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PHILATELIC INTEMPERANCE.

BY P. LA T.

THE Collector of today is certainly intemperate in his mode of collecting; a few years ago a single copy of a stamp sufficed, now, varieties of shade, perforation, watermark and paper are catalogued and possess special value, and no collection can be considered at all complete, unless such varieties are noted and arranged in its pages. This to a moderate person seems overdoing Philately, and is the most important factor in discouraging those collectors who have taken up the science.

Why a watermark in the paper on which a stamp is printed should be of any special interest fails to become clear to most minds, and the experience of collectors of U. S. stamped envelopes in the last year has had the effect of destroying a great deal of the blind confidence heretofore placed in watermarks.

Watermarks have always been accepted as a guide to determine certain issues, but when envelopes made in 1883 were issued on watermarked paper of 1875, it showed conclusively that no importance could be attached to them as fixing dates of issue, or as making collectable varieties.

In the stamps of many foreign

countries, perfectly similar to uninstruced eyes, there are varieties of watermark which the advanced collector eagerly seeks for, but when obtained have to be carefully held to the light before their distinctive charm is discovered, and even then in many cases the watermark is so indistinct that the point can never be satisfactorily proved whether they are varieties or the commonest trash.

In the stamps of every nation there are many varieties of shade, in fact it seems impossible for stamps to be printed absolutely true to color. In all United States stamps there are many shades to be found, especially in the envelopes, these are entirely accidental or the result of carelessness, and should not we think be noticed.* We should select the finest specimen to be obtained, with the shade nearest the original color designed, and let others go, they are in a certain sense imperfect, as their colors are not correct.

In collecting stamps we should always strive for the best and finest, why then should we also preserve the poorly printed and bleached specimens under the name of shades?

(To be continued.)

* In this point we disagree with the writer, although the shade is not intended, they are put upon the market as legitimate stamps and allowed to be passed through the mails, thus making them a variety, which should, we think, by all means be collected. *Eds.*

To Subscribers, Advertisers, and all concerned.

With this issue, our paper passes into the hands of another printer: Mr. WM. P. BROWN, a well known stamp dealer of Brooklyn & New York.

Heretofore we have invariably been late, but hope in the future to appear promptly on the first of the month.

In our October number were many errors, which were corrected in the proof, but our printer went away on his wedding tour, and on his return rushed our edition through without correcting the typographical errors which we had marked.

We are ready at all times to receive contributions on Philately, short, interesting items, and chronicle of new issues.

We wish to make this paper second to none, and with the help of collectors, dealers and advertisers this can be accomplished, and although this paper is one of the smallest, we think it contain almost as much interesting news as some of the larger ones.

As we are going to press we learn that the COLOR CHART has at last made its appearance, and we would advise Philatelists wishing a copy to order at once, as only a limited number are reserved; we can supply them for 75 cents. We will describe it more fully next month.

MIGMA.

At the Auction sale held Oct. 20th. a "Brattleboro" on the original envelope was sold to Mr. Sanford for \$205.

The first U. S. *Surcharge* has made its appearance in the shape of the War Dep't wrapper, one cent, surcharged for Signal service, converting it into a penalty wrapper.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

A special meeting of the National Philatelic Society, was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14th, at Room 38, Tribune Building.

Meeting opened at 7.30 P. M.

President R. R. Bogert presided.

The name of Mr. Charles L. Moreau of New York being proposed by Mr. R. R. Bogert as an actual member of the Society, the same was referred to the Executive Committee, the meeting then adjourned.

The regular monthly meeting of the Society was called to order at 8 P. M.

The minutes of previous regular meeting were read and approved, the Executive Committee then reported favorably on the nominations of Messrs. Jas. Holmes Jr. and Charles L. Moreau, who were unanimously elected active members of the Society.

The special Committee appointed at last regular meeting for determining in what manner the 10th Anniversary of the Society should be celebrated, reported that they thought it advisable to defer moving in the matter until the issue of the *Color Chart*, (which will be out this month.)

Some very interesting Philatelic conversation then took place until the adjournment of the meeting at 9 o'clock, P. M.

PHILIP LA TOURETTE, *Secretary.*

STAMPS FOR MONACO.

An agreement has been entered into by the French Minister by which special postage stamps will be issued by the ridiculous little principality of Monaco. Upon them the reigning prince styled Charles III. will have the pleasure of seeing his august portrait.

N. Y. Sun.

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EDITORIAL

The "Keystone Philatelic Gazette" in their Sept. 1884 issue, has evidently gazed upon "The Reason Why," through a medium which has deflected light in a *very* crooked manner, and does us a *great* injustice, as well as the gentlemen whose names they saw fit to mention.

Our article was not in any sense a personal matter, and the members of the Philatelic Press mentioned, are fully capable of expressing their own opinions without any assistance whatever, it was in every sense

The Reason Why we do not fill up our columns with matter that is not only Non-Philatelic, but positively Anti-Philatelic.

Our definition of a would-be-dealer is admirably expressed by Mr. P. La Tourette in the Dec. 1883 issue of this paper, as follows :

"Here we must say that a great deal of the interest in stamp collecting is destroyed by collectors — so called, who are dealers in a small way, who work against the interests of the larger dealers, whom collectors cannot do without; "— and to call Mr Baitzell a would-be-dealer was the height of folly and it shows total depravity on the part of the "K. G. P."

THE CHRONICLE.

BAHAMAS—A 4c stamp similar to the 1 sh. has made its appearance : Color—yellow—watermarked C C & Crown.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA (Cundinamarca)—A 5 centavos, color—blue, has been issued.

GRENADA—8d stamp. color—bistre.

GUINEA—The following have been issued :—

5 reis black	
10 reis green	50 reis blue
20 " red	100 " lilac
25 " violet	200 " orange
40 " yellow	300 " brown

FRENCH COLONIES (Martinique)—A new postal card has been issued, unstamped, color—black.

MEXICO—25c same design as current set has been issued.

NORWAY—An official card blue on yellow paper headed "Militaert Tjenesterbrevkort" (don't try to pronounce it.)

PARAGUAY.—A new 1c stamp has been issued.

TRINIDAD—New newspaper bands have appeared, viz :—

½d green - - - 1d carmine

Same type as those of Barbados, also a ½d blue registration envelope.

FRENCH COLONIES (Society Islands)

—Tahiti surcharged "Tahiti" :

5c black on the 20c red on green.

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(Concluded.)

THE lowest depths of Philatelic Intemperance will certainly have been sounded when Telegraph and Express franks are acknowledged by Philatelists as collectible. There has been a strong movement made to excite interest in these during the past year, but we are glad to say that it has failed to entrap collectors to any great extent, for although Philatelists generally are ardent in anything appertaining to their science, they see that such trash is outside of, and should not be mentioned with true Philately.

The one great objection to Philately is, that we are very apt to accumulate many things of no particular interest to anyone except ourselves, and which are entirely foreign to stamp collecting. There are certain bounds that we ought not to cross, and one that we should particularly confine ourselves to, is to adhere to straight and honest issues, for, to make a miscellaneous collection of odds and ends detracts from the interest of our true collections.

The large number of provisional stamps issued in the last few years

has discouraged collectors, many have been issued for actual use, but nearly all made solely to sell to collectors, notably those of British Guiana, Dominica, etc.

It is difficult to tell how far we can dabble in these without becoming intemperate, and to distinguish the true from the fictitious. There is no guide to determine these points, but we strongly urge all collectors to notice only those endorsed by our leading dealers, who certainly have the best chance to distinguish the real from the spurious. (The end.)

At the Stamp Auction in New York City, Dec. 17th 1884, there was a full attendance and the bidding was spirited: the India 2 annas green brought \$5.80; the 1 real violet of Luzon \$5.50; a type set Tolima \$4.50; the Tuscany 2 soldi red \$4; a St. Vincent 1 penny green, surcharged in black on 6d. stamp \$4.20; Medio peso orange Peru, 1858, \$9; the 2c red Plimpton manilla wrapper \$5.

NO STAMPS FROM ZULULAND.

London, Nov. 3d 1884. The British Gov't have refused to annex or even establish a protectorate over the Zulu country, hence no surcharges like the following will appear: "V. R. Zululand".

THE COLOR CHART.

A REVIEW.

We take pleasure in informing our readers, that the Color Chart of the National Philatelic Society is at last completed. There have been many unavoidable delays in the preparation of this work, but we are sure that Philatelists will be amply rewarded for their patient waiting.

Although it has been impossible to match the colors of all stamps it will be found that most of the various perplexing shades of lilac, mauve, brown, bistre &c., have been reproduced in the chart.

The colors are divided into seven classes, and number 152 in all, as follows: orange 20; green 20; blue 16; purple 20; brown 24; slate 22; red 30.

All that is necessary, in referring to any color is to give the class and the number of the color in that class: thus our current 2 cent stamp would be indicated thus: (VII. 3.), the Roman numeral denoting the class.

In congratulating the Society upon the successful completion of this chart, we must not forget the credit due the committee having charge of the work, (Messrs. Smith, Bogert and Corwin), nor the valuable aid rendered by Mr. J. W. Scott, a member of the Society, although not one of the committee. To him is due almost entirely the selection and arrangement of the colors, while the rectangular design in which they are printed was adopted at the suggestion of Mr. W. F. Smith. (P. W.)

We have seen the above and we think it a valuable work of art. *Eds.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the rooms of R. R. Bogert, Room 38, Tribune Building, N. Y. City, on Nov. 11th 1884; R. R. Bogert, President, presiding.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock, the usual routine business being transacted.

The Standing committee then reported the issue of the *Color Chart*, which was found entirely satisfactory, both in design and execution. Complimentary copies were sent to the leading Journals of N. Y. and to the public libraries in N. Y. and Brooklyn.

After the reading of some interesting communications the meeting was adjourned.

PHILIP LA TOURETTE, Sec.

MIGMA.

The last Auction sale of stamps was held Nov. 3.—bidding was spirited, and prices ruled fair.

A new paper called the "Collector's Companion" will be issued on Jan. 1st 1885, by Mr. J. H. Raymond. We wish him the best of success.

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The election is over, Christmas is at hand and with it the winter rush of stamps begins. collectors are taking more interest in their collections than ever before, stamp dealers are very busy and are rushed with orders from morning till night. This season is the best for advertising and we place this paper before you as a good medium for said advertising, tis true the paper is small, but the size of the paper has nothing to do with that, we send out a large edition each month, and copies are sent where they will do the most good. We would like a few more subscribers added to our list, we are making great efforts to improve our paper each month, both as to news and general gossip of Philately. We would like to correspond with foreign Philatelists relative to topics on foreign stamps, and we would be pleased

to receive the names of any foreign collectors.

We thank collectors, dealers, and subscribers for their past favors, and in closing we will again wish the Philatelic public a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. (*The Eds.*)

THE CHRONICLE.

BELGIUM—The 1 centime stamp is now printed in a new color, viz: pearl grey.

BULGARIA—The following unpaid letter stamps have been issued:—

5 sto. yellow 50 sto. blue

25 " red

EASTERN ROUMELIA—The following have been emitted:—

5 paras violet 1 piastre blue

10 " green 5 " brown

20 " rose

The 10 and 20 paras are joined together and printed in rose & black.

NEW ZEALAND—Registration envelopes have been issued, viz:—

217 X 126 mm 133 X 82 mm

151 X 98 mm

PERAK—The 4c. rose of Straits Settlements has been surcharged "2 cents —Perak", in two vertical lines.

ROUMANIA—The 5 bani stamp has been changed to dark green.

RUSSIA (Levant)—The following new stamps have appeared:—

1 k. orange 5 k. violet

2 k. green 7 k. blue

3 k. carmine

TURKEY—The color of the 10 paras stamp is now light green.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA (Tolima)—New stamps have been issued as follows:—

1c grey 20c yellow-green

2c lilac 25c black

2½c red 50c dark green

5c brown 1 peso red

10c blue 2 pesos purple

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PHILATELY'S AIMS.

BY W. C. BENTON.

JUST what the Science of Philately aims to accomplish is a vague and uncertain question in the minds of many Philatelists.

That Philately is capable of being elevated to a higher standard than it now occupies, is a truth that cannot be denied. In order to get the question before us we will say that Philately aims, first: to preserve the stamp in its various forms and varieties; and second: the preservation of its history.

We imagine that we hear some scoffer say that "he has no need of the history, all that he wants is the stamp to place in his album, ignoring entirely the fact that it is the history that gives value to the stamp, and that without it, a stamp immediately subsides into a meaningless scrap of paper, a mere label that has completed the work for which it was intended, and is destined to pass unnoticed into oblivion.

But the Science of Philately changes all this. It places the stamp in such a position that to the Philatelist it tells like the printed page of a book, not only its own individual history, but the condition of the country for

which it was emitted at the time of its issue.

Thus it is evident that the scientific method of collecting postage and other stamps is first to study its history as existing in the present records, to ascertain if it be possible some important fact not on record. Then when you obtain the specimen you are prepared to enjoy it to its fullest extent.

Should however a heretofore unknown specimen be discovered, the unraveling of its history should be the first thing that should engage the attention of the finder, the result of his investigations to be given to his fellows at the first opportunity, and due credit to him by them for his labor.

To this history it is essential that Philately should have its literature. Much has been written on this subject, and we will not now enter into any discussion of its merits or demerits, but only speak of one of its greatest needs. We do not need as some will say any elaborate and expensive periodical to be published. This experiment has been tried far too many times, to the detriment of their projector's purse, and consequently proved but of little use.

What we want is reliable articles by those who possess the knowledge to achieve this result, until then one of the aims of Philately will be in vain.

THE CHRONICLE.

BAHAMAS—Two stamps have been emitted for this colony: 1d carmine, and 4d chrome yellow; colors by chart next month.

BERMUDA—A 2½d has been issued: head of Queen to left; above "Bermuda"; below "Two pence half-penny"; wmk C. C. & Crown, color blue. (III 3)

FRENCH COLONIES (Senegal et dependencie)—two varieties of the post card lately issued: one omits the period after "Postale."

FRENCH COLONIES (Society's Island, Tahiti)—more novelties: "Tahiti 10c" in black on the 20c red brown on gummed paper, and "Tahiti 25c" on the old green 1 franc.

ST. DOMINGO—comes out with a new set: 1c. green, 2 red, 5 blue, 10 orange, 20 brown, and Postal Cards, 2c orange, 3c blue, both single and double.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—The surcharged "8" on the 12c has been made of a larger size, as the first one was too small.

The new 5 cent blue has appeared, surcharged "Two Cents" in black. This seems remarkable for the surcharge to precede the stamp itself.

ST. HELENA—The 6d green has lately been surcharged "Half-penny" (II 6) in black.

ST. VINCENT—The half-penny has been changed from orange to green.

TRINIDAD—A two pence Registered envelope, blue, 150 x 98 mm has appeared. Mr. Bogert informs us of one size: 132 x 82.

UNITED STATES—The Signal Service wrapper comes also on red-brown paper as well as manilla.

URUGUAY—The 1c green, 2c red, 7c brown, 10c brown, 20c purple, 25c slate-blue, also 5c type II, have received the surcharge "Official."

A new 7c has also appeared, dark brown, military head to left.

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President R. R. Bogert in the chair.

Mr. Geo. L. Beam of Kansas City, Mo. was elected an active member.

The Society then entered into a discussion on the errors in all existing lists of U. S. Envelopes. Mr. Joseph Reichert was then added to the committee that has said list in preparation. Adjourned at 9 30 P. M.

PHILIP LA TOURETTE, *Sec'y.*

As the *Color Chart* is now an established standard, and in the possession of the leading Philatelic societies in Europe as well as America, and probably all collectors and dealers will use it for reference, therefore we shall make use of the system adopted by the "P. W." using Roman numerals for the class, and the Arabic for the number. (VII 7.)

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The New Year opens with more cheering prospects for our *hobby*, and encouraging indications are so many and so apparent, that it is useless to point them out, they are not to be mistaken, they indicate returning prosperity, and a better condition in Philatelic circles which promises to continue.

The *Independent Philatelist* has for itself no great changes to announce. We shall still endeavor as heretofore, to meet as far as possible the wants of our readers, and to furnish concise and reliable information.

We desire to exchange with *all* publications devoted to Philately.

Should this paper not interest you please hand it to some stamp collecting friend.

MIGMA.

—The Latest from Europe —“Telephone” stamps from Germany, value 50 pfennig, rose on yellowish paper.

—The Philatelic World says that there are 10 varieties of the new unpaid stamps of Guadeloupe, which are repeated six times on each sheet, the sheets being composed of 60 stamps each.

—Something new from Griqualand —Stanley Gibbons & Co. report a local in use in Griqualand East, called the “Mt. Currie Express.” —value 1d. —color green,—“Ballance & Goodliffe,” proprietors. Verily, these savages are progressing!

—An envelope “Die D” Jackson head, size No. 2, red on white has been discovered. This is the only one known to exist.

A prominent collector of entire envelopes informs us that a companion to the above has been discovered, amber, size 2. Jackson head.

—A new society has been formed in Chicago under the name of “The Chicago Stamp Collector’s Union.” We shall be glad to hear from you, Mr. Secretary.

—Match and Medicine stamps are attracting considerable attention at present, as are also entire envelopes.

