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VOL. I.

FEBRUARY, 1892.

NO. 1.

MY HUNT.

BY R. A. LEIGH.

I, John Raleigh, am considered by my fellow men to be rich. I confess that my stock of worldly goods is not small and when I die, for I have no kith nor kin, the entire amount of a few millions will go for the advancement of my pet hobby.

As I am not married many have said that I have united myself to my hobby of stamp collecting. When they say this they are about right for ever since my tenth year it has been my aim to obtain such a collection as had never before been brought together and in all probability never would be for a number of years.

Twenty-five years had I labored until the collection was simply enormous. The stamps were all framed and formed a large picture gallery of themselves. Intimate friends were allowed to view it but the collection was kept from the eyes of the common observer.

Sums which would seem fabulous to some were offered me to part with portions of it but I refused. It was guarded night and day to prevent theft.

As I was saying five years ago, yes to be exact five years ago on the twentieth of next February, Nick. Werrell, my nearest friend came rushing in the room with a newspaper in his hand.

"Look here Jack," he exclaimed out of breath.

"See here, read this," and he pointed to a paragraph. Snatching the paper I read:

"A cable dispatch received here from New York states that John Jones of that city has a postage stamp which is the only specimen of its kind in existence."

There it was in black and white that a certain man by the name of John Jones in New York had a stamp the like of which was not in my possession. But that was sufficient,

"To-morrow we take the *Hulda* for America," said I to Nick, "you must go and make arrangements for our passage while I pack the luggage."

By eight o'clock that night we were ready for our trip. It was my intention to secure that stamp no matter what the cost might be. Without it my collection was not complete and I made a vow not to take another glimpse of it until the unknown was contained therein.

On the next morning we set sail. The weather was very good and the ship made fast time. In eight days we were off Fire Island and were soon landed in Quarantine.

At five o'clock in the afternoon we stepped on shore and were driven to the hotel. Nothing could be done that day and I awaited impatiently for the coming of the next. My plan was this; by looking in the directory I could very easily find out the address of John Jones and then it would be an easy matter to purchase the stamp of him, for the cost, however great, would be nothing to me.

The directory was brought to me and I hastily turned to the J's. There it was, "John Jones, 138, South 261st St. but under it was another and 134 pages of the book were covered with the addresses of different John Jones'. What was I to do?

(To be Continued.)

According to the 52nd edition of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue the prices of some stamps have taken a jump. He is a wise collector who retains possession of the stamps that are increasing rapidly in value.

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The fourth class postmasters are organizing for the purpose of making a united effort to secure better pay.

To all those who send us the names of five stamp collectors in their place who are not on any address book we will give this paper for six months free. Send in your names at once but be sure that they are new ones.

In presenting this initial number we will not repeat the old "chestnut" of "filling a long felt want" etc., etc. Instead you may imagine what might have been said. The subscription price is low and the advertising rates are moderate. It will reach a large number of new collectors whose patronage would be of benefit to dealers. It is the intention of the publishers to run it as a purely philatelic paper and they will endeavor to publish matter which will be interesting to the reader. Your patronage is solicited, send in a trial ad.

A supply of the new postal cards has

been received at the Scranton post-office.

Examine carefully the advertisements contained in this issue. You may get a bargain.

All of the dealers report business as being very good this year. You can increase it by advertising in this paper.

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The number of pages will be increased in the near future. Now is the time to subscribe.

Determined efforts are being made by dealers to bring the numerous frauds to justice. In this they have been aided by the postal authorities and in the past few months several have been run to the ground. Our English friends are engaged at present with two offenders who counterfeited and forged stamps. Many scamps have an idea that they can defraud a dealer with impunity. Without a doubt then opinion is changed when brought before a magistrate.

Good manuscript is wanted at this office and satisfactory payment will be made for the same. The right is reserved to reject any not desirable. You must enclose stamp if you want it to be returned.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel will soon issue his Mexican Revenue Album having almost secured the necessary number of subscribers.

Messrs. Finkham and Luhn appear to be having a great deal of fun with each other over a 10-cent cigar. They are evidently addicted to the use of the weed.

A united advance in the price of subscriptions of first class philatelic papers is about to occur. While we believe that a reasonable advance should be made still some of the prices that have been mentioned are too much. The opinions of others beside publishers should be obtained before the new move is made.

