to the popular love of buying before the rate is advanced. Even this plan did not seem to carry off the number desired, far the threat has been in print for some weeks, and has not yet been put into practice. It really seems as if the price put upon these inverted center varieties was a Jewish one, and if collectors refused to buy at such rates it will be all the better for them, and for collectors in general, as regards future varieties of similar ilk. As long as some pay such prices there will be dealers to demand them, but when the high prices make the stamps a drug in the market, then dealers will be more reasonable in their demands. Twentyfive years hence the valuation may be fair enough, but for the time being it is decidedly exorbitant.

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EDITORIAL.

A COLLECTOR who sells his collection for fear that the bottom will fall out of Philately is a mercenary philatelic plunderer, only accumulating stamps for the profit in them. You frequently hear of such cases through the philatelic press. If such transactions were not allowed space in any column, the species might die out.

A FEW months ago, when we were in a certain stamp shop in Boston, the proprietor presented a customer with a stamp. Later the same customer obtained a specimen at a low figure and, somehow, he couldn't get over it. This well illustrated one of Charlie Severn's sayings: "The collector seems to get more satisfaction in buying a stamp at a ridiculously low price than he does it getting it for nothing."

It is only human nature, brother.

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AS WE may have said every Autumn, the new crop of philatelic papers has been announced. A fall crop of wheat, as it were! Are we right, Brer. Chapman?

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WE HAVE been informed through various channels that a new society, international in scope, is contemplated by some of the active members of Toronto. Our stamp papers and societies are two of Philatelia's strongest supports, notwithstanding both are generally run at a loss. We extend the right hand of good fellowship!

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ACCORDING to despatches, the late president's features will be outlined on a postal card, to be issued in a few months. This is very nearly the least satisfactory thing that could be done. Next to no remembrance at all is the rank of portrayal on a United States post card. The printing is notoriously coarse and poor, the engraving clumsy.

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TO BOTH OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

No reports of officers on hand at time of going to press. We have endeavored to inform all officers of the Association that the copy is sent to our printer on the 15th. Our Secretary-Treasurer is excusable as his report could not be made out until 15 days after publication of the Official Journal and last month's issue was late on account of the change from the *Advocate* to the BAY STATE. With this exception, there was time if the reports had been written promptly. We call attention to the matter in order to show that we are not responsible. The 30th Auction Sale is given on the next page.

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429	" 500 "	.35
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482	" 1882, 25 2c blue green	.15
486	" 1875, 30 5c slate green, some dmg.	.10
488	" 1872, 19 6c, some damaged	.18
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557	" 1000 2c rose, 1890	
558	" 80 2c lake, 1890	
559	" 400 3c purple, 1890	
560	" 50 4c brown, 1890	
561	" 270 10c green, 1890	
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563	" 100 4c brown, 1894	
564	" 100 6c red brown, 1894	
565	" 420 2c pale red, 1894	
566	" 950 1c Columbian	
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569	" 70 5c "	
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Comments

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

A matter of interested discussion now a days is whether we are to have a St. Louis Exposition set of postage stamps.

It is a little too bad that we cannot retire one exposition set before hearing rumors of another, but as this other will not come upon us until 1903, supposing it comes at all, there will be time to get used to the thought of a further infliction. Although these commemorative sets are absolutely needless for postal purposes they are a good (or I should have said an extensive) advertisement for the country, and as the other recent expositions have been duly favored with special issues there seems scant room for hope that St. Louis will be refused. Why would it not answer every admitted purpose to have just one cent and two cent values, with possibly a five cent for foreign postage, instead of always issuing so many varieties? The one, two and five cents are the values most in use, and would advertise the exposition just as widely, although with a smaller cash income to the government, as would a set of many values. Moreover, a set costing only eight cents would not be so burdened with speculative suspicions as have been all others of higher cost, even the Buffalo issue at thirty cents.

Here are two extracts from the same number of a weekly:

N. Y. correspondent:— "Up to the present writing the advance sheets of the new catalogue have not appeared."

Boston correspondent:— "The first installment of the Advance Sheets of the new catalogue have arrived up to Confederate States."

Now why didn't the editor consider the bewilderment of his readers and strike out the mistaken sentence? Isn't it part of the editorial duty to see that the news is correctly given?

I have lately been shown an English one penny lilac, the current design, of course, overprinted in small, neat, black capital letters

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the first line being at the top of the stamp, and the latter at the bottom. There was no other cancellation, and no gum. Does anyone know whether this is one of the identification designs of private firms, similar to perforated initials, or is it, as its owner was inclined to believe, a British pre-cancellation? Well posted Solons are hereby requested to kindly give us the benefit of any knowledge on the subject.

Folks who are interested in Mr. Stanton's *Philatelic Index* are beginning to wonder where that valuable, but erratic publication will turn up next. First it was a paper all by itself, but after a short independent life of three numbers it combined forces with the *Philatelic Chronicle*. A couple of months later the *Chronicle* sold out to the *New York Philatelist*, and since then the *Index* has vibrated between that journal and *Mekeel's Weekly* without seeming able to decide which one shall be its permanent home. The collectors who wish duplicate copies for the purpose of slicing

up the references in order to place them in compact form in one book, are rather dubious about doubling their subscriptions to so many journals, and are earnestly wishing "the thing would settle down for awhile."

Two or three of us were recently chatting about the mystery surrounding the purchaser of the famous Castle collection for $150,000. and wondering why he was so particnlar to keep his identity a solemn secret. Said one, "Why, it's plain enough. He evidently doesn't care for his wife to get wind of the transaction lest she refuse to accept his plea of not being able to afford the next new bonnet or gown she sets her heart upon." Whereas we breathed a united "Oh-h," accepting the explanation as so reasonable it was strange no one had suggested it long ago.