—Seeing the exhibition of stamps prior to a sale suggests that an exhibition open to all would be interesting and instructive. We live in hopes of seeing one at some day not very far distant.

—What has become of the “New York Stamp Exchange”?

MIGMA (Continued.)

—Did not cut their stamps—In Tahiti if the stock of a low value stamp is exhausted, you are compelled to use the higher value.

—The collection of Post Cards is becoming popular in New York and vicinity.

—"The World" goes into detail with the stamps of Mauritius and Italy: that is what is needed, but how about the 1835 issue of the stamps of Sardinia, was sorry not to see more about it.

—We wish the promised new papers success, and hope they won't forget us when issued.

—5 and 10 pesos Mexico exist in blue(?) of the current type of Mexico, for use as periodical stamps, on the same plan as in the U. S.

No! no! Mons. Moens — dilute Nitric acid hath a marvelous effect on stamps printed in green.

—We congratulate the "Keystone" on its excellent appearance for Dec.

THE BRITISH NORTH BORNEO CO.
(ITS STAMPS.)

This company was lately incorporated, and having obtained from Baron Overbeck and a Mr. Dent the entire control over about 17,500 sq. miles of territory with a population of about 165,000, over whom they exercised the power of life and death, the proprietors rule under the titles of Maharajah of Sabat (North Borneo,) Rajah of Gaya, Sandakar, and Dabu Bandahara.

As the appointment of the governing officer is subject to the approval

of the Queen, it is virtually a British colony. The Co. has like the old East India Co. power to impose customs and taxes, coin money and raise armies.

The first stamp appeared in 1883, value Two cents, brown, this was soon surcharged "Eight cents" in green, and a short time after this a four cent rose and eight cent green appeared. The four cents rose I have seen with the surcharge "24 cents" in two lines, but have been unable to procure any information in relation to it.

The issue of 1884 consisted of a 50 cent purple, and a one dollar carmine, of a larger size than the lower values, the stamps are for internal use, and few ever go farther than the surrounding seaports under British control.

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BRITISH MALAYA.

ARTICLE I. STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

BY "DYAK."

THE group of islands and portions of the Malay peninsula known as Straits Settlements first engaged the attention of Philatelists in 1867, for then by Act of Parliament passed Aug. 10 1866, it was created an Independent Crown Colony, and after April 1, 1867, it ceased to be dependent upon India, being subject to the presidency of Bengal since 1851.

The island of Singapore was secured by the British including all surrounding islands within 10 geographical miles from the Maharajah of Johore, for the consideration of \$60,000 and an annuity of \$24,000. This with Malacca and Wellesley on the main land, and the island Pendang forms a territory of 1225 square miles. From its excellent location in the centre of this highway of commerce it becomes the centre of trade of all the surrounding native states and islands.

The first issue of postage stamps were the East India stamps surcharged with a crown and new value, and were nine in number, viz:

1½c	red	on	½	anna	blue,	1855
2	red	"	1	"	brown	"
3	blue	"	1	"	"	"

4	black	on	1	anna	brown	1855
6	violet	"	2	"	yellow,	1864
8	green	"	2	"	"	"
12	red	"	4	"	green	"
24	blue	"	8	"	rose,	1855
32	black	"	2	"	yellow,	1864

There are a few varieties from the above list, the 8c has been seen with inverted surcharge, and the 6c violet exists on the 8 anna rose of 1855.

The following year, 1868, a new set arrived from London and were put into use, consisting of

2c	brown	12c	blue
4c	rose	24c	green
6c	violet	32c	vermilion
8c	orange	96c	slate

In 1872 a 30c was added to the set, and in 1879 the 32c was surcharged "5 cents," and the 8c "7 cents."

In 1880 the Provisional fever attacked the authorities, and the 30c was surcharged "10 cents," followed the next year by the 12c also bearing the same surcharge, and subsequently in 1882 the 6c also bears the legend "10 cents." In 1883 matters were straightened out a little.

The issue of 1883 consisted of a 2c and 5c Provisionally surcharged. The 2c surcharged "2 cents" on the 4c rose, 4c brown, 8c orange, 12c blue & purple, and the 32c vermilion. These are catalogued by Durbin. The new stamps this year were the change of color of the 2c and 4c 1868, making a

2c rose and a 4c brown, the 10c slate and 12c purple.

The year 1884 shows the 12c blue of 1868 was surcharged "8 CENTS" in black in two lines. The same appears also on the 12c purple. The 5c blue received the surcharge "4 cents" in red, this now comes also in black.

The 5c I have seen with the vertical surcharge "TWO CENTS" and at the end of the year comes a surcharge of a large numeral "8" in red on the 8c provisional previously issued. The numerous provisionals of the Straits Settlements are surpassed probably by no other country except Peru.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

Regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, 1885. Called to order at 8. 15 P. M. Messrs M. Issenstein and W. A. Warner were elected active members of the society.

Committee on U. S. envelopes reported the completion of the "List" up to 1861 inclusive.

A communication was read from the Dresden Philatelic Society complimenting the Color chart.

A curiosity was shown by Mr. Rechert in the shape of a U. S. one-cent stamp, 1870 issue, much smaller than the regular issue, measuring only 13 x 18mm, perforated 7½.

Meeting adjourned at 9.30.

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THE CHRONICLE.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. — The 15c blue has been surcharged "1884 ½", and the 5c red "CUATRO Centavos - 1884", both in black.

AZORES.—The 20 reis post-card blue on buff, has received the usual surcharge in black.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The color of the one penny has been changed to rose. (VII 28.)

BULGARIA.—A 5 x 5 stotenka post-card has been emitted, green on white, 150 x 92 mm.

CASHMERE "POUNTCH." — "Der Ph." illustrates two types, one value ¼ anna, and one (?) anna, color red on white.

INDIA.—The "P. W." mentions a series of surcharges under the name of "Patiala," but "Der Ph." mentions it under the name of "Puttialla State" the surcharge is in two curves "()" as follows: ¼ a green, 2 a blue, 1883-4 4 a green of 1866 surcharged in carmine, 1 ruble gray-blue 1883-4 surcharge red, post-card ¼ a brown on buff, surcharged in black, envelope 119 x 67 mm red.

"Der Ph" also illustrates the 4 annas 1866, and the 8 annas 1866. surcharged with a rectangular frame. 15 x 18 mm, with the letters "B. N. W. R." will give particulars next No.

MEXICO.—An official envelope with official stamp of current type in red. The Philatelic World also mentions a letter-card 10c green, stamp in upper corner, and arms in left.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS — The surcharge "4 cents" on the 5c blue, in red, has been changed to black.

SWEDEN.—The official card is now green instead of black, and only 140 x 90 mm. There is also an official stamp, value 10 ore.

TURK'S ISLAND.—The 4 pence stamp is changed in color to pearl-gray.

UNITED STATES.—The P. W. notes the current envelope printed in red instead of brown. Since then we have seen two wrappers also in red instead of brown; verily this is chaos.

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NOTICE: Owing to my inability to attend personally to the interests of THE INDEPENDENT PHILATELIST as heretofore, I am therefore obliged to sever my connection with it, thanking all for the universal courtesy that has been accorded me,

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HARRY M. CRAFT.

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LOCALS.—Notes.

From a Philatelic Note-Book.

—The portrait on the stamps of Pomeroy's Letter Express, is Mary Pomeroy, daughter of the proprietor.

—Mr. Coster on page 18 of his work on Locals was unable to procure reliable information relative to Waldron's Express. Mr. Harris paid \$27.50 for an unused specimen in N. Y., on Jan. 21, 1885.

The gold Boyd's (Coster type 10) on green, blue and crimson glazed paper were never used, so says Blackham, Boyd's successor. Mr. Geo. B. Mason also states that he has never seen one genuinely cancelled in twenty years' experience.

—Mr. Philip La Tourette has a specimen of the Adams' City Express Post, 2 cents black on brown. This is not mentioned by Coster.

—Of the "CITY DESPATCH" which Coster states he believed belonged to some N. Y. Company, La Tourette states that there are good reasons for believing it to be a Phil'a local and not N. Y. I have seen, says he, two on original envelopes addressed to Phil'a parties, one bearing Blood's postmark, and would not be surprised to learn that it was either issued by him, or belonged to a company absorbed by him.

TAHITI.

The following is a copy of the decree authorizing the issue of provisionals:

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THE BROADWAY POST-OFFICE

 WAS started in 1848 on the north side of Canal street, N. Y. City, the first door east of Broadway, by James C. Harriott, who in 1849 moved it to No. 416 Broadway, and in 1851 to No. 422½ Broadway.

Mr. Harriott employed on an average four carriers, and on extra occasions as many as twenty.

The business of the post was the delivery of letters throughout the city, and the carrying of mail matter to the U. S. Post-office. The uniform charges were :

1 cent on each letter or parcel carried to the U. S. Mail.

1 cent on each circular, and 2 cents on each letter delivered to any address in New York city.

There was one carrier whose sole duty was to take to the U. S. Post office the matter destined for it.

The stamps of the Broadway Post Office were printed in sheets of 100 from a wood block, the design consisted of rectangle 15x21 mm. with the corners slightly octagonal, Locomotive in centre, "BROAD-WAY" above, "POST-OFFICE" below.

The colors ran as follows :

Black on white paper.

Gold on black glazed paper.

Although no values were stated on the stamps, a distinction was made

according to their colors; those in black on white representing one cent, and those in gold on black two cents.

The Broadway Post-office also used various hand-stamps, but I will only mention the two earliest : one similar in design to the adhesives, and was impressed in red or black ink on unpaid letters ; the other differed in having the word "PAID" substituted for the locomotive as a central design, and was struck also in red on black on matter that had been prepaid in cash, without the use of the adhesive.

In 1855 Mr. Harriott sold the concern to Dunham & Lockwood, and they subsequently sold it to Charles Miller, who continued it until about 1862-3, when he died at Mamaroneck, Westchester county, New York State.

The business done by this office was large, and the receipts therein reached seven thousand dollars per annum, at the time Dunham & Lockwood purchased the place.

Sometimes the Broadway P. O. used to turn over matter that it received to Boyd or Swartz for delivery, but the general impression that Boyd had a contract to deliver *all* the letters of the Broadway P. O., excepting those intended for the government mails is certainly erroneous. No such contract existed in the days of Mr. Harriott, nor can I find that one was made by any of his successors.

I may conclude my remarks upon this post by mentioning that its founder, Mr. Harriott, died at Brooklyn, New York State, during the month of October, 1876. *Coster.*

THE CHRONICLE.

AZORES—The 10x10 reis card brown on buff, has received the present surcharge "Acores" in black.

BELGIUM—Mr. Sheffield writes that the 5 centime is now green (II 7.)

BERMUDA—A new 2½d. has appeared: Queen's head in circle within hexagon "Bermuda" above, "Two pence halfpenny" below, color blue (III 13.)

COREA—"Still there's more to follow" Mr. Bogert exhibited the 5 mons red (VII 25.) and the 10 mons blue (III 2.) at the Feb. meeting of the "National."

ECUADOR—Senor Haramillo writes that the following bear the surcharge "Ofical" in black:

1c. brown, 2c. claret, 5c. blue, 10c. orange, 20c. violet, 50c. green.

FRANCE—The P. W. mentions a new 1 franc *Pneumatic Card* black on rose. The 75 centimes envelope carmine on lilac has received the surcharge "TUBES PNEUMATIQUES."

GERMAN EMPIRE—Mr. Sheffield, Hannover, states that the two-mark is now printed in rose. They do not sell them at the P. O., but on asking to see it, it was shown to him.

GREECE—A 10l., and 10x10l. blue (III 14.) on buff have been emitted.

GRENADA—Mr. Bogert reports specimens of the 2½d. 1881 with the error "PENCF," he states that there are at least two on each sheet.

INDIA—*Puttialla* "Der Ph." mentions the following additional stamps for this state with the "()" "Puttialla state" surcharge in red on the 1 anna brown, and the 8 annas violet of East India.

MALTA—The 1d. red, 2½d. blue, 4d. brown of the new set have appeared.

PHILIPPINE IS.—"Le T. P." notes the fiscal One real, (Derecho Judicial) surcharged in 3 lines, in red, "Habilitado—para—Correos."

SPAIN—The 10c. Timbre Mouvil for 1885, has been changed from blue to green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—*Perak* The 8 cents yellow has been surcharged as usual "PERAK," 13½ mm lon, letters 2 mm high.

TRINIDAD—Mr. F. Brandon Jones, Demerara, sends us a specimen of the new unpaid stamp of the island. It is of the "De La Rue" type, the profile of the Queen is supplanted by the value "1d." "Trinidad" above, surcharge "Postage" below, black on white, w/mk C. A. & crown.

UNITED STATES—Provisional: the one cent due has been used for postage.

EDITORIAL. (LATER.)

Since writing our previous article we have reports from Stamp dealers that the dulness of the preceding months seems to have brightened a little, and judging from the outlook at present, better times are in store.

The Philatelic press is more alive to the interests of the public than for some time past, but as we have often said before, publishers cannot do everything, we need readable articles, and we are pleased to see, some, at least, are supplying the deficiency.

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There has probably been no time for several years when the Philatelic trade has been as dull as it is at present. Dealers are anxious and prices are low. Sales this winter are not so well attended as last, and the prices obtained are much lower. Now is the time to invest your money (provided you have it to spare,) for it is altogether likely that if spring brings better times, prices will ad-

vance considerable.

It is evident that Philatelists recognize this, as there have been several new societies organized lately, and several new papers have re-enforced the Press, and we hope that this will quicken and give new life to the slow beating pulse of Philately.

St. Valentine's Provisionals.

On the afternoon of Feb. 14th. 1885 the Post-office at Bergen Point, N. J. ran short of the one cent stamp on account of the increased local mail of drop letters, and in order to meet the demand the postmaster was obliged to utilize the *one cent unpaid*.

This we learned late Monday afternoon, and on arrival at P. O. found a new supply of one's ready for customers. The postmaster informs us that about 60 were in use on the afternoon of Feb. 14th, and the morning of the 16th, 1885.

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Pres. Bogert in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Communications received—

The membership card from the International Philatelic Society of Dresden for the National Philatelic Society of New York for 1885. This is a beautiful souvenir in the form of a *post-card*, in design and color like the 1883 Inland of Salvador.

Mr. Réchert was authorized to respond to the Dresden society in regard to the same.

The statutes of the Birmingham Philatelic Society were received.

Also a letter from the Secretary of the "Sociedad Filatelica de Santo Domingo" informing the National of their organization on the 8th of Dec. 1884, and notice of the election of the National as a corresponding member.

The secretary was requested to notify them of their election as a corresponding member of the National, and that a Color chart be presented to them.

Card received from F. Rabuffei & Co., of Rome. Italy.

Mr. Bogert exhibited the new stamps from Corea, with the translations of the characters by the Chinese consul.

The committee on U. S. envelopes stated that they were pushing the "List" through as rapidly as possible, and that they were complete up to 1866.

Meeting adjourned at 9 15 P. M.

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THE "BRATTLEBORO'."



Not from some foreign strand,
Reigned o'er by kingly hand,
But of my native land,
In this I glory ;
Then speak ! thou one of few,
Who with thy tarnished hue,
Still on the letter blue,
Tell me thy story.

And then before my eyes,
A mist seems to arise,
While unto me replies,
This "Relic" olden ;
For o'er the stamp then came.
Something I could not name,
Which kindled into flame.
This story olden :

One of the first was I,
The "pre-paid" mode to try,
While on their way did fly,
My many brothers ;
For now but few remain,
To eternize the name,
Or gain Historic fame,
I with some others.

When in the dark mail-sack,
Upon a pony's back,
For then the rail-road track,
Was not extended ;
We in a stage coach slow,
Over the frozen snow,
To Boston-town did go,
Our journey ended.

The others went their way,
But in a box I lay,
Many a dreary day,
Had passed o'er ;
But each day was the same,
Till late one morn there came,
The gentleman whose name,
It was, I bore !

I left with much regret,
For ne'er could I forget,
The friends that there I met,
Long years ago ;
Then as his home he sought,
Of nothing else he thought,
Save but the news I brought,
Through rain and snow.

Once read, aside was laid,
Many the years I stayed,
And in an old chest made,
My dwelling place ;
Till on one morn a light,
Shone round me warm and bright,
O ! joyful was the sight,
In that lone place.

Out of that dungeon drear,
Faded and worn and sere,
Unearthed to appear,

To friends again ;

And in their midst to dwell,
As all had ended well,
To listen while they tell,
Their stories plain.

But now, my trials o'er,
For I expect no more.
To wander as of yore,
My lonely way ;

I've here found rest at last,
My journeys all are past.
I find my lot is cast,
Right here to stay.

W. H. M.

AMERICAN LITERATURE.

It is generally supposed that there are about as many stamp papers as stamps issued in the United States, and about as many advertised and not published as are actually issued.

In reality only about 165 stamp papers proper have ever been published here, and about 17 more advertised that were never issued. There have been about 1000 numbers actually issued, an average of 10 numbers to each paper, but if every paper issued had completed the volumes promised, we should have had 414 volumes of 12 numbers each, or 4968 numbers in all, or a little over three times as many as there actually are. It is therefore true that the subscriber is fortunate if the paper he selects reaches the average number of issues, between 3 and 4, and gets one-third of what he pays for.