One great defect in our philatelic papers is that they are crowded with the advertisements of the publisher. When a person has before him continually the bargains offered by one man he does not pay as much attention to it as if it were in less frequently. Advertising is a good thing but it should be done judiciously. The paper that reaches the buyers is the one to patronize. This paper reaches

J. R. Tiffany

the buyers, give us a trial ad and be convinced.

Philatelic societies are as numerous as flies in June. The number will begin to decrease some day.

THE COLLECTOR OF U. S. STAMPS.

BY MECK.

ALTHOUGH there has been a great deal said on the subject yet no one has be-littled the benefits arising from collecting the stamps of our own country. Every day collectors are abandoning the idea of getting together a general collection and nine out of ten direct their efforts for the purpose of obtaining U. S. stamps.

The advantages of this kind of collecting are many. In the first place it is patriotic. A person who prefers to collect the stamps of some distant half civilized nation certainly does not think so much of his own country as the one who gathers together those of his native land. Our own stamps are very beautiful and any one who has almost a complete collection may well take pride in it. When you consider it from a money point of view you cannot help but be satisfied. The rapid rise in value makes a collection worth more as it increases in age. This is not so with all foreign stamps, in fact some of them decrease in value. Many countries with shrunken treasuries issue new sets of stamps and partly replete them with the money coming from the purses of our general collectors.

Another great cry of the generalists is the dilemma in which a specialist would be placed if he were asked for a specimen from a country not in his collection. What if they do? It would only be for the sake of curiosity. The real interest would be centered in the U. S. stamps of which you would be able to tell them far more than any others. In collecting the specimens of your own country you will learn more information about them and at the same time be assured that they can be sold at a profit if it is necessary that they should be disposed of.

A. B. Quigley is at last "in the toils." He was arrested on January 11 as he was issuing from the residence of his father in New York. Officers have been after him for the last three months. The

case was brought before Commissioner Bell on January 20th.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to abolish the duty on stamps imported to this country.

The offer on page 2 will only last during February; accordingly all names must be in this month.

REVIEW.

The *Eastern Philatelist* is steadily improving. May it continue to be successful as it undoubtedly will. Its Christmas number was a dandy.

The January number of the *Missouri Philatelist* is received. It contains interesting reading matter from the pens of several able writers. We hope that it will live to celebrate a great many birthdays.

Meekels Weekly Stamp News and the *Philatelic Journal of America* are in the front rank. The *News* has just celebrated its first anniversary.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* for January lies before me, it is very valuable to the dealer.

The *Philatelic Era* is booming. Brother Jewett is a hustler. If some of the others do not look out they will be distanced. He has made a great sport and gives evidence that he will not give it up.

The *Southern Philatelist* is welcome. Its contents are always readable.

The collectors of postal cards find many good points in the *Essex Philatelist*. They all patronize it.

The *Stamp Collectors Companion* is a bright journal. Its engravings of stamps in their original colors is a novel feature.

One of the most successful of young papers is the *Canadian Philatelist*. Mr Staebler is to be congratulated on his success.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is as good as ever, but it will have to look sharp or the *Canadian Philatelist* will snatch away its laurels.

The *Collector* published at New Chester, Pa., is the official organ of the Sons of Philatelia a growing organization.

The *Philatelic Hustler* is a new paper. The editor is somewhat of a poet.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column without display for one cent per word.

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Some foreign philatelists appear to believe that rare United States stamps can be easily obtained by residents of

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Pennsylvania has its quota of stamp papers, collectors and dealers. Philadelphia is the city where the principal dealers dwell. Although Pittsburg is the second largest city in the state and Scranton the third, yet it is uncertain whether there are more stamp collectors there than in this city.

Promptness is one of the most desirable qualities of a stamp paper. This paper is issued on the first of every month surpassing in this respect any other Philatelic paper.

Stamp collecting is receiving more attention from the public press than formerly. They are evidently beginning to see our hobby in its true light.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The Ohio Philatelist is an eight page and cover paper published by H. A. Kreis & Co., Cardington, Ohio.

F. B. Estabrook Stamp and Publishing Company publish the *American Philatelist and Collector* which has nearly reached its first birthday.