I wonder how many collectors know that postal cards are not always sold abroad at their face value as they invariably are in the United States; the regular government issues I mean. In Great Britain the charge is three farthings apiece, making two cards for three cents, if translated into American currency. If our postal department charged more than the regular one cent each what a groan of protest there would be, a groan reaching from Florida to Alaska, and lasting until the rate was again placed, at 1c, the face value of the card. It is queer, but have you ever noticed what a chorus of complaints there are when rates are raised, and the matter-of-course way in which reductions are taken? We take reductions as our right, but the opposite as an imposition upon us. Perhaps that is one reason why we are not granted the often discussed one cent postage, the authorities knowing perfectly well that the public wound never willingly sanction a return to the old rate should the falling off in receipts make such a return necessary.

I notice a long list in the *Philatelic Bulletin* of errors in the Scott catalogue. Among others two punched Spanish stamps are mentioned as omitted. By rights no punched Spanish at all should be listed, as the punch is a telegraph cancellation. The Tasmania 10p purple brown mentioned as being of the 1895-96 type, A5, is a mistaken statement of the author, as it is really like A8 except that the numerals are on a plain background. The 5-8c Fletcher had been announced as in preparation when the catalogue was issued and was therefore included. There are other criticisms which might be made but my allotted space is filled.

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OWING to the pressure on our columns, the regular editorial has been omitted and its place filled by the notices, (1) of Messrs. Starnaman and (2) the Philatelic Club of Toronto.

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A VICTORY FOR REFORM.

In the September issue of the BAY STATE PHILATELIST a letter appeared under the above title by C. W. Ussher which needs some explanation. Mr. Ussher attempts to show that those supported by the Reform Party and elected were far in advance of those supported by us and elected.

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Those marked * were elected by acclamation as we were satisfied that they were good men for the offices.

The only candidates we supported that were not elected were Ed. J. Stephenson for Librarian and Orillia for convention seat.

Those supported by the Reform Party and not elected were: W. R. Brown, Fred Clappison, C. W. Ussher, A. Rene and BAY STATE PHILATELIST.

It will be plainly seen that the Reform Party was defeated as we only lost two candidates while they lost five; and we had eleven of our candidates elected and the Reformers had only seven. Mr. Ussher states that the Reform Party endeavored to avoid personalities as far as possible while we did not reciprocate. Any one who saw the literature of the Reform Party must admit that there was more personalities in either the supplement to the "Bay State" or the "Autocracy or Democracy" booklet than in all our campaign matter combined.

It is true that we threatened to take proceedings to have Messrs. Ussher, Gile and Brown expelled from the Association

if they did not apologize for the manner in which we were slandered, but Mr. Ussher failed to state that we agreed to withhold the proceedings as long as the Reform Party left matters as they are but as Mr. Ussher has stirred up the discussion again we must reply to him. We did not ask for an apology to be inserted in the official organ, but only for ourselves. STARNAMAN BROS.

FIRST MEETING OF THE TORONTO CLUB.

The Philatelic Club of Toronto, held their eighty-fifth weekly meeting, Oct. 22nd, at the club room, Broadway Hall. The main feature of the meeting was the election of officers, which took place as follows: Mr. Geo. E. Davenport, President; Mr. Raymond S. Baker, Vice-President; Mr. W. A. Petrie, Secretary; Mr. Alfred Rene, Treasurer; Mr. Jno. H. Lowe, Auc. Mgr.; Mr. R. F. Wrigley, Librarian; Messrs. Charles Bailey, W. E. Brown, F. Brereton and E. Britton, Ex. Committee.

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We wish to state that the idea of a D. P. A. Christmas special fell flat on account of the indifference of the members. We wish to thank the following, however, for their substantial aid:

C. W. N. USSHER.
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H. E. TUTTLE.

We also received encouragement from President Baker and Secretary-Treasurer Starnaman, otherwise the members were perfectly indifferent.

Respectfully,
HERBERT GILE, JR.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

MANDAUMIN, ONT., Oct. 15, 1901.

GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW MEMBERS:—

The continued growth and prosperity of our association is a source of much gratification to me as indeed it must be to you all and every true philatelist. Six new members and eight applications for last month constitute a very creditable showing. In this day when so many philatelic organizations are born but to exist for a few months and then hopelessly disappear, it should be a matter of considerable pride to Canadian collectors that they have in their midst a society which has endured and triumphed over the trials and vicissitudes of seven long years.

In order that the degree of our success may be greater, the rate of our progress more rapid, I desire that every member should show an active interest in the work of this Dominion Philatelic Association. Not only in the hearty patronage given to the trade departments can this be done but also in the more general lines of activity, such as obtaining new members, recommending the society to youthful collectors, cultivating the social life of the D. P. A., making preparation for the annual convention, readiness to do special work for the society, and presenting good contributions to the official organ for the interest and profit of all concerned. In order that I may come into closer contact with the members I desire you to write me, stating your willingness to serve on committees, (for we need such at present), or making some criticisms of the association and the manner in which it is conducted, or suggesting improvements and innovations, and giving plans for the success of a *big D. P. A. convention next summer in Toronto.* Now, let us become alive and awake and display a little philatelic enthusiasm. We have been inert too long, a good many of us, and need to become roused into healthful activity. I cannot promise to answer every letter, for careful attention to the D. P. A. already demands too much of my limited time, but I will try my best and at all events will be pleased to receive your favors.

The philatelic season is now getting into full swing. The long winter evenings are approaching, albums are being opened and blank spaces are rapidly receiving occupants. In the many sources open to you for philatelic enjoyment, have you in your town the local stamp society? If so, well and good, stand by it. But if not, why not start a branch association from the D. P. A? We have never had in our history a branch society and there is in the constitution no provision for such. But this need not act as an eternal detriment, and if you can gather together half a dozen stamp collectors in your community whether D. P. A. members or not, why, form yourselves into a branch society and arrange for regular meetings. You will be surprised how much pleasure and profit you may gain thereby. Write me for full instructions.