Of the 165 papers fairly entitled to be called stamp papers, 38 have been Philatelists, 13 Journals, 10 Circulars, 8 Guides, 7 News, 6 Reviews, 6 Collectors, 5 more Stamp Collectors, 4 Words, Reporters and Companions, 3 Advertisers, Curiosity Shops and Cabinets, 3 Monthlies and Owns, 2 Records, Quarterlies, Gazettes, Traders, Herald and Magazines, a Buyer, a Favorite, a Head-light, a Triumph, a Post, an Aid, an Exchange, a Stamp, a Postage stamp, a Snoozer, Library table, Black list, Chronicle, Bureau, Monitor, Mercury, Medium, Seeker, Timbrophilist etc. etc.

The first one issued was S. A. Taylor's Record in Boston in Dec. 1864. The smallest is the Memphis Philatelist, 4 pages, measuring each $2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, the largest: the Philatelist, Louisville, $13 \times 20\frac{1}{4}$ inches, though others in pamphlet form have contained more matter per No. perhaps.

Our Canadian neighbors have furnished us with 13 different papers, or 88 numbers or so, and among these Taylor's Record first saw the light in 1864.

Our South American friends have given us some 10 papers and about 115 numbers, making a grand total of 188 papers and 1823 numbers published in America.

To these might be added a long list of amateur papers with a stamp department, but the subject is inexhaustible.

Very truly

JOHN K. TIFFANY.

St. Louis, Mo. March 23. 1885.

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EDITORIAL.

The album offered in the Feb. issue of this paper was won by Master Harry C. Brown, Van Buskirk, N. J. for sixteen new names.

This month our offer will be: To the largest list of new subscribers received before May 15th, a set of PRANG'S FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS, and to the second PRANG'S COATS OF ARMS. These are Art Gems executed by the publishers in their best style.

We have received during the past month several new papers and publications, among which is the "International Collectors Guide." It is a good book for reference, and we can recommend it to all collectors. W. G. Whilden, Pelzer, S. C. 1884. Price 25c.

—The unpaid letter stamps, 25c. and 40c. of Guadeloupe, were reprinted in October last, so says "Le Timbre Poste."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. Both President and Vice President being absent, Mr. Joseph Rechert was elected to the chair. Mr. Chas. J. Cartwright of N. Y. was proposed by Mr. Bogert, and Mr. H. Nelson Terret of Woodside, N. Y. by Mr. Rechert.

Communications received from the "Verein für Briefmarkenkunde," Frankfurt am Main, that the Color Chart had been received and added to their library, and that a vote of thanks had been tendered the "National" for same.

Mr. Rechert stated that he had seen notices in the Foreign press that the Color Chart had been received by the Societies at Munich and Berlin.

The committee on "U.S. Envelopes" exhibited their "List" as far as completed, and were complimented on their efforts.

Dr. W. H. MITCHELL,

Sec. pro tem.

An immense variety of Capital letters are used by the various departments of the Colonial government of South Australia, and are found on all current stamps, viz.: A, AG, AO, BD, BG, BM, C, CD, CL, CO, CS, DB, DR, E, EA, EB, GP, GS, GT, HA, HG, JA, JS, LL, LS, M, MB, MR, MRG, OA, OS, P, PA, PO, PS, PW, RB, RG, S, SC, SG, SGN, S, M, ST, T, TR, V, W.

These are found chiefly in black on all stamps since 1868, but come also in red and in blue, and are subject to the same liability as all surcharged stamps to have the surcharge inverted which occurs with several.

THE CHRONICLE.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Some of these now come surcharged "Official" printed diagonally across the stamp.

AZORES—The 20 r. card has been surcharged "Agores."

BELGIUM—The error "BELGIGUE" was occasioned by an accident to the dies making the "Q" look like a "G"; it was withdrawn as soon as noticed.

CANADA—The 1 Δ 1 c has the stamp impressed on left upper corner.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—"The Stamp News" mentions a new wmk: an anchor and cable, and notes the 2d. olive-brown and 6d. violet as existing with it.

CEYLON—"Der Ph." mentions a great variety of provisionals, viz. "Postage &- FIVE CENTS -Revenue" in black on the 8c. orange, 16c. lilac, 36 blue, 48 carmine, 64 red-brown and 96 gray; also "TEN - CENTS" on 24c. violet, "Fifteen-Cents" on 16c. lilac, "Twenty-five-cents" on the 32c. dull blue, "Twenty-eight-Cents" on 48c. rose, "FIFTY - SIX - CENTS" on 96c. brown, and the "One Rupee - twelve - Cents" on 2r. 50c. violet, all in black. We have seen also the 5c. first described on the 32c. blue.

The 8c. Post-Card has also received the surcharge "Via - BRINDISI - Twelve-Cents."

ECUADOR—The P. W. mentions a 2 x 2 c and Form 7 (National Society.)

GUINEA—The 200 r orange, and 300 r brown Cape Verd, have been surcharged "GUINEE."

HAWAII—Mr. J. W. Gardiner sends us the new 10c. which is now red-brown. (VII 3)

JAMAICA—The two pence has come to us in green.

LAGOS—Mr. Bogert gives the colors as follows: 1d rose, 2d gray, 4d lilac, 6d olive-green.

MALTA—In addition to those reported last month we have the $\frac{1}{2}$ d green (II 13) instead of orange, 2d gray (VI 8), 1s purple (IV 4). The chart numbers of the others are (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d III 13,) 4d (V 4.) A unique feature is that all except the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. have Maltese crosses in corners.

MONTERRAT—A 1d card carmine (VII 16) on buff.

NATAL—The new wrappers have appeared: $\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown and 1d. carmine both on buff paper, also the two postal cards, same values and colors.

PORTUGAL—A 20r red (VII 25) has been emitted, design like the 5 reis.

ST. CHRISTOPHER—Two provisionals have been issued: a "FOUR PENCE" on 6d green, and a "Halfpenny" on the 1d rose cut diagonally.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—A post-card green on buff.

TRINIDAD—The set of unpaid consists of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 pence and 1 shilling, all in black.

U. S.—The long announced 10 cent stamp is to appear July 1, 1885, also a 1 cent periodical for sale to the general public, so we understand.

URUGUAY—A 5c blue (III 11) has appeared on bluish paper, rouletted.

"By the Way"

—The Canada "Official" and "Service" stamps noticed by several Continental papers a correspondent in Toronto writes that the P. O. Dept. of Canada has not issued any such stamps, envelopes or cards as described, the only stamp of the Dep't being the "Officially Sealed" of the Dead letter office. He gets his information from the head of the Dep't at Ottawa.

MIGMA.

—There will be some who have No. 1. Vol. i. of the *Bayonne Philatelist*, who do not care to keep it, to such we will give the two most recent Nos. of the *Independent* if clean and not torn.

—There are only two known specimens of the "Millbury", one of which is treasured by the Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass, and the other is the property of a prominent New York city collector, who values it at over \$500.

—Complications in Central America promise collectors another scourge of provisionals.

—J. D. K. asks the location of Sungei Ujong. Can any one enlighten him?

—C. T. J. would like information regarding the envelope stamp said to have been issued by the Postmaster of N. Y. in 1847.

—Information from Great Britain leads us to believe that a new series will be issued soon, as the present set is very unsatisfactory. A one penny has already appeared, and doubtless more will follow; the portrait of the Queen is superior to that on the majority of British stamps.

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OBITUARY.

HARRY MANCHESTER CRAFT.

DIED, at Lakewood, N. J., May 14, 1885, suddenly, HARRY M. CRAFT, in the twenty-first year of his age.

This intelligence of the sudden and unexpected termination of the career of one who but a few days ago seemed to be on the way to the recovery of his health and strength, will be received with a sorrow equal to the sad surprise.

A life that in the very spring time of youth is thus untimely ended.

About the last of November he had a long and lingering illness, from which he recovered, and soon after New Year's was able to resume his situation in New York, but the attention to business proved that he was in need of still further rest, and about the first of this month he gave up for the time, and on the Saturday previous to his death in company with his father he went to Lakewood, N. J. where he seemed to be rapidly improving until about noon on the fourteenth, when suddenly and peacefully he passed away.

His remains were forwarded to his home, and on the afternoon of the sixteenth attended by his sorrowing family and friends were consigned to

their last resting place in the little cemetery at Greenville, N. J., overlooking the waters of New York Bay.

A studious philatelist for years, he connected himself with the *Bayonne Philatelist* at the first, taking an active interest in it, in Philately, its advancement and its literature; he was a member of the Executive committee of the National Philatelic Society of New York.

He was modest and unassuming, his motives were pure, his ambition noble, his mind devoted to truth, his conscience pledged to the right

"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but with praise."

We shall miss his kindly greeting, his ready hand, his sympathising tear, his friendly council, his generous heart, but his influence though unseen will be felt for years by all who knew him.

"We will be patient, and assuage the feeling
We can not wholly stay.
By silence sanctifying, not concealing
The grief that must have way."

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But Congress failing to carry out the arranged plans that had been introduced several times, the Company to use a common expression "got left," and therefore went into business like the other Telegraph Co's to receive and send messages in the ordinary way—but enough for introduction.

(Continued in our next No.)

EDITORIAL.

Our appearance this month will explain the unusual lateness of this issue, we hope however, to be more prompt next month.

THE CHRONICLE.

ANGOLA—a new card, 10 reis bearing the inscription "Provincia de Angola."

AZORES—Der Ph. mentions an error on the 25r brown of 1882, viz. AÇORES.

CEYLON—In addition to those that appeared last month we have the following: "TEN—CENTS" on 64c red-brown: "TWENTY—CENTS" on the 24c green and 32c pale-blue, and "THIRTY—CENTS" on the 36c blue.

The "P W" also mentions "Postage &—FIVE—CENTS—Revenue" on the 4c rose. The provisional 15c comes both "FIFTEEN—CENTS" and "Fifteen—Cents." The 5c on 16c lilac, 30 and 36 blue have been seen inverted. The following cards have been surcharged "2½ cents" and "The price is —THREE Cents—including the card" on the 8c brown and 2c violet; "5 cents" on 6c blue, and "10 cents" on 8c brown. Envelopes "FIVE—CENTS" on 4c blue on white. Reg Env "FIFTEEN—Cents" on 12c rose on white.

FRENCH COLONIES, *Senegal*—The following have been surcharged for special use in this Colony: "Sénegal" 1c black. 2c brown on yellow, 4c brown on bluish perforated, and the 5,10,15,20,40c black, 1f brown, unpaid, all surcharged in blue.

INDIA, *Puttialla*—The ½ a green comes surcharged "PUTTIALLA—State." "Der Ph" also mentions a ¼ x ¼ a card brown with "PUTTIALLA."

JAMAICA—The 1d is carmine (VII 25)

MACAO—The 25r has been surcharged "5 Reis" and "10 Reis" in Script diagonally from left lower to upper right corner, original value obliterated by a bar. The 10 comes in both blue and black, the new 80 is slate (VI 10)

PERU—We will have something to say later on in the season.

TIMOR—The 5 reis black, 10 green, 20 red, 25 violet, 40 yellow, 50 blue, 80 gray, 100 lilac, 200 orange, 30 brown surcharged "TIMOR," for use in the Timor Islands, were kindly shown us by Mr. Bogert.

UNITED STATES—10c envelopes now come on "82" wmk paper, size 7. P W. A 2c envelope, June die, (recut,) size 2, amber red-brown instead of red, has been shown us by Mr. Rechert.

Local Telegraph: See page 36 of this issue; Messrs Smith and Handford kindly shewed us the Postal Tel. Co. 25 and 50 cents.

VICTORIA—By last mail we received the following: ¼d carmine (VII 27,) 1d green (II 4,) 2d mauve (VI 3,) 3d bistre (V 16,) 4d violet (IV 18,) 6d blue (III 13,) 8d rose (VII 26.) Der Ph. mentions the 1s blue on blue 1876, surcharged "STAMP—DUTY." Several revenues have been announced as having been used for postage, these were fully described in April, 1884. *Bayonne Philatelist*.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

Regular meeting held April 13th, 1885. Pres. R. R. Bogert in the chair.

Executive Com. reported on Messrs. H. N. Terret and C. T. Cartwright. Mr. Jaques Krebs of N. Y., was proposed by Mr. Isenstein: and Mr. Geo. Rosenheim of N. Y., and Mr. Jaques Hecht of Hoboken, N. J., by Mr. Rechert. Reported to Exec. Com. who reported favorably, and on being balloted for, they were duly elected.

Owing to a demand for the Constitution and By-laws of the Society, Messrs. Rechert and Mitchell were appointed a Committee to revise if necessary, and to prepare the same for publication.

Messrs. Warner and Mitchell were appointed a Special Committee on matters relating to Color chart.

The Treasurer was instructed to provide more spacious quarters for the Society to meet, as its rapid growth had rendered the rooms too small.

Moved, seconded and carried that the National Philatelic Society donate the sum of five (5) dollars to the "World Pedestal Fund" for the Bartholdi statue.

Moved and carried that all American Philatelic societies be sent complimentary copies of the Color chart, and that all new members joining this society previous to Sept. 1885, receive a copy.

Carried that all members who so desire, may place such stamps as they wish to exchange, in books for that purpose, to be left with a member who would take charge of them, to be exhibited at a special time during the session. Mr. Warner was appointed to take charge of them.

The committee on U. S. envelopes reported progress with "List."

Mr. Rechert exhibited the new B. & O. telegraph stamps: France 50c. a Telephone stamp allowing five minutes conversation over the wires; Savings Bank Reply card; Pneumatic envelope 75c.; Telegraph card 30c.; and Letter card 50c.

Mr. Isenstein—the Danish local for Odense, 3 ore red, 5 ore brown for letters, 5 o. brown and 10 o. red for packages: a 5 c. Canada used as Registration from Quebec; Belgium Telegraph 25c. and 1 franc French Empire; Tel. 2 francs; England 1 s. Foreign Bill, and Italy 5 centesimos, and 5.00 on 15.00 lire, all of which had been used for postage; also the new Soldier's stamp of Germany.

Mr. Warner—2c. carmine 1879 of Salvador surcharged "PARA" in blue. This Mr. Bogert thought had been done on steamer, but Mr. Warner that it was a consulate stamp of Para, Brazil.

Meeting adjourned 10 P. M.

Dr. W. H. MITCHELL, Sec. pro tem.

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Whole No. 21.

U. S. TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

(Continued from May No.)

In February 1885, or previous to this date, the Company decided to issue a set of pre-paid stamps for the convenience of its patrons, and to sell the same in a quantity at a reduced rate, and plates were accordingly prepared by the American Bank Note Co., but for some unknown reason were never completed with the exception of the 25 and 50 cent, of these two values a stock was printed, but were suppressed, the stamps being burned and the plates destroyed. They were bound in book-form and perforated. Size 20 x 25 mm.

Most beautiful in design and execution it is indeed to be regretted that they are already unattainable. Although somewhat similar in design, the engraving in each consists of an engine turned back differing slightly in each.

"Postal Telegraph Company" above, Numeral of value in centre. "Twenty-five cents" or "Fifty cents" as the case may be below :

25c. blue (III 3)

50c. brown (V 9)

These are *Pre-paid Local Telegraph Stamps*, the first of the kind ever issued, and the first Telegraph stamps issued in the United States. They are

not to be confounded with Merchants' Western Union, or American Rapid, and similar trash catalogued, advertised, and sold as Telegraph stamps.

Following some combination of the Postal, B. & O. with some smaller companies, the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Co. comes out with a series, the idea probably taken from those prepared by the "Postal." These also come in book-form, and are sold as follows :—per book of \$11.20 worth of stamps for \$10.00; each page consists of a sheet of 10 stamps, these are also 20 x 25 mm., and perforated.

These stamps like those of the "Postal", are also prepared by the Am. Bank Note Co, and are among the finest specimens of the engraver's art.

The design consists of a medallion the shape of a Maltese cross, in centre of which are the letters "B. & O." above, value below on panel, "Commutation" ;—values as follows :

1 cent vermilion (VII 2)

3 " said to be in preparation.

5 " blue (III 3)

10 " puce-brown (V 15)

25 " orange (I 4)

The number of stamps of each value in each book varies, the 25c. existing in greater numbers than the lower values.

To conclude — these stamps are legitimate issues, sold to the public, and are worthy of a place in our collections.

AROUND THE WORLD.

BERMUDA—A new card has been emitted with only one ½d stamp on buff. The P. W. mentions later a ½d blue on buff.

CEYLON.—“Still they come.” Postage & FIVE—CENTS—Revenue on 24c. green. TEN—CENTS on the 16c violet and 24c green. “1 R 12c” on the 2 R 50c. red-violet. The 20 on 32c blue comes in both Capitals and body type.

CHINA—P. W. states that they have received the 5 can in gold on blue faced paper.

FRENCH COLONIES—The 1, 2, and 5 francs unpaid come in black.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON—The following have appeared: “5—S P M.” on 2c brown, and 4c grey, and “25—S P M.” on 1 franc green.

GREAT BRITAIN—Our correspondent mentions the current 1s surcharged “I. R. Official.”