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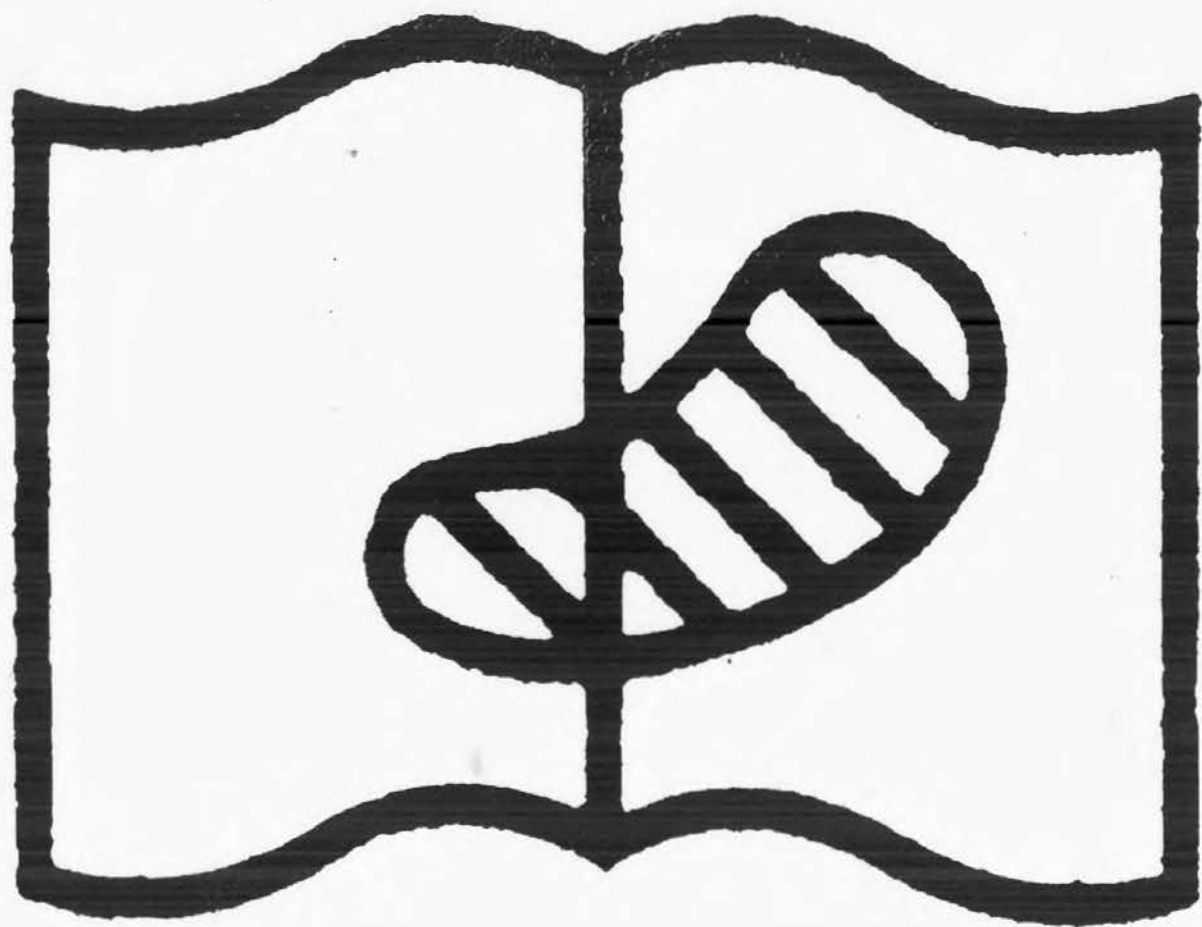
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Some foreign philatelists appear to believe that rare United States stamps can be easily obtained by residents of this country. The rarer stamps rise so rapidly in value as to almost rival some stocks in their fluctuations except that

the price never decreases. Dealers while they give large discounts on other stamps cannot afford to do so with those of the United States. This goes to show that they are not only made specialties by Americans but by collectors in other portions of the globe.

Pennsylvania has its quota of stamp papers, collectors and dealers. Philadelphia is the city where the principal dealers dwell. Although Pittsburg is the second largest city in the state and Scranton the third yet it is uncertain whether there are more stamp collectors there than in this city.