For some time I have been contemplating an entire revision and a considerable extension of our constitution. With the adoption of frequent amendments it has thus far proved a pretty good code of laws. The continued growth of the association however, demands in it much amplification. Many of the principles laid down are of too general a character and are thus difficult of interpretation. The appointment of the committee in charge of this important work will be made next month and further reference will then be made to the same.

Another matter which presses upon my attention is the necessity of a new D. P. A. handbook. The one now in use while still of undoubted value, is nevertheless out of date, misleading as to the constitution and incomplete in its membership list. As soon then as the work on the new constitution has been completed and a vote taken on the different sections, we shall proceed to the task of publishing a new handbook. In the meantime any criticisms, suggestions, or new ideas along the lines indicated will be very acceptable and shall receive due attention.

And now to draw away from society affairs, let me say that as stamp collectors we have a particular interest in international events. There has been a peculiar charm in following the great journey of our prospective King and Queen over the whole British Empire, since through the postal issues thereof, we are already familiar with every race and colony. Their successful visit to this Dominion is of special significance to the reflective stamp collector. . . . . .

In the death of the beloved President there has been a common sorrow. As a Canadian society we extend to the bereaved our sympathy which is whole-hearted, and but the deeper from the common philatelic tie. Yours fraternally,

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Paid up last report	329
Paid up since	6
	335
Resigned	1
Total paid up	334

RESIGNED.

504 J. Jentink, Inst. Willemsrond, den Helder, Holland.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand last report		$35 06
Received for dues, etc		1 17
		$36 23
Paid official organ, October	$4 18	
Paid Stationery 1200 letter heads, and 500 envolopes	4 25	
Paid postage	36	
Balance on hand	27 44	
	$36 23	
Balance on hand last report		$27 44
Received for dues, etc		2 74
		$30 18
Paid official organ	$4 18	
Paid postage	44	
Balance on hand	25 56	
	$30 18	

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18 books received since	253 10
73	$662 30
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401	" 1892, 50c blue.....	.15
409	" Jubilee, ½ to 20c, 10 var.....	1.25
427	Portugal, 50 assorted.....	.20
428	Spain, 50 "	.15
429	" 500 "	.35
430	France, 50 "	.10
422	Sweden, 50 "	.08
459	Canada Jubilee, ½ to 5c.....	.25
464	1000 mixed Foreign.....	.20
472	Orange River Colony, three 2½ on Cape..	.35
474	" " two V. R. I.* 3c.....	.35
475	" " one " *6c.....	.35
476	" " one " ½c thick V	.10
478	Canada 1868, ½c.....	.09
481	" 1869, 50 2c green.....	.10
482	" 1882, 25 2c blue green.....	.15
486	" 1875, 30 5c slate green, some dmg.	.10
488	" 1872, 19 6c, some damaged.....	.13
506	" 25 2c Registers, some dmg.....	.07
514	" revs.,set L. S.Laws 20c to $2,7 var	.50
529	" " Quebec Laws, 60, 70, 80, 90c slate violet, 90c red, $1 blue.....	.45
530	Nova Scotia, 6p yel. grn., corner clipped.	5.50
531	" 1p red brown, repaired.....	3.00
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536	New Brunswick, 3p red, repaired	1.50
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538	Formosa, 20 cash rose	2.00
540	U. S. Post Office, 1 and 3c.....	.15
541	" Dues, 1 and 3c brown, 1, 2, 5 claret....	.08
542	" Treasury, damaged, cat. 60.....	.10
556	" 900 1c blue, 1890	
557	" 1000 2c rose, 1890.....	
558	" 80 2c lake, 1890.....	
562	" 1000 1c blue, 1894.....	
565	" 420 2c pale red, 1894.....	
567	" 2000 2c Columbian	
571	" 1000 2c brown, 1872.....	
572	" 1000 2c green, 1887.....	
573	" 1200 3c green, 1872.....	
574	" 360 1c blue, 1872.....	
575	" 1000 Envelopes, □.....	
576	" 230 2c 1875, No. 178, cat. $6.90.....	
578	" 17 envelopes □, cat. over $1.00.....	
579	" 4 Revenues, damaged, cat. $2.10 ...	
581	" 100 Columbian envelopes.....	
582	" 25 2c 1875	
583	" 250 3c 1870.....	.25
585	" 2 1c 1870, grilled.....	
586	" 1 30c 1879.....	
588	" 265 1c 1882-87	
589	" 400 3c 1873.....	
590	" 200 3c, 1873	
591	" 1c 1868, grill 9x13.....	.25
592	" 2c 1868, grill 9x13.....	
593	" 10c 1868, grill 9x13.....	.20
594	" 1894, 2 30c dues, damaged.....	
595	" 1873, 64 1c, 1-73	
596	" 25 1c dues, 6, 2c dues.....	
598	" 90 5c 1894-95.....	
599	" 110 4c 1894.....	
600	" 2 1c 1870, grill.....	
601	Canada 1868, 3c, laid.....	1.00
602	" Revenues, 180, mostly bills.....	
603	Newfoundland, 2 3c orange.....	
604	Canada, 10 5c, beauties.....	.18
605	" revenues, 100 C. F. Laws.....	.45
611	" " 100 2c purple.....	.10
612	" 10 2c Registers.....	.10
613	" 20 2c "	.15
614	" 20 5c "	.07
615	" Jubilee, ½c*.....	.17
616	" " 10c.....	.10
621	" " 25 3c.....	.10
622	" Surcharges, 25 assorted	.25
623	" Jubilee, 3c*.....	.12
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Comments

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

According to report, the wily Turk is not in very good repute even among his own countrymen. Some little time ago the Turkish postal department kindly offered facilities for the sending of packages and registered letters, but the public evidently had a decidedly poor opinion of official honesty in the Ottoman Empire, for only one package and one registered letter was received at Stamboul in a period of ten days. Whether there were other pieces which vanished en route, or whether these were the only ones mailed, history saith not, but certain it is that the new proceeding did not prove a popular innovation.