JAPAN—An officially sealed stamp bears the inscription “OFFICIALLY SEALED—General Post Office of Japan,” and Japanese characters, brown on white, perf. 9.

INDIA.—*Jhind* is now using stamps of Br. Indies throughout the state, and *Nabha* is also stated to have surcharged some. *Puttialla* ½ and 1 anna have an extra surcharge “Service.” *Sirmoor* 3 pies brown (V 4) was shown us by Mr. Warner. “Sirmoor State Postage stamp” above, “Three pies” below, perf., 3 spandrels in corners.

ST. LUCIA—A 4d brown (V 5) mentioned by Mr. Bogert.

VICTORIA—From the World we clip the following: 1s blue on white, arms in garter; 2s 6d orange, diademed head of Queen to left. Both bear the words “Stamp Duty,” also wrappers ½d rose, 1d green, new type.

TRINIDAD—A ½d wrapper is made by surcharging the 1d “half-penny,” 15 x 2½mm with 4 parallel lines below.

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas since the last meeting of the National Philatetical Society an *all-wise Providence* has removed by death our esteemed friend and fellow member **HARRY M. CRAFT**, therefore *Resolved* that we the members of the *National Philatetical Society* desire to give expression of sincere regret, and we have learned by his death that our *Society* has lost an earnest and esteemed member, and *Philately* an ardent advocate.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a *Memorial Page* in the *Society's* records, and a copy furnished the family of the deceased.

Resolved that we extend to his sorrowing family our sincere sympathy in their deep affliction.

Com. { Wm. H. Mitchell, D. D. S.
William A. Warner.
Philip La Tourette.

R. R. Bogert, President.

Philip La Tourette, Sec'y.
New York, June 9. 1885.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

The bag that was used to convey Jeff. Davis' private mail from the Confederate post office at Richmond, Va, to the executive mansion, is now in the possession of Van Houten Post. G A R, Jersey City, N. J.

“*The Lord is my strongest Tower*,” exclaims a new Western journal, therefore “*Success to Philately*.”

Some time ago Mr. W. P. Brown showed us a 3 cent Canada, 1868 issue, which was printed on paper water-marked with a large “C” about 10x8mm.

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OUR CORNER.

The "Flags of all Nations" was awarded to Chas. W. Ramsay, Port Richmond, N. Y. (12) The "Arms" to Edith A. Colton, Ogdensburg, N. Y. (10) This month we will give a Statuette of "Liberty" to the largest list; a Color chart to second, and an Imperial album to the third. Received before Aug. 1, 1885.

Declined—English Locals,—Siam— and Stamps of Angola.

Parties wishing to take advantage of our mailing agency will please send matter in at an early date.

The Rev. C. F. A. Klein and Mr. C. J. Farr of this place are now in Europe, and will correspond with the "I. P." during the summer.

We shall soon publish an interesting article on "Some early Local Posts" by Mrs. D. C. Williams. "P. La T." will favor us next month.

We call special attention of dealers and advertisers to our next No., the midsummer edition.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. Pres. R. R. Bogert in the chair. Com. on Rooms reported that they were unable to procure rooms in a central location in the town as yet, but that they hoped to have them by the next meeting.

The Committee on By-laws stated that they had slightly revised the present by-laws, and submitted a design by Mr. Krebs for them to be printed in the form of a Reply Post Card. The Society passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Krebs for the design.

Com. on List reported progress with the "List" of Envelopes.

Com. on matters relating to the Color chart reported progress.

A large list of novelties was exhibited by Messrs Bogert, Isenstein, Rechert and others.

From a conversation which took place, it was decided that the subject of the next meeting would be the various forms of provisionals, half stamps surcharged etc., and what to collect. Meeting adjourned.

Dr. W. H. MITCHELL, Sec. pro tem.

Chas. H. Campbell of Roxbury, Mass, died at that place May 21, 1885, in the 29th year of his age. He was a member of the first class of 1884 - 1885 Harvard Medical school, and a son of the late Wm. H. Campbell, M.D. Another collector gone from stamps and care.

The Anglo-American Philatelist, (Quarterly Interchange,) received. We wish this "New Acquisition" a long and prosperous career.

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For The "Independent"

A STAMP.

W. O. BENTON.

I found it in the garret
Yellow with dust and age,
And every stain upon it
Attention did engage.

"What!" you may ask in wonder,
"Had you found that could incite
Among those gloomy shadows
Such emotions of delight."

'Twas but a scrap of paper,
But it was dear to me,
A Postage stamp of years ago
Enhanced by PHILATELY.

Woodbridge, N. J., Aug. 3, 1885.

Early Recollections.

Doubtless there are many of your readers who would take an interest in reading the recollections of an old expressman, extending back to the time when there were but few railroads in the West, and six or eight days was called quick time between New York and Cincinnati.

In the winter Adams & Co. came over the mountains, and down the river in about that time, and in summer this was accomplished by Wells & Butterfield via the Hudson river and New York Central railroad to Buffalo, where they made transfer to Livingston & Fargo, who made the run from Buffalo to Cincinnati via

Lake Erie and Sandusky, and the Mud River & Little Miami railroads.

This continued while the Lakes were open. Chicago was reached in about the same time by steamer to Detroit on the Michigan Central railroad to New Buffalo—steamer again to Chicago, and St. Louis the same way as far as Chicago, and from there by way of the Illinois canal and the river.

H. L. Correspondence of Our Expressman.

PERISCOPE.

—The Photo's in colors of U. S. State Dep't and Periodical stamps now attracting attention are of no more value to collectors than counterfeits, and should be treated as such.

—Mr. West writes that the stamps of Austria for Foreign offices are used in Turkey, but does not state whether they have Turkish values or not. The Russian Nav. Co. also have offices there. Mr. Bogert also informs us that the Belgian and Russian Gov'ts are intending to establish Posts there.

—The Philatelic World states that a re-issue of the Korean stamps will be made.

—A 1 x 1c Canada reply card was reported to have been emitted some time ago, with stamp on the left hand. We have been unable to secure one, and our theory is that not more than one sheet existed, the knife having been displaced so as to cut the cards that way.

THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

"I cannot say how the truth may be
I say the tale as 'twas told to me."

—Scott.

BAHAMAS — Three new stamps are reported: ½d, 2½d and 1s. Le T. P.

DUTCH (EAST) INDIES.—5 cent now comes in green.

FRANCE—Mr. Warner of N. Y. informs us that the 25c. yellow 1879 was surcharged "1 PIASTRE 1" on Aug. 10, and the 75c carmine 1876 "3 PIASTRES 3" and 1 fr green 1876 "4 PIASTRES 4"; on Aug. 18, for use of the French Post in CONSTANTINOPLE.

GREAT BRITAIN—Mr. Rob't H. West Syria, sends us the following British stamps in use in TURKEY: "40 PARAS" on 2½d lilac '84, "80 PARAS" on 5d green '84, and "12 PIASTRES" on 2s 6d lilac '83. He states them to be in use in Constantinople, Beyrout and Smyrna.

HONG KONG — Provisionals 20c on 30c, 50 on 48c, 1 dollar on 96c.

INDIA—The 4a green (II 20 c) "India Postage" has appeared. Mr. Bogert showed us the 1a surcharged "Auttialla."

MALAYA—The Rev. Dr. S. H. Pemberton tells us of the 2 and 4c. Straits Settlements surcharged "CHEUNG MAI" for use between Laos and Singapore, via Bangkok.

MEXICO.—We are again indebted to Mr. Warner for the 6 centavos, die of 1862 in brown (V 8 a.)

MONACO—Mr Rechert showed us the new series 5c blue, 15c rose, 25c green, "Principaute de Monaco" above "() Postes ()" below.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—1c post card green on buff.

TURKEY — See France and Great Britain.

UNITED STATES—We have seen the new Postal card, color brown (V 5 e.) It is much better executed than its predecessors.

Local—Hussey's Post, N. Y. Mr. Handford has sent us specimens of what may be termed Hussey's Dial stamp, 2 varieties, 1863 "Time Posted" above "50 Wm St";—"Hussey's Post" below, dial of clock without hands in centre; the second variety: "Time Posted" above, dial in centre, "..... Day"—"..... Month" below, border formed of these words on left: "Entered according to act of Congress in the year" above, "1865 by Geo. Hussey in the Clerk's office" on right "of the District court of the United States for the" and below "Southern District of New York."

VICTORIA—a new Card carmine on buff, and singularly has the legend: "Stamp Duty." Query, how is a Post card used for Revenue?

OUR NOTE BOOK.

The Asiatic Museum of St. Petersburg has a bank-note, probably the oldest in existence. It is of the Imperial Bank of China issued by the Chinese Gov't, and dates 1399 B. C. The Chinese chroniclers relate that bank-notes or "flying money" were current there as early as 2697 B. C.

At Home and Abroad.
How about Postage stamps?

From the present outlook we predict the issue of a new 5 and 10 cent U. S: a 5 with Gen. Grant's, and a 10 with Gen. Lincoln's portrait.

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Owing to unforeseen difficulties we have got very much behind time but we shall endeavor to make it up in a month or so. Although *some one* has taken the trouble to state that we had passed out of existence, they will soon find that we are still alive and — well, "kicking."

The offer made last month will be repeated until Oct. 1, now send in the subs at an early date.

Several of our contemporaries seem to have forgotten us, hope to see them soon.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

June 9th 1885. Regular meeting called to order 8 P. M.

Pres. Bogert in the chair.

Received Collector's Companion of Chicago. Acknowledged also the bulletin of the Philatelisten club of Venna. Com. on Room reported that none as yet could be found suitable

for the purpose. Com. on U. S. Env. reported list completed up to Plympton issue, 1874.

Reading of proposed changes in the Constitution. Cologne society acknowledged the Color chart.

Election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, and the following were elected: R. R. Bogert, Prest. Joseph Rechert, Vice Prest. Wm A. Warner, Sec. Dr. W. H. Mitchell, Treasurer, Max Isenstein, Librarian, Messrs W. A. Warner, J. Krebs, J. Hecht, Executive Committee.

The resolutions published in June issue relating to Mr. H. M. Craft's death were then adopted. Society then adjourned.

PHILIP LA TOURETTE, Sec.

Special meeting of the National Philatetical Society was held in Room 38, Tribune Building, on Tuesday, July 14th, at 8 P. M.

President Bogert in the chair.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting, and reports of committee.

Com. on room reported one found, and were empowered to procure the same for next meeting Aug. 10th 1885.

Com on U S Env. reported progress.

Mr. Frederick Mongeri of Constantinople was proposed by Mr. Warner as corresponding member, and Mr. Tho's. C. Watkins of N. Y. City by Mr. Bogert as an active member, were reported favorably on by Exec. Com., and were elected.

The proposed changes in the Constitution were adopted.

Subject for next meeting— "What shall we collect?" in reference to surcharges.

Meeting adjourned at 10 45, P. M.

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PHILATELY.

W. C. BENTON.

The day was done and wearily
Homeward I made my way,
The rain was falling drearily,
Cheerless had been the day.
And I felt sad and restless,
Oppressed with heavy care,
The world to me seemed comfortless,
My trials more than my share.

But now it has passed away,
And a change come over me,
Peace and contentment round me play,
Brought by PHILATELY.

Seawaren, N. J. Sept. 30, 1885.

THE PHILATELIC COSMOS.

"I cannot say how the truth may be
I tell the tale as 'twas told to me." *Scott.*

ANGOLA—The 2r has been changed from
straw to red; the 5r from rose to violet.

BELGIUM—Mr. Le Mon sends us the new
5 and 10c Cards "POSTKAART" above,
instead of "Ce Cote etc."

BALKAN STATES—Since Eastern Roumelia
was wedded to Bulgaria she is known to her
inhabitants as South Bulgaria, and the result
provisionals. Eastern Roumelia stamps were
surcharged with Bulgarian lion, and 4 days
after the additional inscription "Yojna(south)
Bulgaria" was added, this was sent us from
Vienna, and we see the S. C. J. has the same
information.

BRITISH GUIANA—The *Record* mentioned
the 1 and 4 cent surcharged "OFFICIAL"
from lower left corner to upper right corner.

CEYLON—The 2 cent card now comes
surcharged "2½ cents" without additional
superscription. The price is three cents
including the card. *Der Ph.*

GERMANY—Bourse Delivery, (stock ex-
change): the following stamps have been
issued for use in all large cities of Germany

for the immediate delivery of matter for the
various exchanges: 1 mark rose on white,
carmine, on both light and dark blue paper.

GREAT BRITAIN—Mr. E. H. Barnett sends
us an officially sealed stamp consisting of
rectangle postmarked "Newcastle-on-Tyne,
July 1, 1885"; above "V (crown) R"; on left
"Found open and" and on the right "Officially
-sealed" type set, black on white perforated,
Mr. Warner shows us the 9d 1883, and 6d over
is 1884 surcharged "GOV'T PARCELS."

INDIA.—Jhind (Jeend) State and Nabha—
the arms are included with the "()" sur-
charge on Cards and Envelopes.

MEXICO—Mr. Weber informs us of the
change of color of the 3c to ochre, 5c to steel
blue, 10c to orange.

MONACO—Mr. Rechert sends us the fol-
lowing additional: 1c olive-brown, 2c violet,
10c brown on yellow, 40c blue on rose, 75c
black on rose, 1f black on yellow, 5f carmine
on green.

MALAYA—The surcharge "*Cheung Mai*"
proves to be only a postmark.

ORO RIVER COLONY—Der Phil. mentions
the 5c carmine on green, 10c blue on carmine,
15c violet on fawn of Spain surcharged "Afri-
ca-Rio de Oro-Espana."

UNITED STATES—The U. S. stamped envel-
ope of 1880, value 8 cents, bearing the over-
print in old English type:

"Confederate States of America
Post Office Department
Official Business
Chief Clerk, P. O. Dep't."

Two specimens were shown, one of which
had "*Finance bureau*" written on it, and both
had "FREE."

B. & O. Tel. Co. The colors have been
changed in the 1, 5 and 10 cent, which are
now printed by the Kendall Bank Note Co.

1 cent green (II 6a)
5 " blue (III 12a)
10 " brown (V 4a)

The 8 cent has not yet appeared.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL.

Regular meeting of the Society was held at the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms, 62-64 East 4th St., N. Y. City, on Monday, Aug. 10th. Called to order by Pres't Bogert at 8 30 P. M. Several visitors were present.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Report of Com. on By-laws & Constitution, who delivered the same. Copies of Constitution and member's certificates.

Com. on Color chart reported (...) progress.

Com. on U. S. Envelopes reported progress — Plimpton, 1874.

Mr. Geo. M. Jones of Utica, N. Y. was proposed by Dr. Mitchell. Mr. Alfred B. Jaworower by Mr. Isenstein, and Mr. Chas. Geobin by Mr. Rechert as active members, and were referred to Ex. Com. who reported thereon, and Messrs Jones and Geobin were elected.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a copy of the Constitution be sent to every Philatelic society in the world; also that all new members who join before the 1st of January 1886, receive a Color chart.

The Secretary was authorized to send a certificate of membership to the following Societies "International Philatelic Society" of Dresden; "Wiener Philatellsten Club," and "La Sociedad Filatelica de Santa Domingo."

Moved, seconded and carried that a Com. be appointed to continue the list of "Peru Surcharges." Messrs Isenstein, Mitchell and Calman were appointed.

Received and acknowledged: Collector's Companion. (with exception of of Nos. 2 & 5.)

Meeting adjourned at 10 15 P. M.

WM. A. WARNER, Sec. 75 2d Ave. N. Y. City.

Regular monthly meeting of the Society was held on Monday evening, Sept. 14th at the Metropolitan Assembly rooms. 62-64 East 4th St. N. Y. City.

The President being absent, Vice-President Rechert occupied the chair. Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. Several visitors present.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Report of standing committee. Special committee on Color chart reported progress.

Com. on U. S. Envelopes reported progress.

Com. on Peru surcharges reported progress.

The following gentlemen were proposed as members: Mr Harry F. Thompson of Indian-

apolis as Corresponding member by Mr Warner, Mr G. M. Williamson of N. Y. City as Active member by Mr Bogert, and Mr Theodore F. Cuno of Brooklyn, L. I. by Mr Rechert.

Were referred to the Executive Committee, who reported thereon, and were elected.

Received -- "Collectors Companion No. 6, Constitution of the Quaker City Philatelic Society, Constitution of the Fitchburg Society Weltpost of Vienna, and Illustrated catalogue of sale of September 23d and 24th. Received communication from Mr. W. F. Smith.

Mr. Isenstein exhibited the following stamps Mexico, 1864, 1r. scarlet, 2rs blue, 4rs brown, 1 peso black; 1867, Guadalajara, 2rs black on white paper, (not catalogued,) 1868 100c brown on brown, 1865 6c brown; Great Britain 1876 Telegraph surch'd and used as postage, £1 violet, also same with surcharge inverted.

Dr W. H. Mitchell-Hussey's "Time Posted" blue on white paper, with "Entered according to act of Congress" at top (not catalogued.)

W. A. Warner—Great Britain, surch'd for the Levant, Aug. 1st 1885, 2½ p lilac of 1884 surch'd in black 40 Paras 3 mm high, 5 green 80 paras; 2sh 6d lilac 12 plastrs.