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A rather curious fact in connection with Registration envelopes is that, with one exception, they are used only by Great Britain and her colonies; another item worth note is that they are all of the "Queen's head" type. It seems rather odd that with all his varities of shade, size, value and color of paper, Uncle Sam should have neglected to include an "entire" for registration purposes, yet such is the case. We, in common with the rest of the un-British world use ordinary envelopes and stamps for our registered letters, while the Britishers have the glory of special envelopes bearing an impressed stamp. A complete collection of this class of "stationery," as some call entires, would not be very bulky, since there are probably considerably under 250 varieties including sizes etc., yet these entires are seldom held in any quantity by any one, many large collections including only a dozen or so. Is it because these envelopes are unusually hard to obtain? They are not catalogued very high, as a rule. Very probably their scarcity is due to thoughtlessness on the part of those who might use them, it being easier to put an extra stamp on a common envelope to make up the registration fee than to visit the post office and buy the prepared envelope. If entires ever come into the front row of fashion I think the leaders of the procession will be registration envelopes.

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Speaking of "Uncle Sam"—I wonder how many (or how few) of those who use the title so frequently and familiarly are aware of its origin. I have often vaguely wondered how the name came to be applied to the United States, and was so interested in an explanation I recently came across that even at the risk of being voted unphilatelic I am going to copy the paragraph. It mayn't be about stamps exactly, but it is certainly somewhat related to the subject, and is besides a bit of history well worth our remembering. Here it is:

"The term 'Uncle Sam' is used in reference to America exactly in the same way as 'John Bull' is applied to England. It arose at the time of the war of 1812 between England and America. In Troy, N. Y. a commissariat contractor named Elbert Anderson, of New York, had a store yard. A government inspector named Samuel Wilson, who was always called Uncle Sam, superintended the examination of the provisions, and when they were passed each cask or package was marked "EA-US," the initials of the

contractor and of the United States. The man whose duty it was to mark the cases, who was a facetious fellow, being asked what the letters meant, replied that they stood for Elbert Anderson and Uncle Sam. The joke became known, and was heartily entered into by Uncle Sam himself. It soon got into print, and ong before the war was over was known throughout the United States. Mr. Wilson, the original 'Uncle Sam,' died at Troy in August 1854, aged 84 years, and the particulars here given were published in the *Albany Angus* at the time of his death."

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It is a puzzle to many why the higher values of New Zealand and New South Wales stamps should be catalogued so high in used condition. All of them are put over face, sometimes twice face or more, which seems pretty good value for stamps still, and recently current. The explanation of this proceeding is, I am told, that the high values are used mainly on telegraph forms now that reduced postage rates have made their use for postage unnecessary, so that comparatively few do service in the mails. These telegraph forms are finally destroyed, stamps and all, without regard to the desires of the philatelic public who would gladly rescue the stamps if they were allowed to do so. Thus even with fiscal cancellation the values above 2½d are scarce. This is more particularly the case with the late New Zealands, all of which are held at prices considerably beyond those which folks who lack them would like to see them priced at.

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The Birmingham Philatelic Society is described by a contemporary as doing something which societies on this side of the water had much better do also instead of wasting their energies on politics, and such unhelpful proceedings. This Birmingham society has set itself to the making of four collections, one of philatelic literature, one of a permanent stamp collection, another of individual photographs of its members, and the other a collection of forgeries, bogus issues, and suchlike black sheep in the stamp line. It is stated that already 1617 varieties of this class have been gathered in, but still they are hunting for more. A collection of that kind should prove a valuable one for reference purposes, but it is a bit disheartening to think there are such quantities of the worthless things floating around to trip up collectors who would prefer never to encounter them.

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The first King Edward stamps to really appear come from Queensland. They are only fiscal issues however, and are but two, a 2d red and 3d yellow green; both of very poor execution.

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BADLY CENTERED U. S. STAMPS.

BY FRANK D. MURPHY.

I have noticed in overlooking a large lot of stamps—they were nearly all U. S. —that I got at an auction, the poorly centered condition they were in.

There were nearly 200 3c rose 1861 (Sept,) Issue and 90% of these stamps were very badly centered, and of the 10c green, same series, were 139. There was only 27 really well centered specimens. Out of 347; 2c red-brown, 1870-71, 80% were badly centered. Of the other U. S. stamps, which consisted of 3c green and 6c carmine 1870-71 issue; 5c blue, 1875 issue; 1c ultramarine, 1887 issue and 1c ultramarine, 3c purple, 5c chocolate, 4c brown, 6c brown-red and 1 c green 1890-93 issue, 75% were badly centered.

There are many other U. S. stamps which I could pick out had I the time. The stamps of Uncle Sam seem to be the chief offenders.

What is the cause of this seeming carelessness? Is it actual carelessnsss on the part of the person tending the perforating machine? Or do they have such a vast amount of stamps to perforate and are in such a rush to get them out that it is impossible to give proper attention?

I think that careless perforation spoils the beauty of a stamp. No matter how artistic the design or beauty of the color, a stamp is made to look very ugly.

There are many other countries which spoil the beauty of their stamps in this way, but, as I said before I think the U. S. the chief offenders.

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A BRITISH INVASION.

So much has been said lately concerning the "American Invasion" that a little change may be received with pleasure. The "British Invasion" that we refer to is an American edition of Stanley Gibbon's catalogue. The volume before us contains the "Stamps of the British Empire"; it is finely executed, both in the printing and binding; it contains much valuable information not found in Scott's catalogue and should reduce the sale of the latter to quite an extent in the British Provinces in America. Moreover, large numbers will undoubtedly be sold in the states, not only for purposes of comparison, but for a genuine liking for this most valuable work. We hope the returns will justify a yearly issue of this work so valuable to all philatelists. Copies may be obtained from the firm's representative at 167 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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This edition and the one preceding have contained less matter than is our custom. We have some good mss. on hand, for which we hope space can be found for the publishing.

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THE LOCAL STAMP CLUB.

How To Organize One And How To Keep It Running.

BY RAYMOND S. BAKER.

President of The Dominion Philatelic Association.

During the last few weeks I have received quite a number of letters from collectors in Canada and the States, requesting information about the organizing of branch societies and local stamp clubs. Different questions have been asked, such as: "What is the best way to start?" "How can we keep the society going?" "Give outline of a night's meeting." "Give definite plan for organization," and "How can we make the meetings interesting?"

It has been my endeavor, as far as possible, to cheerfully give the information asked for, and to point the way to the successful organization and running of the local philatelic society. That there may be others who have the opportunity and the material wherewith to form this important institution of our pursuit, but do not clearly understand how to proceed, has urged the writer to compose the present article with the hope that it may be of some practical value, not only in stimulating organization, but also to be of benefit to socleties already in existence. Some local stamp socieiies are not as prosperous as they very well might be.

In the first place too much emphasis cannot be laid on the importance of this institution to philately. I am not now speaking of National and International organizations. These are rapidly becoming the curse of the hobby and their promoters the authors of destructive tendencies. Nearly every month heralds the uprising of some new National society. One can scarcely take up a philatelic journal that is not the official mouth piece of two or more such organizations, whose claim to be "National" is about as good as that of a backwoods, country village to being the great emporium of trade. There are too many societies now of respectable age. But first let these be ably supported instead of running away to the new, half equipped, aggregations. Then there may be advancement in Philately. Discard and discourage the recent National organization I say, but on the other hand "All Hail!" to every new *local* society. Why? Because it is the strongest bulwark in the whole philatelic ship. It strengthens the framework in every direction. Apart from all the ordinary advantages to be found in association it arouses and confirms the interest, revives the collecting spirit, and throws a brilliant radiance and a warmer light on the philatelic path.

There are two kinds or classes of local societies: first, those being merdly a gathering together of any and all who are interested in stamps, having no connection with any other organization; and, secondly, branch societies of some large national organization, as for instance, the American Philatelic Association or Sonsof Philately, etc. the first class possesses an advantage over the second in that any collector may join (and generally greater independence), while in the other all members should belong to the mother society and be more or less subject to her directions. But both may be carried on successfully and accomplish much good in promoting friendship among collectors and making substantial additions to knowledge and enjoyment.

Without drawing any undue distinc-

tion between the two, this much however must be said for the Branch association, that it has the sympathy and cooperation of a large number of interested collectors, the discussion of the national society affairs, participation as a body in the national elections, annual convention and all such like advantages.

Now, to proceed to the detail of organization. The first thing to do is to notify the collectors in your neighborhood that you intend to start a local society, or if considered preferable the object of the first meeting may be withheld and the matter sprung as a pleasant surprise. It is best to notify collectors personally and this can be supplemented by an announcement in the local paper and an appeal by letter. Designate, of course, the time and place in which you intend to hold your first meeting. Your own parlor or that of some obliging friend, some hall or cosy room, are suitable places for the first gathering. Get as many as possible to attend, boys and girls, young and old. When all are assembled, if you do not care about acting yourself, appoint your chairman *pro tempore* and let him be an older collector who is respected by the others as this will insure perfect order.

The chairman having taken the chair and announced the object of the meeting, should appoint a secretary *pro tempore*, who will keep a correct record of the first meeting. The next step is the choosing of a suitable name for the society, in preference and the ordinary "Branch No. so and so." After a number of nominations have been made, and leaving the subject open for discussion, the name should be decided by vote of the society The best method of voting is by ballot. Provide each person with a small slip of paper on which he or she may write the chosen name. The name of the society having been selected, the next in order will be the election of officers which should take place either every year, or half year, or every three months, whichever is preferable.

The following officers should be elected in order: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auction Manager, Librarian, an Entertainment Committee of two, an Executive Committee of three or five. If the membership is large all of the above officers should be elected but if there is a limited number it will be advisable to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and Auction Manager and Librarian. The officers having been elected, shall take their places, the president in the chair. Arrangements should now be made concerning time and place for holding regular meetings. Weekly sessions are the best. The entertainment committee will make preparations for the coming week. But just a word here regarding the general duties of officers.

The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, sign all warrants on the Treasurer for money, and have general control of the deliberations of the society. The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep a true and complete record of the proceedings of the society, have the custody of documents, keep the general financial accounts and countersign all papers signed by the President; he shall receive all applications for membership and all resignations, conduct all correspondence and collect all money for dues etc., and pay the same over to the Treasurer; the Secretary should also forward reports of each meeting to the journal in which they are published The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys, property (excepting the library) and securities of the society and shall pay out no money except upon warrant of the President or Secretary. He may preside in the absence of both President and Vice President. The Librarian shall ask members to donate books and papers to the society of which he shall have charge. The Auction Manager shall hold weekly sales of postage stamps supplied by members. A commission of 10 *per centum* may be charged for benefit of the societies funds The Executive Committee should draw up a constitution and code of by-lays, fixing the nightly meeting, dues, etc., with sanction of the club.