France, surch'd for the Levant Aug 1st 1885, 25c yellow of 1879 surch'd in black 1 plastre 1, 2 mm high, 75c carmine of 76. 3 plastres 3, 1 franc bronze of 76 4 plastres 4. Guatemala, proofs of 1878 on card-board, perforated, ¼ green, 2rs carmine, 4rs lilac, 1 peso orange. Slam — Proofs of revenues on card board, perforated, 38x23 mm oblong — ¼ att yellow, ¼ att purple, 4 att carmine, 8 att green, 16 att blue.

Meeting adjourned at 9 30 P. M.

Next meeting Oct. 12th 1885.

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Mr. W. A. Warner is the happy possessor of one of the two only sets of Turkish duty stamps now in existence; the values are as follows: ½ 2 3 4 5 7½ 10 15 20 25 37½ 50 75 100 150 200 250 375 500 750 1000 1500 2000 and 2500 plastrs, all black on thin white paper.

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The new Volume will contain articles from several Philatelists of long standing and much experience, who have never before given their knowledge to the public and this in connection with our regular contributors will furnish our readers with a storehouse of knowledge that can not be found elsewhere.

Our corps of correspondents has been enforced to some 60 or more, and the latest and most reliable information relating to current events will be furnished.

This Journal is published for collectors and should any one have any items of interest that would be of benefit to others we will be pleased to publish them.

Dealers who have any special inducements to offer collectors are invited to make use of or advertise in our columns. Vol. III commences with the Dec. No. 1885. A full prospectus next month.

NOTICE.

The statuette was awarded to Mamie C. Vandervere, N. Y. City (17), the Chart to Herbert M. Campbell, New Haven, Ct. (14), and the Album to Henry C. W. Spencer, Perth Amboy, N. J., (9).

Our grandest offer yet will be a Waterbury watch to the largest list, (2) an International Album, cloth edition, (3) same in boards, (4) a Color chart, (5) an Imperial Album, lists to be in by Feb. 1, 1886.

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ET CETERA.

Perhaps they are—A subscriber writes that perhaps the "Stamp duty" post cards of Victoria are used as beer stamps, and are tacked on the kegs.

It's an ill wind etc.—At an auction sale held on the 24-5th of September in N. Y., lot 825 b consisting of 5 pieces, one of which was not recognized, and the lot sold for \$12; \$2 40 for a stamp, the rare Macon, Ga. Confederate (see Collins' catalogue, part II, page 15,) a specimen of this stamp was secured by Mr. Sandford at the cost of \$125.

Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia have joined under the name of United Bulgaria. Servia objects to the Union, and complications will doubtless follow.

Mr. Rogert informs us that stamps are being prepared for the Tonga Islands, British Possessions near Fiji Is.

Auction sale Catalogue see type No. *Standard Catalogue*, for full particulars of these interesting stamps see *Revised List*, for complete history see Am. J. of P. Vol. page

Why seek at once to dive into
The depths of all that meets thy view,
Wait for the melting of the snow,
And then you'll see what lies below.

Goethe.

Died, Nov. 7th. 1885, at Fitchburg, Mass. In the thirty-second year of his age, Dr. CHAS. PRESCOTT HENRY, SON of the Rev. FOSTER HENRY of Hinsdale N. H., and Publisher of The New England Philatelist.



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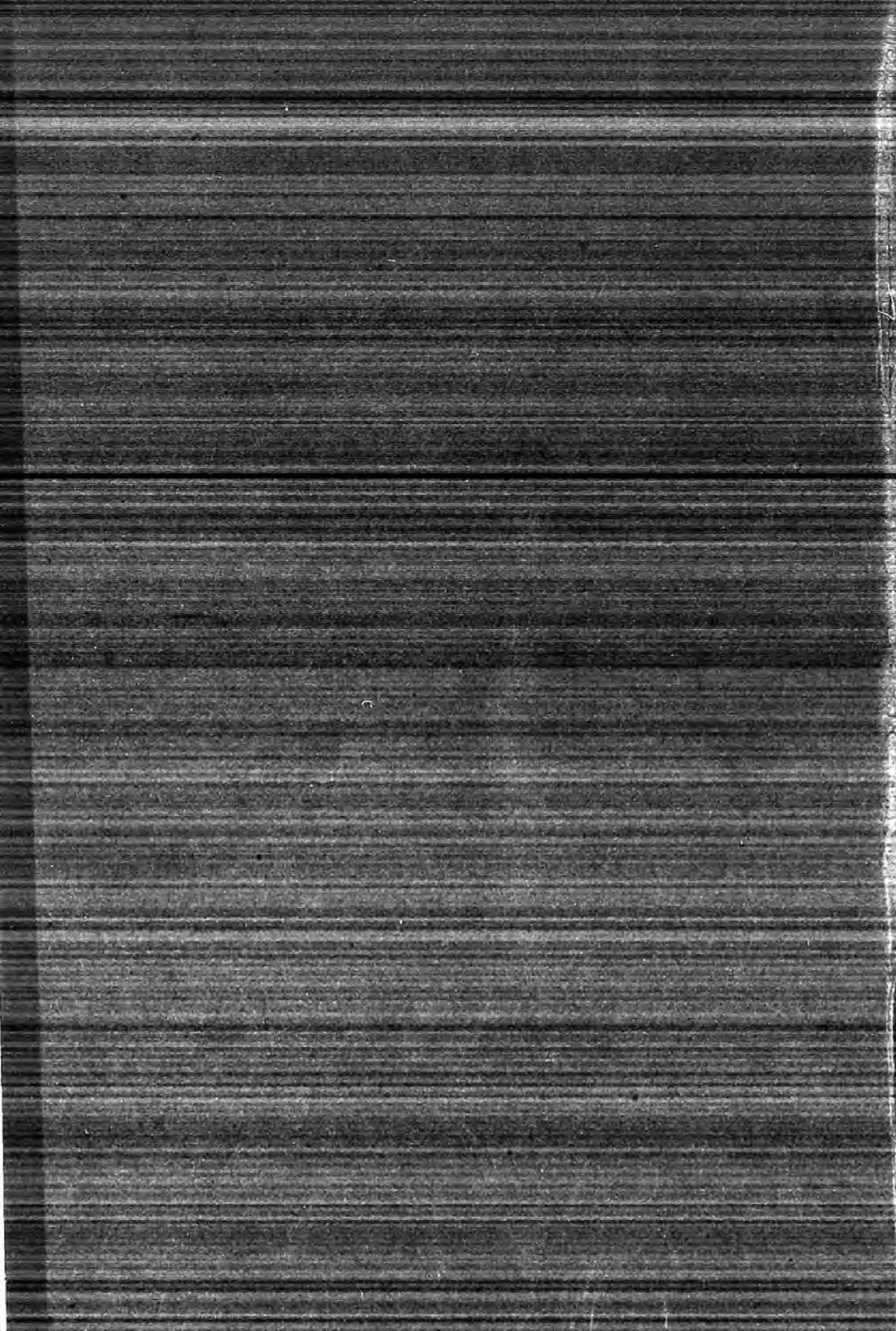
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this way, at cost of a little labor, a considerable amount of small change was manufactured. This currency became so popular that instead of using stamps, plates were engraved for each denomination, in imitation of the manufactured notes, the impressions from which had the same legal qualities and were used for the same purposes. These impressions were called the "postage currency." They were afterwards authorized by the Act of July 17, 1862, which directed the Secretary to furnish the Assistant Treasurers "the postage and other stamps of the United States to be exchanged by them on application for United States notes." These stamps were receivable in payment of all dues to the United States in sums of not less than \$5 and could be exchanged for United States notes when presented in sums of not less than five dollars. The same act put an end to a further issue of shin plasters by making the issue or circulation by private persons or corporations of notes or tokens for less than one dollar punishable by fine and imprisonment. The convenience of the postage currency was great, and the amount called for increased to an extent which became troublesome to the Postoffice Department, and the Secretary decided to take it into the Treasury Department where it belonged. Accordingly an act was passed which suspended its further issue and substituted in its place currency of another description, FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

Mercantile Library Association.

BOOK DELIVERY.

The Mercantile Library is the largest circulating library in New York City, and the board of managers are on the alert to adopt the latest improvements in serving its readers, and among these is the prepaid book delivery service thereby enabling its members to receive the benefit of the contents of its many shelves, without the necessity of taking either time or trouble to visit the hall.

intend to convey the meaning that the engraved issue the ten was issued with two five cent stamps as it has one TEN. nor that the fifty-cent note was composed of ten five cent stamps as the note shows FIVE ten cent stamps.

—ED.

As early as 1867 the service began and as it seemed to promise success it was continued in 1868 and by 1869 a horse and wagon was necessary for the service and has now for twenty years continued with but two interruptions, only to be renewed as the members appreciated it, when they were deprived of this useful department.

From the report of the library for 1870 we glean the following:

"You are already aware that the managers of the library have endeavored not only to serve members who visit the library in person, but also to accommodate the persons who for any reason have found it inconvenient to make personal application for books.

As a means, small order boxes were several years ago prepared and appropriately marked to designate their use, and stationed in convenient parts of the city for the reception of orders.

These orders in blank were obtainable at the library, and stamps (in the shape of ordinary postage stamps) were prepared and sold at five cents each in order to make good to the institution the expense of delivering the books.

Every day the orders were collected and the books thus called for were delivered as directed by the various applicants.

This system was deservedly commended but not altogether satisfactory.

The members of the association, widely scattered as they are, represent in their homes an area as broad as the city itself.

It was, therefore, simply impossible to locate our boxes within the convenient reach of all or even a very considerable part of our members.

It was also a matter of no little time and expense to collect the orders.

These were the material objections to a continuance of the old system provided a better plan could be found.

And during the past year a plan has been developed which is believed in the main insusceptible of improvement. Blank orders in the form of a square envelope imprinted with the two-cent government stamp on the outside, and with the five-cent library stamp on the inside, are issued at the library at the rate of seven



cents each or in packages of fifteen for one dollar. These blanks when filled out are sealed by the borrower and ready for deposit in any of the street letter boxes, which being attached to almost every other lamp post within city limits are easy of access to every member.

The orders are collected with postal precision and are delivered at the library several times each day. The delivery of books thus called for follows promptly as a matter of course, a horse and wagon being constantly employed for the purpose.

The new system excels the old in the convenience to members, economy to the library, and certainly merits the large patronage it enjoys.

The book delivery department is self-supporting even at this early date and is believed to be capable of affording an appreciable revenue with its increased growth.

The number of books delivered during 1869, prior to the beginning of the stamp system, was 8,428 up to April 1st. On the advent of the stamps this increased to 11,184.

This was under the management of the librarian, Mr. A. M. Palmer and his assistant, Mr. George Coope.

In 1870, 11,880 books were delivered, and in 1871, 12,869. During this year the horse and wagon was sold and a wagon especially built for the service and a fine horse purchased. In this year the number of books delivered fell off to 12,306.

In 1873, on October 1st, the department not paying the expenses, the outfit was sold.

In the following September, 1874, the board of managers resolved to renew the system of delivering books at the residences of members. Books are now sent to any part of the city below Sixtieth street for ten cents each. Instead of using a horse and wagon as under the old plan, messengers are employed, which in addition to being more economical, gives equal satisfaction. From October 1st, 1874, to the end of the year, April 1st, 1875, 2,422 books were delivered.

The department is nearly self-sustaining.

Since date till within a year or so

the service has been continued, the plates, however, have become lost or wiped. Even the stones are not to be found, and a United States post card with the request was sold at six cents. The series as near as I have been able to make it up is as follows:

1867, 5 cent blue on white.

1869, 5 " black on "

1871, 5 cent (7 cents) on " on inside of two-cent U. S. envelope.

1874, 10 cent black on yellow.

1875, 10 cent ochre on reverse of first issue U. S. post card.

1883 (?) 5 cent adhesive on third issue U. S. post card.

1886, 5 cent slips sold at 5 cents each unstamped.

I am inclined to believe that there are even more varieties of these interesting local private stamps, but those now in charge of the institutes are unable to assist me in completing it, and if any of the older members of the Association are able to complete it, I would consider it a great favor to myself as well as to those interested if they will at least publish the descriptions of these rarities.

W. H. MITCHELL.

[NOTE: When in Philadelphia in February, 1898, I stopped in the Mercantile Library of that city and showing them the New York stamps was told that a similar system had been in use but was unable to secure more information.—ED.]

HILL—"Say, Chalmers, doant ye knaw hits 'gainst the law to write duns hon postl'ards?"

CHALMERS—"I dinna ken it."

HILL—"Wal, ye knaw now."

CHALMERS—"Eh! Thet is why ye heve 'Post na bills' on yer fence."

"You're always full of news," said the Letter to the Box.

"I'm glad you dropped in," replied the Box, "I'll keep you posted."—*N. Y. Herald.*

Mr. Robt. S. Hatcher, of La Fayette, Ind., is now in New York, on his return from Europe, where he has been, and we understand his observations will be given to the press very soon.

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Editorial.

It is with peculiar feelings that we resume the conductorial charge of the INDEPENDENT. Before us, on our desk, lies the pen of our late associate, H. M. Craft, just as he laid it down in May, 1885.

There have been many changes in philatelic circles since No. 23 of the INDEPENDENT appeared, and others have kept the record.

We trust that this number will be welcomed as an old friend and that the good feeling that was prevalent in press circles in 1885 will again hold sway.

The same policy that the INDEPENDENT had in 1883-4-5 will be continued.

We prefer to deal with facts, condemning that which we believe to be wrong, and to encourage by our influence the right.

We may criticise, but it will be principles, and not the individual idiosyncrasies of men.

Controversy, like most things in this world, has a good and a bad side. On the good side, it may be said that it stimulates the wits, tends to clear the mind,

and often helps those engaged in it to get a better grasp of their subject than they had before; while, mankind being essentially a fighting animal, a contest leads the public to interest themselves in questions to which, otherwise, they would give but languid attention.

Opinions clash with opinions in the empire of science, and the knowledge that we possess is almost always an approximate statement of the truth. Nevertheless, there is truth and there is error. One opinion is by no means equivalent to every other opinion; there are wrong opinions and correct opinions; there is truth in this world, and truth is power.

Truth is many-sided and very few people gain a glimpse of all sides of a subject. Many see only one side, and, fancying there is no other, proceed to emphasize that one out of all true proportion. In their zeal they injure even their own cause, for the value of an idea depends largely upon its relation to other ideas, and when they are left out it must suffer. He who would discover the truth in any department of life must never be content with his first crude thoughts upon it, however implicitly he may believe in them; still the less must he try to air them for the benefit of others. He must rather try them and test them by looking equally at all sides and finding out what place they hold in the grand sphere of truth.

Strictly, no two persons can see the same thing in the same way, for it can never happen that two persons have precisely the same groups of ideas relating to the same subject.

These depend on our past experience, our education, on the beliefs of our times, on our various sects or parties, on our pet theories, our interests and our desires.

Did we but bear this in mind, how many quarrels and disputes might be saved! How modest we should be in condemning, how gentle in reproving, how careful in counseling!

As no man thoroughly understands a truth until he has contended against it, so no man has a thorough acquaintance with the hindrances or talents of man until he has suffered from the one and seen the triumph of the other over his own wars of the same.

We will not in these columns cause one sensitive fibre of a fellow's feelings to vibrate with pain.

But will tear all the gilt and silken drappings from wrong principles held up to delude those who have not the time to look into matters of import to them and philately, or who lack the ambition to do so.

Sixteenth Anniversary of the National Philatetical Society.

The members of the National and their guests, principally of the Brooklyn and Staten Island societies assembled in their rooms at No. 44 West 14th street, on Oct. 14, at 7.30, and after a short session the President invited the members and friends to accompany him to the "Dairy Kitchen." No. 44 East 14th st., where the committee had arranged events of a social nature.

Arrived there they were escorted to a private balcony where a carefully prepared luncheon was spread before them. Soon all were busy with the good things before them. Only the President of the S. I. P. S. complaining that. "The feast of reason should have a flowing bowl."

After having disposed with the *unpressed* grape, Mr. A. Dejonge rose and spoke as follows:

Mr. President and fellows members of the National the bouquet at the head of the table is from the ladies and I am their deputy to present it to the president.—Oh! —the ribbons—as the stores on Sixth avenue were closed when we Staten Islanders arrived, the ribbons are missing the floral token would have been larger but for the rain which keeps many away to-night—gentlemen—Its very dry!!!"

President Corwin:—We have with us to-night the president of another of our Metropolitan societies, Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President: It is now sixteen years since the National began its favors of philately and we of the junior societies watch its progress trusting to follow in the wake of our elders. I hope the National will have more than sixteen years, more of philatetical success, and many re-unions like the present, and I hope that when we have arrived at sixteen we will be as able to show as good a record.

Mr. Corwin:—Dr. Mitchell of Bergen Point is with us to-night he will favor us. He runs two papers, will he tell us how he does it.

Dr Mitchell:—Mr. President. I did not come prepared to speak to-night but to listen for the benefit of the two papers; we will soon see with what result. I can however speak only of the INDEPENDENT PHILATELIST, once the official organ of this society. Mr. President. I know what the National has been in the past. I know what work it has achieved, but is it well to stop at congratulating yourselves on the fact. You are now strong and your influence should be felt for good. There is no desire of its members that would not be fulfilled if it was known. No demand that would not be met. Publishers and dealers would strive to meet the wishes of its members, do not stop now but continue in research.