As a first class order of business the following may meet with approval:

I. Call to order by the President.
II. Calling of roll by Secretary and vacant offices filled *pro tempore*
III. Minutes of previous meeting read and corrections made, if necessary.
IV. Proposition and election of new members.
V. Reports of officers.
VI. Reports of committees.
VII. Unfinished business.
VIII. New business.
IX. Entertainment.
X. Stamp exhibit and exchanging.
XI. Auction sale.

XII. Adjournment.

Organization having been completed, proper management and running of the local club constitute its very life. Much will depend on the officers, their regularity of attendance and enthusiasm manifested. To keep up the interest endeavor to give all the members something to do. Let the entertainment be a special feature. Have a magic lantern display of stamps and get an advanced collector to talk pointedly about the differences disclosed. Let there be as much music as possible, vocal and instrumental—the ladies will help you out at this point. A regular debate on some philatelic problem, in which all shall take part will prove of much interest. Induce the members to prepare and read essays on philatelic subjects or indeed anything appropriate. Get others to give speeches and humorous recitations, and readings from old philatelic magazines, and following these methods you will not be able to accommodate the the rush of young people at the meetings of your philatelic club. Try it and see.

COSY CORNER

Comments

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

Enter the new Catalogue! Enter also criticism and advice from folks who could not, even to save their collections, make one anywhere as nearly perfect. I wonder if the compilers never feel discouraged, irritated, and exasperated, when a new edition is sent out to note how many, many people there are who are more intent on finding flaws in the work than in giving credit to the immense amount of labor, time, and expense, which has gone to make our "Standard Catalogue" the really admirable reference book that it actually is. Oh, well! The catalogue makes a good subject to fill space with, and I suspect that fact is the secret of nine-tenths of the criticism it receives from writers in general.

The editor of a lately hatched little stamp journal has this sentence among his editorial items:

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Now that may be a cheap way to stir up dilatory correspondents, but doesn't it strike you as being rather suggestive that the creditor in the affair is not very popular among his acquaintances? Were it otherwise the debtors would pay their epistolary obligations in duly prompt fashion, and there would be no occasion to run a standing notice in print, ready to be marked and sent to delinquents.

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The current *Youth's Realm* says that according to a late letter from a correspondent in Jamaica, the bi-colored one penny stamp has been withdrawn from use. This, if true, will result in a rise in value for that stamp, and therefore collectors will do well to obtain it at once, especially in used condition. Having been on sale for only a short period, it cannot have been very active in the postal service, but there are plenty unused in the dealers' stocks, and this being the case, the used will very likely be considered the most desirable. Why this stamp should have been retired (if it really has been) seems a puzzle; in appearance it was very attractive, and had not been out long enough to develop any reason for its withdrawal.

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If it is not too thorough a betrayal of verdancy I should like to inquire what possible reason there is to pre-cancel our stamps with a date in addition to the name of the city. Chicago, for instance, seems to be having a new set each month, "1-1", "2-1", "3-1", etc., right along to "12-1." How they will manage with the dawn of the new year I can't imagine, unless they begin all over again just the same. Now what is the object of these monthly changes? At first I thought it must be the pre-canceled of one month were not permitted to do postal duty in any other month, but the receipt a few days ago of two circulars, each from a different firm, one stamp canceled "Chicago, Illinois, 12-1," the other "Chicago, Illinois, 1-2", explodes that idea. Possibly the latter date may be a mis-print; if it is, I will exchange the valuable error for a P. O. Mauritius, or a full set of Transvaals!

Referring to the English one penny lilac mentioned in our December "Corner" as bearing an over-print similar to our pre-cancellations, Messrs. A. R. Butler and W. C. Stone remark that it is in all probability a receipt stamp, in other words, just a fiscal. Mr. Stone mentions having another stamp with very similar over-print. Whatever it may have been used upon, the printed cancellation has a unique appearance, and is in strong contrast to the pen-marks that we are accustomed to expect on British postage stamps fiscally used.

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Ye superior man is vastly superior to us women-folk when it comes to having his photograph published. He can select one taken a score or so of years ago when he was a good deal younger and handsomer than he is now, and strangers looking at the published copy would seldom think to wonder if it was an up-to-date picture. But we poor women are abliged to follow fashions much more closely, and therefore we are, as I hinted, badly handicapped. This thought occurred to me very emphatically the other day as I studied the printed picture of one of my philatelic sisters; the face looked very pretty and girlish, but a glance at the sleeves below it gave me rather a shock. Looking at them I said to myself: "This isn't a late photograph at all, for it is eight years at the very least since that style of sleeve was worn." It is rather hard on us to be betrayed in such a fashion, isn't it, particularly as we suffer alone, our brothers seeming exempt, thanks to the fact that the fashions of their garments do not change as frequently and decidedly as do the fashions of ours.

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The souvenir postal card craze must be at high tide in Germany. I recently read that for a week the officials kept tally of the number mailed, and of the postage expended to prepay their transit. According to the report there was a daily average of 1,446,938 cards mailed, the postage amounting to $17,250.00 per day. Don't you think the sum might have been spent in a better cause?

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Somebody says that the head of King Edward VII is turned to the left on his new stamps because he is much too polite to be looking off of the letter. H'm! When one person gives another a letter to mail, it isn't considered nice to examine the address. King Edward must give another reason, or we shall put him down as being impolitely inquisitive.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES.

BY A. LYDDON AUSTIN.

I am pleased to be able once again to send a few interesting notes to your paper, which by the bye, seems to be in a very flourishing condition and has made good strides.

Although the Boer war has now been on over two years, South Africa in general has not forgotten the philatelists and has put forth some very nice surcharges, although no new designs have been made. Surcharges has been the main thing.