Mr. Corwin:—We have with us to-night a gentlemen whose name is well known to all who collect United States revenues, and whose articles merit the study of all, Mr. Robt. S. Hatcher, of Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. Hatcher: Mr. President, gentlemen, I have been abroad for a year and scarcely feel able to use my native tongue except brokenly, I will have my little say in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, so I pray you will excuse me.

Mr. Corwin; There is with us a gentleman who for several years was the occupant of the presidential chair of this society. I refer to Mr. Joseph Rechert.

Mr. Rechert; Mr. President and philatelists, I have not much to say except to report a new birth to take place in Hoboken on Saturday (Oct. 18), when a new society will organize there and you will hear more from us later.

Mr. Corwin: I am sorry not see that face amongst us to-night that has been with the society through all its sixteen years, and for eleven years its honored president, Mr. R. R. Bogert, who for one desires the Metropolitan societies consolidated into one body under one banner; others have the same hopes and were it not for the obstruction of the President of the Staten Island society, might be accomplished; however I hope that sweet whispering of his fellow members will convince him of

the error of his ways and convert his obstinacy to the better ways in store for Metropolitan Philately. It may be that it is foreordained that the *Metropolitan Philatelist* is a stepping stone to our goal. I will call on a gentleman who has been called the Father of Philately ("voice Oh! but this is dry work"), Mr. J. W. Scott, who I am happy to say has yielded to the desire of the Board of the METROPOLITAN and will still continue as business manager.

Mr. Scott: I have been asked to talk about Philately and the *Metropolitan Philatelist* and as probably the last is the most interesting, I will say that we have now been running a little over seven months and every number is more successful than the last taking the increase in circulation; you can judge of the contents yourselves. We are on a good financial basis and I hope all A. P. A. members will vote to sustain the action of the convention.

Mr. Corwin: We have Mr. Davison with us, he will give us a word on the press, as he has been connected with it.

Mr. Davison: Two years ago I resided fifty miles from the city in New Jersey and being present on one occasion similar to this given by the Brooklyn Club, I must say that I like to enjoy the companionship of philatelists, and that little social gathering in Brooklyn caused me to consider if it were not better to be in the metropolis, so as to be able to enjoy the social and other meetings of these societies.

Mr. Corwin: I hear Mr. Adenaw called for.

Mr. Adenaw: I beg to be excused.

Mr. Rechert: Mr. President you will pardon me speaking a second time but I have an idea since, it seems impossible to bring about amalgamation of the Metropolitan Societies why not have union meetings once in three months. I shall bring it up at the next meeting and leave it to others to do the same in their societies.

(Voice we'll treat you well on Staten Island).

Mr. Corwin: This meeting is adjourned.

The new catalogue of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. is to be out this month, and to be in one volume instead of two, as the last editions have been.

Money Order Stamps of the Netherlands.

These stamps were issued in 1884 by the government of the Netherlands and have been in constant use ever since. No notice has been taken of them by dealers or cataloguers beyond the announcement of issue by the *Philatelic World* at the time.

This from the fact that they do not leave the post office and are used similar to our periodical stamp.

We are indebted to our correspondent Mr. J. B. Robert, of The Hague for a set of these stamps. The following is a description of the set.

Shaded numeral in centre surrounded by a garter on which is "NEDERLANDSCHE" above "POSTEELIJEN," below in a straight line, on the upper border is "POSTE TREWLS" and at bottom worded value.

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Reviews.

The *Philatelic Monthly* comes out with a new cover, the design of which is as neat and chaste as one of Longfellow's poems.

The *Metropolitan* greatly reminds us of the old *National* we used to have for a neighbor. The heavy artillery of J. W. Scott Co., Limited, has arrived; it is known as the *Record and Review*, and will deal with the past and present, and is under the charge of Mr. A. R. Rogers.

That the *American Philatelist* should be retired to satisfy a few, while even the majority of those most interested in the *Metropolitan* desire it (the *American*) continued, is peculiar to say the least, but then it only serves to show the dangers of the proxy system in the A. P. A.

The *American Journal of Philately* is fully up to its usual standard.

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The *Independent Philatelist* has a large circulation among young people and others. The December issue will be larger than our usual issue. We solicit the patronage of dealers in Christmas goods.

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WHOLE No. 25.

Exultation!!!

And when the vote was counted, abroad the eagles
flew,
The A. P. A. threw up their hats, and loud the
roosters crew,
From North and South and East and West there rose
a mighty shout,
'Till Watson of the *Postcard* got a special Extra out.

The selfish men with greedy ends have all been put
to rout,
The queer things and the wrong things have all
been turned about,
The bitter fight is over, mistakes have been made
straight,
And Truth is still triumphant though Justice came
in late.

Hail! Clutz & Co., Hail! Spartan Band; Hail! voters
3-8-1,
There was but one thing left to do, and that good
deed you've done,
And as the fight is over, let's say no more about it,
Three long cheers for the A. P. let the A. P. A. all
shout it. P. A. M.

A Few More Words About New Moneys of Lincoln's Administration.

Postage Paper and Metallic Currency.

At various times in
this and other coun-
tries it has been the
custom to use the post-
age stamp for mone-
tary as well as postal
uses.

In England it is now
received as a deposit in the Post Office
Savings Bank.

In the United States the banking system
has not been incorporated with the Post
Office department as yet, though it has

been advocated by several of the Post-
master Generals.

The depletion of the metallic coins of
small values in circulation during the early
part of 1861 and subsequently, led many
to use this medium of exchange for small
purchases and to make change. The ex-
cellent article on this subject by Mr. Chas.
Gregory in the *Philatelic Journal of
America* for January, 1889, goes over the
ground very completely, though dealing
especially with the encased stamp or
metallic postal currency. The article in
the October, 1890, number of *Harper's
Monthly* is almost an echo of Mr.
Gregory's words.

As any one can see by a close compar-
ison, though why Mr. Chittenden omitted
to speak of the encased stamps we do not
know, but it was probably because he class-
ed them as "Store Cards" from the adver-
tisements on them, and not as currency, be-
cause they also were of private origin and
did not emanate from the Treasury De-
partment or from the Post Office Depart-
ment.

The *Harper* article was reprinted in the
Independent for last month, and through
this review we trust to clear up some
points on this important and interesting
specialty of United States postage stamps.

Mr. Chittenden says that "In a short
time his department manufactured and in-
troduced a new issue." Mr. Chittenden
then proceeds to describe the issue which
he does as follows. "All denomina-
tions were of uniform size. A piece of
paper with one stamp pasted on it was
five cents; and with two stamps on it was
ten cents; five stamps, twenty-five cents;
and ten stamps, fifty cents."





Of this provisional issue of postal currency we would make a few remarks, not in a spirit of criticism but seeking information for philatelists as well as historians and antiquarians

Mr. Chittenden says in his *Harper* article that "plates were engraved for each denomination in imitation of the manufactured notes."

From this we are led to believe that this provisional issue had printed inscriptions similar to the inscriptions on the engraved issue; if so, it is to be pitied that none have been preserved; we wait for light on this subject.

Mr. Sterling catalogues quite a number of the general issue, and we append his list.

- 5 cents light brown, perforated.
- 5 " dark " "
- 5 " light " Amer. Bank Note Co., perforated.
- 5 cents dark brown A. B. N. Co. perforated.
- 5 cents light " unperforated.
- 5 " dark " "
- 5 " light " A. B. N. Co. "
- 5 " dark " " "
- 10 " green, perforated.
- 10 " " A. B. N. Co. perforated.
- 10 " " unperforated.
- 10 " " A. B. N. Co. "
- 25 cents light brown, perforated.
- 25 " dark " "
- 25 " light " A. B. N. Co., perf.
- 25 " dark " " "
- 25 " light " unperforated.
- 25 " dark " " "
- 25 " light " A. B. N. Co. unperf.
- 25 " dark " " "
- 50 " green, perforated.
- 50 " " A. B. N. Co. perforated.
- 50 " " unperforated.
- 50 " " A. B. N. Co. unperforated.



money-order offices and the necessity of

something mailable and more convenient than current stamps is apparent; the department has this step in consideration. Philatelic dealers would appreciate this proposed innovation.

In the *Harper* article Mr. Chittenden writes for the general reader and not from a philatelic standpoint, hence his omission of detail; he also evidently wrote from memory and did not have the actual notes, etc., before him, hence his touching but lightly on the minutiae of the subject.

We think Mr. Chittenden can furnish a good deal of information from his official connection with the Treasury Department, but not being a philatelist he does not attach the importance to detail that philatelic writers do, so we trust to hear more from him on this subject.

The encased stamps used as currency are very peculiar in their nature combining the nature of a coin, stamp and paper note into one.



Through the kindness of the publishers of the *Philatelic Journal of America* we are able to present the illustrations in this article.

To quote Mr. Gregory these cases for the preservation of a stamp in circulation as currency, were invented and patented by Mr. J. Gault. The cost of manufacture of the case and profit had to be provided for, so Mr. Gault took advertisements for the reverse side as is shown by our illustrations. The obverse frame was of light brass and comes with and without the side pieces and these side pieces are sometimes ribbed.

These "coin stamps" were ordered by business houses and passed over their counters as change, and thence into general circulation bearing the advertisement broadcast through the country. All stamps current at time of issue are thus encased.

Mr. Gregory lists the following varieties which we append. We do not here, but will in a future number, list all the advertisers on the reverse, that are known.

- 1862 1 cent blue.
- " same no side pieces.
- " " blank reverse.

- 1862 1 cent same "Wier and Laramie Montreal, Can."
 3. " rose without micr.
 " same with mica, blank reverse.
 5 " yellow.
 " brown.
 " " blank reverse.
 " " ribbed side pieces.
 10 " green.
 " " blank reverse.
 " " ribbed side pieces.
 " " "Wier and Laramie Mont."
 12 " black.
 24 " lilac.
 30 " orange.
 90 " blue sample piece in Mr. Scott's collection.

We have aggregated these few notes and submitted these few queries trusting that collectors will search out what they have and at least make note of it for the benefit of philately as well as for numismatics.

The Philatelic Globe.

AZORES—Pursuant to dictations of the A. S. A. of New York, the Portuguese have decided to abolish the over-printed stamps in all colonies.

BRITISH EAST AFRICAN CO.'S TERRITORY—The *Record* thusly describes the first general issue of this future colony. The seal in centre consists of a representation of the sun crowned, surrounded by a garter of a horseshoe form with inscription "British East African Company," scroll above "Postage—Revenue" value on panel below.

½ anna brown, 1 anna green, 2 annas red, 4 annas fawn, 8 annas blue, 1 rupee carmine.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA—This dependency of Queensland is reported to use the Queensland stamps in the post offices of Port Moresby and Samarai. The initials, B. N. G. appear. Is this a surcharge or cancellation? Does it mean this stamp *Being No Good* after this marking, or does it stand for the new Colony's name?

CYPRUS—This colony seems to be hard up for post stamps from the following utilized revenues. There seems to be much speculation in press circles as to the meaning of these vagaries.

30 paras on one pi. rose 1883.

8 pence lilac and brown.

- 1 shilling green and black.
 2 " " " blue 1885.
 5 " " " violet.
 10 " " " carmine 1886.
 1 piastre lilac 1883.
 2 " " 1884.

GREAT BRITAIN—A second series of compound envelopes. Values, 10+1d., 10+1½d., 10+2d., 10+2½d., 10+3d., 10+4d., 10+6d., 10+10d., 10+1sh.

ITALY—Mr. Bogert reports that the one and two cent unpaid are to be withdrawn and surcharged 30 and 50 cent.

NETHERLANDS—A correspondent writes that the post office will not take the portrait off the current stamps so long as the late king lives.

SURINAM—The *Le T.* reports a three cent green with numeral in centre.

TURKEY—On the first of the Turkish year, March 1, 1891, there will be an entire change in color at least, as the law compels the post office to change the colors once every two years.

ZANZIBAR—It is reported British stamps are used here.

Obituary.

Jabez Feary, local manager of the Postal Telegraph Co., at Newark, N. J., died at Matawan, N. J., Nov. 16. He was formerly a clerk in the American Tel. Co., in Newark, and afterwards local manager of the Western Union Tel. Co., using the city lines of the W. U. T. Co. as a District Tel. Co. He was proprietor of the Mustang Express of Newark, a local post that run in that city several years ago, the history of which was published in the *P. J. of A.* at the time.

We learn from the *Eastern Philatelist* that Fred S. Goldsburly, editor and publisher of the *Yankee Philatelist*, died at Barre, Vt., on October 8th.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death at Saratoga, N. Y., of Postmaster Edward Gardiner, of Bayonne, and editor of our neighbor, the *Bayonne Times*. Mr. Gardiner was greatly interested in historical matters and recently edited and published a history of Monmouth and Ocean counties, N. J. As we pen these few lines in his memory the sable drappings of mourning are being put on the post office building, in which our office is located.

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Current Events, etc.

The study of the so-called crisis in the A. P. A. involves much more than seems to lie on the surface, to briefly state a few historic facts, and to a calm and unbiased reader, the whole thing is plain and the course of action is clear.

Events have followed each other in rapid succession and are stated as follows: Abuse of the proxy system. Abuse of power. Conspiracy to obtain power. Conspiracy to further personal ends. Did this end here, we could excuse it, but it has extended to the local societies; is breeding dissention and discontent. The fraternal relations of years are strained till rupture is imminent. No good can come from all wrangle, gentlemen, **HALT.**

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* is owned by three societies: the National, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Each member is part owner in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* and not only should he strive to furnish matter to its pages, but should use his influence to prevent trash, personal abuse, etc., from appearing in its pages.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* does not belong to the editor-in-chief, the sub-editors, or even to the entire staff, but to the three societies. We give this information for the benefit of those that think the *Metropolitan Philatelist* and its owners are responsible for the nonsense that has from time to time appeared. The talent of the men interested in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* cannot be duplicated anywhere in the world, and it should be utilized in the pages of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* and not crowded out to give vent to any galling gun abuse or philatelic politics or pyrotechnics.

INVENTION consists in the inception of an idea, the development of the idea and in its ultimate perfection. Ideas may be conceived by different persons widely separated from each other, and each ignorant of the other's existence. The fact that each is following the same train of thought, studying the same matter, must perforce lead to the same result.

Two trains leave the Grand Central Depot in New York, one follows the indented shores of Long Island Sound, the other ascends the valley of the Connecticut, but in the end both arrive in Boston. It matters little to us what course we pursue, so as in the end we arrive at our destination or our desires.

As we study the works of man in the products of his brain we are compelled to note that there is "nothing entirely new." The voice of one antiquarian has not ceased to echo in the halls of science when the door opens and another enters with a still earlier inception of the same idea.

It must be so to the end of time. We can award no palm but can only credit the first in recorded history with the honor of a work well done. The satisfaction of having benefitted his fellow men, this should be glory sufficient.

For and About Philatelists.

Mr. Chauncy S. S. Miller is on the staff of the *New York World*.

Mr. Lincoln B. Palmer has put his famous canoe, the "Bat," into winter quarters on the Passaic and is now back in philatelic circles. Mr. Palmer is interested in *Sail and Paddle*.

Mr. Philip La Tourette has just returned from a trip to Chicago and the Northwest.

Mr. A. R. Rogers is now a Jerseyite. He resides in Orange.

A stranger at the auction sales in New York would be surprised at the evasive cognomens by which the "prominents" seclude themselves. Here are a few.

"Scott,"	Scott Stamp & Coin Co.
"Graham,"	Mr. Gregory.
"Nelson,"	Mr. Terrett.
"Harlem,"	Mr. Hertzog.
"J.,"	Mr. Rechert.
"W.,"	Dr. Weaver.
"Bismarck,"	Mr. Adenaw.
"W. H.,"	Rev. W. H. Holman.
"Taylor,"	Mr. Vreeland.
"Slate,"	Dr. Crowell.
"A. P. A."	Mr. Muecke.

"Good-bye, Old Stamp," published in Vol. I., No. 1, *Bayonne Philatelist*, is from the pen of Eugene Field.

Dr. A. W. Seward is now located at 20 West 125th street, New York City.

Our sympathy is with the president of the National. At the meeting of the 11th ultimo he was Annihilated, Beaten, Crushed, Defeated, Eucred, Frightened, Gagged, Hurt, Insulted, Jeered, Kicked, Laid out, Massacred, Non-plussed, Outraged, Pounded, Quashed, Razzled, Sickened, Trounced, Upset, Vanquished, Worried, Zerophagied, Yoked, Zorlited by his fellow members.

The *P. J. of A.*, October issue, gives a portrait that all collectors might think Dom Pedro, but acquaintances recognize as Mr. Aug. Dejonge, president of the Staten Island Philatelic Society.

A Stamp Famine at the Post Office.

For the first time in the history of the New York post office a stamp famine occurred there Tuesday. The wholesale window was closed at 10 o'clock, as is usual on holidays, and only the retail window was left open. The clerk in charge had over \$300 worth of one and

two cent stamps, an amount that has never yet been sold on a holiday afternoon, but so many customers come around to him that by 3:30 o'clock he was all sold out.