The stamps of Orange River Colony were surcharged V. R. I. in March, 1900 with the value underneath. Several errors in these also were made, the principal ones being no stop after the different letters. Figure of value ommitted, the "I" of V. R. I. ommitted. Double surcharge and value ommitted, also appear. After these were exhausted the British fell on the Cape, and surcharged the ½d, and 2½d of that country with O. R. C. in full. There are only two varieties in the printing of these, viz: Double surcharge, no stop after "Colony" and the first 10 stamps of each sheet of 60, counting the horizontal ones, the E. of orange has dropped. Only a very few of the ½d green Transvaal were issued, and are now fetching the good price (equal in your money to 36 cents) 1s 6d. In my next notes I hope to give more information on these stamps and the approximate number issued, but before closing I would advise my fellow philatelists to "beware of the Mafeling and Pietersburg issues," as numerous forgeries are being offered.

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WITH this number, this paper becomes the organ of the Philatelic Order of Masons. We appreciate the honor.

THIS month we welcome back our old friend and correspondent, Mr. A. Lyddon Austin, of Pietermaritzburg, Natal. We understand that he has been serving in the English army and not until now has he been able to deyote his time to stamps. He is our agent for South Africa.

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		$30 07
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4 Ira C. Richardson Accepted Nov. 20, '01.

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Nos. 21, 26, 29, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 44, 45, 46, 48. These will be suspended January 30, '02, if not paid. Time extended from date published in Bulletin No. 2.

EXPELLED.

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THAT ALBUM THERE.

I love it, I love it,
" And who shall dare
To chide me
For loving " that album there ?

I love it, because it
Has brought much joy
To my days
And my years, since I was a boy.

I love it, I know it,—
For oft it has been
As the light,
Penetrating a darkness within.

I love it, I trow it
Has often brot cheer
To my heart,
When dullness and sorrow were near.

I love it for habit
Of close observation,—
For learning
Made easy in mere recreation.

I love it for what it
Has taught me of men,
Of nations
And peoples, their habits to ken.

I love it for what it
Has led me to see,
Of the world
In her struggle for liberty.

I love it because it's
Impressed on my mind
What was meant,
When Christ said,—" Go tell to mankind."

I love it,—You see it's
Not only boys' play,
Though it helps
Much indeed to make young hearts gay.

I love it,—Yes, love it,
Because young and old
Find in it,
A pleasure unpurchased by gold.

—E. S. MOYER.

A DREAM CONCERNING THE NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS.

BY FRANK D. MURPHY.

It is certain that Canada is to have a new issue of postage stamps in the near future. In all probability the stamps will bear the lineaments of King Edward VII and some more of the Royal Family. Now, why not have the stamps bear something relating to Canada ?

As a fitting tribute of those men whose names have gone down in Canadian history, why not adorn our stamps with the lineaments of these men ?

As to the size and design of the stamps allow me to make a suggestion.

I think a stamp the size and part of design of the Canada Jubilee would nearly fill the bill. Now the design of th Pan-American is very effective. The black center with the colored border gives the idea of a framed picture. This is the way I think would be most effective. The ovals in which are the lineaments of the late Queen Victoria as she was in 1837 and 1897 could be black in color in all values. The words " Canada Postage" might remain where they are, as might the Crown ; but in place of the letters : R. I. V. there should be R. E.X. In place of the dates 18 7 and 1897 could be printed the person's name whose lineament appears above. In this way the stamp would appear as a framed picture.

To begin at the beginning. The first stamp in the series is the half cent stamp

and the first notables in history are John and Sebastian Cabot, brothers and navigators sent out by Henry VII of England. They explored the coasts of Labrador and Newfoundland 1497-98. The border might be purple.

Now the next stamp to be considered is the one cent.

Jacques Carter and Sieur de Roberval come next. It was these men who first tried to colonize Canada, but their attempt was a failure. Cartier was the first European to navigate the St. Lawrence river as far as the Indian village of Hockelago, where now stands the city of Montreal. A nice border for this stamp would be green.

The two cent stamp is now before us, and a yellow border would be very nice. Whose lineaments should grace this stamp? Who but the famous Champlain and his colleague Pontgrave? Both famous men. These men opened the fur trade between the Indians and France in 1603. Five years later they built a fort at Cape Diamond, which led to the founding of our ancient city—Quebec. Champlain also discovered Lake Champlain. He is rightly considered the founder of Canada.

Among the greatest heroes in the Canadian history are the missionaries, who first taught the savages that they had something else to live for besides the glories of this world. Two heroes whose brave acts are recorded in history are Father de Breboeuf and Father Lalement. When the mission of St. Louis was attacked by the Iroquois in 1648, these men rather than leave their flocks and escape, remained and fell into the hands of the Indians and suffered death with all the cruelties they could invent. I think the lineaments of these men should be placed on the five cent stamp with a border of ultramarine.

The six cent stamp could bear lineaments of Frontenac, who saved Canada for France, and Vandreuie, a governor of Canada, in whose term of office letter-post was established. The border was of bistre.

The next two men whose names we meet are Wolfe and Montcalm, the opposing generals at the battle of the Plains of Abraham, where they both fell. These men's lineaments with a carmine border would do nicely for the eight cent stamps.

We mustn't forget our red brethren. Among the most notable are Joseph Brant and Tecumseh, who might adorn ten cent stamps, with an orange border.

The twenty cent stamp is next. How would the lineaments of Dr. Egerton Ryerson, First Chief Superintendent of Education, and Charles Poulett Thompson, first English governor of Canada do? A vermilion border would be very pretty.

As I said before let the entire issue be Canadian. The postcard could bear Canada's coat of arms in colors, with a scroll above with the words "Canada Postage" and one below with the words "One Cent."

I know this is only a dream, and a poor one at that, but nevertheless I would like to see it realized

It would certainly be a change.