The clerk in charge of the wholesale window was telephoned for, but he was unable to get down town before 4:30 o'clock and get a fresh stock out of the safe, so for just one hour a one or two cent stamp could not be had for love nor money at the chief post office of the country. Postmaster Van Cott was unable to account for the unusual demand for stamps, but he will have \$1,000 worth of stamps ready for use every holiday hereafter.—*New York Tribune*, Nov. 4, 1890.

Philatelic Fiction?

So much has been written and so much published during the last few years that it has got to be the style with many (so-called) philatelists to write only in a fictitious strain. Just what good is to be derived from this style they fail to state, but, nevertheless, they continue to fill the columns of some otherwise good journals, to the detriment of the publication and the crowding out of more interesting and more instructive matter.

It is all very well to speculate on what the future has in store, but to strive to adopt the Jules Verne or H. Rider Haggard style of literature to philatelic subjects, is worse than folly.

To dress up stamps like paper-dolls and childlike, to play with them seems to us to be the height of folly.

Borrow, if you will, all the beautiful imagery of a Longfellow, but let it be as dessert and not as steady diet.

General history, postal history and philately are so closely interwoven that the study of one necessarily includes the others.

In researching the musty records of the past we are compelled to refer to general history. The present generation has only the writings of its predecessors, and it is only by searching obscure and long-forgotten records and republishing them that the majority of us are enabled to attain anything like an intimate knowledge of the past.

In the INDEPENDENT we propose to make a depository for such general history as is of interest to the philatelist. We may satirize gross evils in our columns, but we will not allow any stamp-fays to gambol over the "green heaths" of our pages.

Much has been published and, much more been forgotten and it is well from time to time to review that which we have forgotten.

Some of our contemporaries attempt to pose as critiques in these matters and take exception to articles we have published when their own columns were full of fairy tales of how the stamps in dealer's safes played tag with each other during the stilly night.

Of what interest are the ancient Egyptians to modern philatelists, if it were not a historical fact that they used stamps before Moses emigrated. It is of no benefit to philately to strive to write a "Fake" imitating the ancient style.

Let us do what we can, if it were little, well; and if it is much, it were better.

News and Notes.

The Brooklyn club now furnishes a certificate of record to its members, attached to which is a photograph of any rare stamp it is wished to note especially, a duplicate of which photo is kept in a book of record. There is space on the certificate for data prior to ownership and the whole is attested by the society with date of issue of each certificate. The fee for issuing each certificate is fifty cents.

The Brooklyn society also on the meeting of October 21, set the ball in motion to organize with the sister metropolitan societies a philatelic library and club room in some central location to be always open, and to contain a library of reference and facilities for philatelic study and research as well as a comfortable club room for the members and their friends to meet socially. We have no doubt that it will be carried out to success. The Brooklyn Club has push and energy as well as high aims.

The N. P. S., in a meeting on November 11 censured the *Metropolitan* for its contents. Queer for a society to censure its own journal.

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WHOLE No. 26.

Last of the '70's.*

Last one of an honored race!
Now in the album take thy place,
And rest content, thy work well done,
Thy course of Postal-labor run,
Thy days and months and years were spent
In faithful service, Old Fifteen Cent.

And now the last one of thy line,
As you gaze at the whitening fields of time
And backward look through a score of years,
Not one of your good old set appears,
And pent-up feelings must find a vent,
E'en thro' a lonely Old Fifteen Cent.

A score of years and changes came
To others, finding you the same;
Tho' a fourth One Cent now wears the blue,
You still retain the golden hue
You wore for twenty years, content
With your sphere in life, Old Fifteen Cent.

W. H. M.

*It is curious to note that while all the stamps of the 1870 set were changed in color or re-engraved, the fifteen cent never was changed from time of issue till it became obsolete.—W. H. M.

Off the Beaten Track.

WILLIAM H. MITCHELL.

In 1886, when President Tiffany, of the A. P. A., published his "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States," he surprised the philatelic world by the statements, borne out by evidence that the U. S. post offices at Washington, D. C.; Philadelphia, Pa., and Worcester and Pittsfield, Mass., had used stamps.

The evidence of these hitherto unknown or more correctly, forgotten stamps, is from newspaper clippings from papers published at the time, and we would urge all philatelists to scan closely all periodicals of the 40's and previously and send the same in to the librarian of the A. P.

A. for preservation.

In this practical age very little attention is paid to tradition. Is it not well to investigate the traditions and incomplete records that we may see what there may be in them?

Tradition tells that the couriers of the the Spanish Viceroy, in Honduras, in the Sixteenth Century prepared seals for the use of the Vice-regal secretary and such merchants as might choose to buy such seals which, when affixed to parcels of correspondence, not only prepaid the correspondence but gave the carrier, with or without escort, the right of way over all roads and mountain passes and all persons that put any obstruction in the way of or caused delay to a carrier with correspondence should be punished with death. Is not such tradition worth investigation? I think that any one that was conversant with the Spanish language could search out the entire history from the great libraries in Spain. Reference to such a postal service is made in manuscripts and old works in the Library in Guatamala City. I trust that we may find more of its history hid away in some yellow paged book in Old Spain. Dr. Thebausum might be immortalized in philately by proving that the couriers in El Dorado used pre-paid stamps.

Those who read my article entitled "History," published in the *Quaker City Philatelist*, not only saw reference to the above but may remember reference in the chronological table to a Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., Post of post-Colonial days. I copy the hand-bill.

Jamaica STAGE

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the

public that the Jamaica Stage will, from the date hereof run Monday, Thursday and Saturday, between Jamaica and Brooklyn, to start from Mrs Hinchman's Jamaica precisely at seven o'clock in morning, and from Mr. Allen's Brooklyn ferry at Half-past Four in the afternoon.

(torn * * *) for each passenger Letters baggage &c. left at (* * * torn) —kins New York ferry stairs at Mr. Allen's Brooklyn ferry or at Mrs. Hinchman's Jamaica will be carefully attended to.

JOHN VAN NOSTRANDT.

N. B. He has provided himself with a new and easy carriage, and for the convenience of those who wish to go further he has one at Jamaica, which will start at the shortest notice.

* * Three pence for each letter forwarded by the Stage and none will be attended to unless money is left with them.

Jamaica, May 21, 1791.

This handbill also bears the imprint:

"New York, Printed by JOHN HARRISON No. 3 Peck slip."

It has a rough cut of a stage and pair at the top and is surrounded by a serpentine floral border. Mrs. Hester B. Warner, the mother of William A. Warner, N. Y., has often travelled to Jamaica in the line of stages that had this humble origin, and also received letters in Brooklyn delivered by this same Van Nostrandt long after 1791.

When the world awakened in 1840 from its lethargy of centuries in postal improvement, there were doubtless many other towns and offices that issued stamps in imitation of New York, Brattleboro, Millbury, as well as Pittsfield, Worcester, etc., but they have not only not been chronicled but forgotten. Of these I would, in closing this, mention several that have been brought to my notice.

About 1845 the U. S. postmaster in Harbortown, Block Island, Rhode Island, issued one adhesive stamp and from the limited mail from Block Island it is easy to see why all trace should be lost, Block Island not then being a summer resort.

The close relation between many envelope stamps and prepaid postmarks render many of these relics of little value, for instance the postmaster of Elizabeth, N. J., stamped up envelopes by the package and

afterward accepted them as prepaid, but how are we to tell them from others postmarked with the same imprint. One is as valuable as the New Haven, the other is an ordinary letter merely postmarked. Some philatelists do not deem postmarks worth the time bestowed on them but in studying them may not our researches lead to something of value.

Philatelic Mathematics.

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The Secretary of the Imperial (German) Mail Service, Von Stephan, has made the following publication: In Zanzibar, Bagamogo and Dar-es-salaam, Imperial German mail agencies have been established. Their purpose is the exchange of letter mail under the conditions of the Universal Postal Union. Postage rate from Germany are: Letters, prepaid, 20pf. for each 15 gr.; letters not prepaid, 40 pf. for each 15 gr.; postal cards, 10 pf.; same with answers prepaid (reply cards), 24 pf.; printed matter, samples of merchandise and business circulars, etc. at 5 pf. for each 50 grs., with 10 pf. as minimum rate for the latter class of mail matter. Registering fee, 20 pf.—*Translated for the Ind. Phil from a German exchange.*

Mr. F. W. Hunter, editor-in-chief of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, is an enthusiast on locals. His graduating thesis in Columbia College was on the "Local Posts of New York."

The objects of this association are to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to philately; to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and to enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries.—*Constitution A. P. A.*

Fie!

'Tis said that men are children grown larger but in else,
Grown older too in years that should have made them wise,
But men will act like children, who often we hear say
When displeased with their comrades "There, now, I won't play."

"I must be the teacher, else we will not play school,"
"And my way is much the best way," man follows childhood's rule,
"And as the world don't suit me, its honors I decline,
My present occupation I hereby now resign."

We also like to children cry, "Fie! Fie! Fie! for shame!"

We thought that now in Man's estate, you still prized manhood's name,
But we find we were mistaken. Here! Let's wipe its 'little eye,

Or yun home to its own mamma, and have a good long kye.

Jersey City, Dec. 1st, 1890.

P. A. M.

A Chapter of Law.

"South Carolina—Ordinance ratified March 21, 1778—An act for the erecting of a post office within the State of South Carolina.

Regulations for the post offices within this State in addition to such as are already made by the Honorable Continental Congress.

As soon as public offices are established within this State, commanders of vessels must deposit all letters addressed to persons within this State or to any of the United States of America in the nearest post office. * * * * *

As soon as post offices are established in this State by the Continental Congress, or the laws of this State, it shall not be lawful for any person to ride post on any public post-road for the carriage of more than ten letters or private account under penalty of £20."

Under this old law the government could have suppressed Honour's City Post had it been so disposed.

The Act of Parliament Vth. George III (1765), "Empowers the Postmaster-General to establish penny post offices in America," also limits weight of packets sent by penny post to 4 ounces.

First mention of penny post in literature in America.

"Act March 3, 1843—Appropriation made

for testing the capacity and usefulness of the magnetic telegraph by constructing a line of telegraphs between such points as will determine its practicability." Under this act Prof. Morse's line was erected between Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C.

"Act June 19, 1846—Appropriation made for defraying expenses of magnetic telegraph from Washington to Baltimore, "Provided that the Postmaster General be and he is hereby authorized to let for a limited time the aforesaid telegraph to any person who will keep it in operation for its earnings; or he may under the direction of the President of the United States sell the same."

Act of August 10, 1846.—"That the proceeds of the telegraph between Washington City and Baltimore be and the same are hereby directed to be placed in the Treasury of the United States for the benefit of the Post Office Department in the same manner as other revenues from postages."

These three acts give the United States not only the first telegraph but the first postal telegraph operated.

An Occupation for Dogs.

DOLLIE.—(Snuggling quite close to his watch chain)—"What have you in that locket?"

CHOLLIE.—"A postage stamp."

DOLLIE.—"Goosie! What postage stamp?"

CHOLLIE.—"The one on your last precious love-letter. I detached it carefully. It touched your moist red lips; it often touches mine."

DOLLIE.—"You dreadful, awful fellow! I'm so sorry."

CHOLLIE.—"Sorry! Why?"

DOLLIE.—"Because I moistened that stamp by pressing it on Fido's dear, damp nose!"—*Yenowine's News*.

PRIMUS—"The postmaster at East Centre has been turned out."

SECUNDUS.—"For cause?"

PRIMUS.—"Yes; he sent all letters in mourning envelopes to the dead-letter office."—*Town Tattle*.

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Editorial.

One of our principal features this month is our petition to the Postmaster-General. We have quite a list of philatelists now, but what we want is something not only representative of the collectors in the United States and Canada, but the world of collectors, so that when our representative hands it to Mr. Wanamaker he will see at once that philately is an important speciality of history, and in acceding to our request he is doing a good work.

Send us in at once your signature and address. Get your friends to send theirs. Now we don't want names sent in on post-cards, because this is to be attached in one petition, and we want it to be a long one.

To the philatelic press: We ask our contemporaries, will you not aid us? This is certainly a good work, and if we pull together we will succeed. Mention 't in your paper. Get every philatelist that has any philatelic life at all in him to send his signature to

WILLIAM H. MITCHELL

Box 265, Bayonne, N. J., U. S. A.

The World's Fair.

It is altogether probable that the U. S. Post Office Department will make an exhibition of stamps; but this is not enough to gratify the philatelic taste. We can have philatelists on the committee in charge of a *Department of Philately*. Now is the time to appoint a committee to see that the Chicago Fair provides a *space and facilities* for the scheme. There has been some talk of this, but no advance. President Tiffany, we think you can appoint a committee of representative philatelists of America, and A. P. A. members, say fifteen in number, to take preliminary steps in this to us important matter. Appoint at once, let's get to work.

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 Ourselves.

During the past two months we have been perfecting arrangements so that we could resume the foreign correspondence of former years, of those some thirty have replied, and we expect to hear from more. The readers of the INDEPENDENT will doubtless be pleased to learn that the Independent Stamp & Publishing Co. have in preparation two standard works that will also be commenced in the columns of the INDEPENDENT PHILATELIST in the near future. The Permanent Philatelic Exhibition in New York, by "one of the staff;" "Crests, Designs and Portraits—A Study," by Messrs. W. A. Warner, Dr. W. H. Mitchell, Philip La Tourette and others. Besides this we have persuaded Miss Lucy Norton Blaihourne to write on philatelic subjects as well as on others. Her work will appear only in the INDEPENDENT. In the February issue will appear "The Story of the First Stamp in America." (*An interview.*)

♦ ♦ ♦ That Club Room Idea

Is making haste slowly. Come, gentlemen, get together and consider it. If we are going to have it, let's have it prior to the Fourth of July next. Get the room; show it to the boys; the fittings will follow; conveniences will be put in, and luxuries will come *en train*. Get to work.

Our Plea.

The Philatelists of the United States and the Universal Postal Union to the Postmaster-General of the United States, Greeting:

HON. JOHN WANAMAKER.

Respected Sir:—We, the undersigned, philatelists and stamp collectors, believing that you have the authority to grant our petition, respectfully call your attention to our desires and trust that you will after perusal give the matter your earnest attention.

1. The philatelists of the world desire to procure the specimens of the periodicals or newspaper stamps for their collections at the lowest cost to them, and the fact that they are not now for sale to the general public as when they were first issued prohibits their purchase.

2. Believing that after their being cancelled on the receipt stub and returned to the post office department and the postmaster's reports verified, that the department has no further use for them.

3. Therefore, we, the stamp collectors of the United States, and our friends of the Universal Postal Union, petition you to cause the periodical or newspaper stamps used to prepay second-class mail matter in the United States be at least once a year put up at public auction and sold to the highest bidder, not in an entire lot, but in several lots, so as to distribute them generally among the collectors through the regular channels of trade. The sale of these several lots of accumulated stamps of the second-class mail matter would give a profit to the Post Office Department, to the stamp trade, and be a matter of no little pleasure and gain to the philatelists and stamp collectors of the entire globe. Yours very respectfully.

The President's Message.

The use of the telegraph by the Post Office Department as a means for the rapid transmission of written communications is, I believe, upon proper terms, quite desirable. The government does not own or operate the railroads and it should not, I think, own or operate the telegraph lines. It does, however, seem to be quite

practicable for the government to contract with the telegraph companies, as it does with the railroad companies, to carry at specified rates, such communications as the sender may designate for the method of transmission. I recommend that such legislation be enacted as will enable the Post Office Department fairly to test by experiment the advantages of such use of the telegraph.

Pack's Girdle.

ANTIOQUIA:—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* doubts the error 20 centavo, brown on white, that appears in the sheets of 50 centavos, brown, "as an error."

BRAZIL:—The New Year is to have an entire change. New designs. Will give particulars in next issue.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA Co.:—The *Stamp News* says that the pen-charged "B E A" stamps are bogus.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO:—Mr. Bogert doubts the "Eight—Cents" on the 25 cents.

CAUCA:—The *P. J. of A.* gives a detailed account of the recent issue from here. More study will develop whether they are collectible.

DIEGO SUAREZ:—We wait with others the result of the investigations of the labels reported.

GREECE:—Several of the European papers report several sheets with central figures inverted, 60 lepta unpaid.

HAYTI:—The 3 centimes has been surcharged "Dneux—2—Cent." There will be a new issue on February 1, 1891.

JAMAICA:—A local post, we understand, was suppressed in Kingston by the Colonial authorities.

LEEWARD ISLANDS:—The issues of this group succeeds Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts and Virgin Islands. It is reported a set is in preparation for the Windward Group.

The 4d. Leeward Islands postage and revenue has appeared, and the 1, 2, 3, 6 and 1sh. will appear soon.

MONACO:—Something new is promised for the Principality.

NEW ZEALAND:—"Government insurance," or more correctly, *Light-house board*. Official stamps one, two, three,

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sixpence and one shilling are reported by the *Auckland Press*.

UNITED STATES—*Local*: Harris City Despatch. Circular adhesive, Philadelphia, 1847. In circle above "For the Post Office;" in circle below "C. S. Harris, City Despatch Post.—*American Journal of Philately*.