COSY CORNER

Comments

AMY LOUISE SWIFT.

Among the various items, stampic and otherwise, contained in a letter recently received from one of my Australian correspondents was a bit of news which will be of considerable interest to all readers, some of whom may feel as exasperated and wrathy over the fraud thus unveiled as I myself did. I quote the paragraph as it was written:—

"I wish to tell you that those double surcharges of 9d N. S. W., 9d no surcharge, 6d green on chalky paper, and 1d, 6d green, 6d orange, 3d green, and 1sh chocolate, were practically made to order in the Government printing office for a stamp firm in Sydney who had strings on one of the employees in the printing room. The *modus operandi* we believe to have been thus: A sheet of 120 ½d green was bought at the post office and smuggled into the printing room; when printing ½d stamps this sheet was rung in, and a sheet of watermarked paper retained instead. There are no control numbers on the sheets, the safeguard being the issue of watermarked paper and the return of the same number sheets of stamps, so that the exchange could be easily and safely accomplished. Once in possession of the sheet of watermarked paper the fake was

easy. Of course this is only theory, but it is pretty exact all the same."

What do you think of a dealer who would thus have double surcharges, imperforates, etc. made to order? For my part, I consider the proceeding as dishonest as is the manufacture of counterfeits to deceive collectors, and the dealer himself an exceedingly good person never, *never*, NEVER to trade with.

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I notice that opinions seem to vary widely in regard to the value and scarcity of the ½d green Transvaal surcharged "E. R. I." A writer in a January journal says that "it sells in South Africa for between $5 and $6 at present," but in contrast to this is the item in last month's B. S. P. wherein the South African correspondent says they are selling for 36c. The late ad of a London dealer offers it at 1sh 6d (36c) used, per *dozen*, and a Canadian dealer has unused to sell for 50c per ten. It seems to me as if there is something about this stamp which needs explaining, for in spite of everything said about its scarcity there is no lack of supply. Is it possible the surcharge has been counterfeited? One specimen which came my way has made me just a tiny bit suspicious that possibly this may have been done, but I cannot say certainly. I thought the stops were a little more square than in the setting of the other E. R. I. printings, and that the E was not quite of the right form. Experts please examine and report.

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I have just been vainly straining my eyes trying to discover the difference between the three first stamps of the British Protectorate as they are illustrated in the Scott catalogue, and have come to the conclusion that there really ought to be a word of explanation following the cuts, for it is hardly possible to see from them what difference there is. In my catalogue only four letters of the word "Protectorate" are visible, even with a magnifying glass, on each stamp, and given a specimen of each variety I would be utterly at a loss in attempting to settle which catalogue number each one ought to have. A mistake would be no joke either, for No. 1 is priced at $10.00, and No. 2 at 8c, the remaining one being unpriced. This mystery should be explained in the next edition, for the sake of poor ignorant folk.

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OUR thanks are due Mr. A. Lyddon Austin, of 'Maritzburg, Natal, for a large batch of South African entires.

THERE is always one thing that makes the editor of a philatelic paper uncomfortable and that is to be told that his paper is "professional." Literally it may be, but when he dives down into his own pockets for the wherewithal to run his magazine, it is "rubbing it in" hard to be called professional.

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557 " 1000 2c '90.	
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571 " 1000 2c brown '72.	
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576 " 130 1c '75.	
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582 " 25 2c '75.	
584 " 45 2c Omaha.	
585 " 2 1c '70 grilled.	
586 " 30c '70.	
588 " 2.5 1c '82.	
589 " 400 3c '73,	
590 " 200 3c '73.	
594 " '94, 2 to 30c dues, damaged.	
595 " 64 1c '73.	
596 " 25 1c, 65 2c dues.	
598 " 90 5c '94.	
599 " 110 4c '94.	
600 " 2 1c '70 grill.	
602 Canada revenues, 130 mixed.	
603 Newfoundland, 2 3c orange.	
604 Canada, 50 5c numerals.	
605 " 100 C. F. Laws.	
611 " 100 2c purple '98.	
612 " 10 2c Registers.	
613 " 20 2c "	
614 " 20 5c "	
615 " ½c Jubilee*.	
616 " 10c Jubilee.	
617 " 1000 old 3c.	
621 " 25 3c Jubilees.	
622 " 25 surcharges.	
623 " 15 1c Jubilees.	
624 Hong Kong, 50 assorted.	
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629 U. S., 10 black, officially sealed, * o. g.	
630 " 12 P. O. envelope, cut □ *	
631 " 3 Certificate 2c imperf.	
632 Spain, 13 4c.*	
633 Native India, 5 entires.	
634 U. S., '51, 10c cut close	
635 " P. O. Department 15c.	
636 " P. O. Department 30.	
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659 Canada, 200 2c green.....	
660 " 265 2c green.....	
661 U. S., 158 1c, '71 issue.....	
662 " 300 3c, "	
663 Canada, 100 5c beavers.....	1 65
664 " 10 1c Jubilees.....	15
665 " 10 2c "	20
666 " 10 3c "	07
667 " 10 5c "	50
668 " 10 ½c " *.....	1 25
669 " '97, 100 ½c.....	60
670 " " " 1c.....	20
671 " " " 2c.....	25
672 " " " 3c.....	05
673 " " " 5c.....	1 00
674 " '98, " ½c.....	25
675 " " " 1c.....	03
676 " " " 2c purple.....	10
677 " " " 2c red.....	02
678 " " " 3c "	10
679 " " " 5c.	25
680 " 10 Special Deliveries.....	50
681 " 25 envelopes □.....	15
682 " 25 surcharges	25
683 " 100 2c Registers	60
684 " 100 Maps, assorted.....	50
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686 " 25 Maps	15
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