VICTORIA:—*Le T. P.* reports a red-brown variety of the brown-black 1d.



VENEZUELA:—*Coro Navigation Co.* Among the last lot of mail matter for Curacao weret wo letters for Coro City, Coro, Venezuela, prepaid to Porto Libre, Curacao, and from there by a 25c.

Curacao stamp. It is canceled with "Anteuaa—CORREO—DEL—COMERCIO" in three lines in red; rouletted at top and bottom; black on yellow paper.

ZANZIBAR:—In our last issue we spoke of British stamp in use here, it seems that the Indian stamps with surcharge are bogus.—PUCK.

Our Note-Book.

On Dec. 6th a hot water-pipe in Ducal Museum of Brunswick burst, flooding the saloons and ruining many rare tapestries and paintings. The money value loss cannot be estimated. Among the ruined articles was the late Duke's collection of post stamps, one of the finest in Europe at the time.

The *Bayonne Times* is getting to be quite a philatelic journal. In the issue of Dec. 4, 1890, it instructs its readers how to place stamps in an album. We agree with the *Times*, as their views are orthodox.

We will exchange with all philatelic publications. Drop in and see us, we will return the favor.

Mr. H. Freeman Neefus, of the Merchants' Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J., is traveling most of the time, and the various U. S. and Canadian P. M.'s dislike him when he bothers them to look up particular specimens, etc. for him. He will give his experience and "Queer Things I've Found," in an early number of the *INDEPENDENT*.

Among the possibilities of the future are a union of the Central American States and a postal arrangement among the British West Indian islands. That would give us a single set for the whole group.

The consolidation of the British Colonies in South Africa, including Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Bechuanaland, Zululand, etc., into one government is also talked of.—*Philatelic Monthly*.—

The West Indian arrangement is an old thing and the Central Americans agree disagree.

We fail to see the reason why one issue could not do for the *Whole British Empire* all over the world, and that all nations with dependencies could not do likewise. This, we understand, will come before the next U. P. U. congress. That the U. P. U. should issue an international set of stamps as some enthusiasts in France propose, we very much doubt.—*Ed.*

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WHOLE No. 27.

The Stage Coach.

Tarnished and battered and old,
Heartlessly hidden away,
Left to the moth and the mould,
Darkness and dust and decay.
This was the pride of its day,
Now all its glory is o'er—
Faded and vanished for aye;
Gone is the driver and four.

How shall its story be told?
What shall a song of it say?
Once it was brilliant as gold,
Once it was gilded and gay.
Fine in their festive array,
Many the bride that it bore;
Now are they wrinkled and gray.
Gone are the driver and four.

Where now the driver bode?
Where does he rest to-day?
Where the quaint labels he sold,
Our letters to convey?
Others bring the mail to-day,
With a rush to Old Inn's door,
Man, like stamp, has passed away;
Gone are the driver and four.

Long through the heat and the cold,
Ever from May until May,
Over the highways it rolled;
Time has now made it his prey.
Never a stately display,
Never a dash as of yore,
Never a swing or a sway:
Gone are the driver and four.

Over new roads that men lay,
Rush we with rattle and roar.
Only sweet memories stay;
Gone are the driver and four.

—BISSEL CLINTON.

A Little Pro and Some Con, Anent Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, New Jersey, is situated
on the "Jersey coast" and is separated
from the main land by bays and inlets.
It is a large summer resort and, during
the season, has many transient inhabi-

itants, principally from Philadelphia, Pa.,
who spend a few days at a time there.
This, as a consequence, gives the post
office a large mail, and as at that time
cities of less than 20,000 could not be
afforded free delivery and as Atlantic
City was considerably below this in the
winter the department afforded no relief.

Here private enterprise, as is usual in
mail matters, took the lead and a carrier
and delivery service similar to that in
vogue in Asbury Park, Ocean Grove and
Long Branch, New Jersey, and many
other places, came in use.

In 1884 the *Philatelic Monthly* sud-
denly startled the collectors of United
States locals by the announcement and
description of Faunce's Penny Post's new
stamp. The usual comment of the con-
temporaneous press and no one heard any
more about it except at odd intervals, and
then principally in the Western press.

Letters addressed to *Faunce's Delivery*,
to the *Penny Post*, *Atlantic City*, and to
other similar names, were "*Returned
to writer.*" A letter to the late Mr. Dur-
bin elicited the following reply:

A LETTER.

PHILA., Nov. 30, 1886.

Dr. W. H. Mitchell.

Dear Sir:—Yours received. I can give you
but little information about the Atlantic City
local. Last summer I received a postal card
from the proprietor offering them for sale.
As I was going down there in a day or so there-
after, I so informed him (or them) and ap-
pointed a meeting. A young man called on
me at the hotel, showed me samples and
offered to supply them *cancelled or uncanceled*,
for so much per 100. I gave him an order to
send 100 to me at Philadelphia but never
heard anything further. I think they must
have been gotten up to sell. Yours,

L. W. DURBIN.

[NOTE:—The italics are Mr. Durbin's, not the writer's.]

Mr. E. R. Aldrich (Era) seems to believe implicitly in them, and has kindly called my attention to nearly all the press notices of this post. I have been waiting for the last four years for developments and until recently no connected story has appeared.

THE STORY.

Mr. Aldrich, in the November *Northwestern Philatelist*, gives the story as he knows it, and in detail:

Mr. A. S. Faunce, in the fall of 1884, started a letter delivery to and from the post office, and continued to enjoy a good patronage and was endorsed by leading citizens and in April, 1885, the stamp appeared, value nominal, but one cent each, for use with the twelve drop boxes he had distributed around the city. After the introduction of the stamp the boxes were increased to twenty. The stamp, see cut, issued April 1876, black on red glazed paper, value one cent, and are punched out of the sheet similar to some Boyd's.



COMMUTATION RATES.

Twenty-five cents per week was charged to regular customers, and tickets, like milk tickets, value one cent, used to make change. The large commutation tickets being punched R. R. style when the weekly bill (twenty-five cents) was paid on washday (Monday) a. m.

COMPARISON.

Mr. Faunce is described as an elderly man, one that wears the G. A. R. (and not A. P. A.) button. Mr. Durbin describes a young man.

Mr. Durbin received a letter from the proprietors who afterward were timid in letting him have the labels, though he was willing to pay their price. This fact made Mr. Durbin doubt the legitimate use of the stamp. Note also Mr. Durbin used the word samples, not specimens.

DEDUCTION.

The seeming discrepancy between the two tales is not so wide as it may seem. I have not the slightest doubt a Mr. A. S. Faunce, an elderly man, ran a delivery service in Atlantic City, New Jersey and continued it till United States carriers were put on.

My conclusions are that a young man

(Durbin's) got the stamps used, and also had some not defaced. That this young man could not have been an employee else Mr. Aldrich had known of the fact and mentioned it in the *Northwestern* and the little rhyme in the *Stamp*, August, 1886, was but prophetic.

"O, Atlantic City local,
Hear me toot!
Soon in oral accents vocal
You will strike full many a yokel
For his loot."

"Then quick will some one wary,
Hear me sing!
Warn collectors to be wary
How they buy this latest fairy.
On the wing."

"For it is a label spoolish.
Hear me cry!
And a body would be foolish,
And a little out of rulish.
Should he buy!"

"Then let us one and all—
This I think—
Discountenance such gall,
And join the National * this fall,
Ere we sink."

W. H. MITCHELL.

Carabee Islands.

The confusion arising from lack of information as to just which of the British West Indian Islands are included in the Leeward Island group renders some explanation necessary.

The North or Leeward group begins at Porto Rico and extends southward and includes the following British colonies: Virgin Islands, Nevis, Antigua, Montserrat, Dominica and St. Lucia. This group also contains the Danish island of St. Thomas, and Guadeloupe and Martinique and some lesser French possessions.

The South, or Windward Islands, include St. Vincent, Barbadoes, Grenada and Tobago.

Trinidad is rather a portion of South America than an island of the group, and is so considered.

* National here has reference to the conceived idea of the A. P. A. soon afterward organized. D. W. Osgood is the author of the lines.

Defiance.

So when they were defeated, they took another tack.
 "If we can't run the engine, we can throw it off its track:

We will brook no opposition, your rights to us resign,
 And if you do not do so we will build another line."

"But another line is costly, and here is one at hand"
 Said these schemers to each other as they looked
 out o'er the land

"And what if we do steal it, you know that might
 makes right,"

And if you look one moment we will make black
 into white."

Aha! now my bold schemers don't try your tricks to
 screen.

If you look into our eyes you will find they've not
 turned green,

But at night an owl is watching, so beware his weird
 "too-who,"

And in the day's bright sunlight there are eagle
 eyes on you.

But let your deeds be open, it is time to end this
 flight.

We thought that in the New Year you would labor
 for the right,

We thought that in the New Year you would act upon
 the square,

We thought that in the New Year at least you would
 be fair.

Jersey City, N. J.

P. A. M.

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 Odds and Ends.

Gordon Bros., 209 Avenue D, Bayonne, N. J., sold a lot of Chilian postal and fiscal stamps and Chili-Peru war medals, the property of the late Robt. S. Meeks of Valparaiso, Chili, on the 12th ult.

Trifet's Monthly Galaxy of Music, January, received (Mr. T. cannot forget his philatelic friends) and contents noted. 12 of such numbers in one year would be a musical library and give no end of pleasure and enjoyment to its possessor and friends. Subscription to the *Galaxy* and this journal for the price of the *Galaxy* alone—\$1.00. Send in at once to our manager.

The Thurber Wyland Co. recently organized, sent out 1,000,000 of these announcements using \$10,000 worth of one cent stamps.

The index of the IV. vol. of the *American Philatelist* is worthy of study; it is a reference list to a great variety of subjects.

At the annual meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, Mr. J. W. Scott was elected President over Mr. J. M. Sheridan by a vote 16 to 11.

Mr. R. R. Bogert for 1st Vice-President over Mr. C. B. Corwin by 15 to 12.

Mr. H. C. Needham for 2nd Vice-President over Mr. H. L. Calman by 17 to 9.

Mr. Alvah Davison no opposition for Secretary. No election for Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Rasmus re-elected, no opposition.

Librarian, F. A. Nast, unanimously.

Executive Committee, Messrs. Henry Clotz, R. F. Albrecht, W. S. Scott.

The Philatelic Monthly began its XVII. volume last month. This conservative journal goes on its peaceful way unmindful of the storms that round it rage.

Several of our exchanges note change in the 1890 U. S. 1 and 2 cent stamps; careful measurements that we have made fail to detect them. Is it not shrinkage in the paper? Photographers have to exercise care with portraits from this property of paper shrinking in one direction and often have to cut paper to waste to overcome this shrinkage.

Mekeel's Weekly, No. 1 and 2 received, and we must say that Mr. M. seems to furnish a general News Bureau for all the monthlies.

Last winter a farce entitled *A Postage Stamp* was advertised to be played in New York, but never appeared. This season the *U. S. Mail* at the Columbus and the *Fast Mail* at the Windsor have entertained the philatelists of the Metropolis.

There was recently organized in Paris a society of antiquarians *Americanists*, devoting their studies entirely to American antiquities. An American dealer has orders to accumulate for their musee an assortment of American post and revenue stamps, ante-dating 1840.

Will "Owl" kindly sent in his name and address in good faith; some of his notes are good, we however do not publish anonymous items.

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We understand that a prominent New York collector who has a large foreign mail, saves the water in which he soaks his stamps and boils it down thereby obtaining what he terms his "Philatelic Gum." None genuine except that prepared by this formulæ.

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From the Seat of War.

The January issue of the *Duplex Metropolitan Philatelist* is before us. The contending forces are just now in an intricate tangle and what the result will be will be chronicled later. The metropolitan correspondent of the **INDEPENDENT** has sent us a few sketches which we reproduce.

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There is a wordy wrangle between the Colonists of Queensland and the French for the possession of the New Hebrides Islands. The outlook is that Queensland stamps will soon be surcharged for use here.

King Kalskau of the Hawaiian Kingdom, died in San Francisco, Cal., on the 20th ult. Just what will be the outcome of the ending of his reign is difficult to foretell. A succeeding king? A President? Annexation, U. S. A. or United Kingdom?

We have a number of photo-copies of some unknown or little known stamps that we are having engraved especially for the **INDEPENDENT PHILATELIST**, some of which will probably appear next month.

Our Plea.

(Reprinted from last month.)

The Philatelists of the United States and the Universal Postal Union to the Postmaster-General of the United States, Greeting:

HON. JOHN WANAMAKER.

Respected Sir:—We, the undersigned, philatelists and stamp collectors, believing that you have the authority to grant our petition, respectfully call your attention to our desires and trust that you will after perusal give the matter your earnest attention.

1. The philatelists of the world desire to procure the specimens of the periodicals or newspaper stamps for their collections at the lowest cost to them, and the fact that they are not now for sale to the general public as when they were first issued prohibits their purchase.

2. Believing that after their being cancelled on the receipt stub and returned to the post office department and the postmaster's reports verified, that the department has no further use for them.

3. Therefore, we, the stamp collectors of the United States, and our friends of the Universal Postal Union, petition you to cause the periodical or newspaper stamps used to prepay second-class mail matter in the United States be at least once a year put up at public auction and sold to the highest bidder, not in an entire lot, but in several lots, so as to distribute them generally among the collectors through the regular channels of trade. The sale of these several lots of accumulated stamps of the second-class mail matter would give a profit to the Post Office Department, to the stamp trade, and be a matter of no little pleasure and gain to the philatelists and stamp collectors of the entire globe. Yours very respectfully.

DEAR SIR,

Your petition to the Postmaster-General is a good thing and should it be granted would add materially to the income of the Department and aid the collections of thousands of philatelists. May it be successful.

HENRY F. KING, A. P. A. 384.

Your petition to Postmaster-General Wanamaker has my approval as a philatelist of 25 years standing, you are at liberty to attach my name.

F. L. NASH, Fort Wayne, Ind.

◆◆◆
The Foreign Mail.

ANTIOQUIA—On account of the error in the sheet of 50c. brown, that value is now printed in green. The color of the 20c. is blue, and the following have been issued: 1 peso, vermilion; 2 pesos, black on carmine; 5 pesos, black on vermilion.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—The figures "5" surcharged on the 8c. envelopes seem to be of two sizes. We have a $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp with head in circle, "Correos y Telegrafos" above, "Centavo— $\frac{1}{2}$ —Centavo" below; color green; perf. 11.

AUSTRIA—There is a new journal stamp. Instead of the head of Mercury we have the arms, with value below. 1kr. red; imperforate.

BAHAMAS—Mr. Barnum has shown us the 6d. mauve of current type.

BHOPAL—The *Philatelic Record* gives the value of the new stamp as 8 annas instead of 1 anna. There are the usual errors in spelling.

BOLIVIA—We have lately received two new stamps; they are printed, perhaps in error, from the old plate with *nine* stars. They are perforated 12, and differ slightly in color from those of the issue of 1887. 5c. blue, 10c. orange.

BRAZIL—There is a new type of Journal stamp. The constellation of the Southern Cross is at the top in oval with "Correio" above and "E. U. do Brazil" below. Across the stamp is "Jornaes" and "10—Reis—10" at the bottom.

COLOMBIA—A new 1c. stamp is reported by the *Philatelic World*. Arms in center, figure of value above, "Un Centavo;" green on green.

EGYPT—Changes in color are announced.

INDIA—It seems probable the $4\frac{1}{2}$ anna envelopes will be surcharged either "2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " or "3" on account of a reduction in rates.

ITALY—All six of the Pacchi Postale stamps have been surcharged for

use as 2 centesimi. The 5 lire of last year will probably be surcharged 20c.

LEEWARD ISLANDS—Stamps were issued about the middle of November for these islands, which comprise for postal purposes Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and Virgin Islands. They resemble the lately issued stamps of Seychelles, but the head of the Queen is in an octagonal frame instead of a circle. Lettered "Postage & Revenue" at the sides, in white letters. The complete set of these stamps is as follows: 1d., lilac and green; 1d., lilac and red; 2½d., lilac and blue; 4d., lilac and orange; 6d., lilac violet; 7d., lilac and brown; 1sh., green and rose; 5sh., green and blue. There are also cards 1d. and 1+1d. carmine, and 1½d. and 1½d+1½d., brown, all on buff.

MEXICO—The *Philatelic Journal of America* illustrates what is said to be an unpaid letter stamp. Type set frame, with large "T" in center, and "Falta de Porte" and "20 cts." Red on pale blue. Perforated.

NABHA—We hear of the 1 anna surcharged "s2RVICE" for SERVICE."

NEWFOUNDLAND—There is a new 3c. stamp with laureated head of Queen in center. "Newfoundland" in circular band above. Figures of value in upper corners, and "Three—3—Cents" below in curve; color, slate; perf. 14.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Unpaid letter stamps are in preparation. The new 2½d. stamp has a goddess with a banner inscribed "Advance Australia."



SIAM—1att. on 3att. in black.

VENEZUELA—Coro. This stamp illustrated last month is valued at 50 centavos.

THE DUDE.

His heart is warm, his manner gay,
The clouds to him do not seem gray,
And never will,
Till some day in the budding spring,
When the blithe penny post will bring
The tailor's bill.

—Somerville Journal.

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