Promptness is one of the most desirable qualities of a stamp paper. This paper is issued on the first of every month surpassing in this respect any other Philatelic paper.

Stamp collecting is receiving more attention from the public press than formerly. They are evidently beginning to see our hobby in its true light.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The *Ohio Philatelist* is an eight page and cover paper published by H. A. Kreis & Co. Cardington, Ohio.

F. B. Estabrook Stamp and Publishing Company publish the *American Philatelist and Collector* which has nearly reached its first birthday.

Meyer's Weekly Stamp News and the *Philatelic Journal of America* are full of interesting reading matter. The January issue of the *Journal* was excellent.

The February number of the *Eastern Philatelist* came in due season. The principal article is "Travels of a Postage Stamp."

The *Empire State Stamp Journal and Brooklyn Philatelist* is a neat paper. They must be rather late in issuing the paper as the last one we received was the December number.

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A first class monthly stamp paper. Subscription price, 25 cents per year. Advertising rates 25 cents an inch. Send for a sample copy. Address: ANDREW M. FINE, 1628 SANDERSON AVE., SCRANTON, PA.

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It's husled full of husling notes
To husle up a smile.
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You bet it husles too
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Price, 33 cents, post free.

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The Electric Philatelist.

VOL. I.

APRIL, 1892.

NO. 3

COMRADES.

[A Stamp Version.]

BY ROY F. GREENE.

We in boyhood days were stamp fiends
My dear comrade Bill and I
We tore up each other's garrets
Hunting stamps both low and high
When we ran across some rare ones
We would then divide our spoils
And when Mother and Father the garret invaded
They would find all noise and turmoil.

CHORUS—Comrades, comrades, collecting the
bonny stamps
Sharing each other's rare finds, sharing each
other's tramps,

Comrades when school days were over
Comrades when to college we were sent
Collecting and pasting and studying them all,
Comrades wherever we went.

When in after life we gathered
At a local "stamp fiends" club
He a lawyer I a merchant
Settled in the world famed "Hub,"
When we saw each other's faces
The same light was in our eyes
And when in toasting he answered to "Com-
rades,"
He said collecting he'd never despise.

We are now old men together
My old comrade Bill and I
We recall our youthful pleasures
Not without a heaving sigh
Remembering the stamps of our boyhood
Of Emperor, Duke, King and Prince,
Comrades in childhood's collecting
And comrades ever since.

WHAT THEY SAY.

THE ELECTRIC PHILATELIST is a neatly printed four-pager and contains more than either of the two above mentioned (naming two eight-page papers). *Philatelic Era*.

THE ELECTRIC PHILATELIST is a neat four-pager filled with interesting items. *The Collector*.

Subscribe now. Send in your advertisement.

Senator Hale introduced a bill in the Senate at Washington providing that after January 1, 1893, the issue of postal notes by the Post-office Department shall cease, and in their stead a postal fractional currency shall be issued in denominations of 5, 10, 25, 50 and 75 cents, and be a legal tender in sums less than \$1.

What is the matter with having a society composed of collectors of U. S. stamps only? Let us have a few opinions in regard to this.

Read our premium offer.

Several persons have written us requesting a reduction on time advertisements. For the benefit of those and others we desire to say that no deviation will be made from the rates and terms given on page 10.

The first envelope seems to have been used May 10, 1696 to enclose a letter sent by Sir J. Ogilvie to Sir Trumbal. This envelope is in the London Museum. The first machine for making envelopes was invented by Edwin Hill of England, but the date is uncertain. The first machine to fold and gum envelopes was patented by John de la Rue, in London, 1845.

Read our premium offer.

Rosendo Fernandez, of Madrid, Spain, was arrested March 4, upon a charge of swindling, preferred by V. Gurdji, of Galveston, Texas. He had sold several persons bogus stamps representing them to be genuine.

This paper was admitted at the post-office as second-class mail matter on March 9.

The pony express traversed the distance from San Francisco to St. Joseph in about seven and one half days, or at a uniform rate of about twelve miles an hour.

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1628 Sanderson Ave.,
Scranton, Pa.

SCRANTON, PA. APRIL 1892.

The Standard Stamp Company had an advertisement in the April "Ladies' Home Journal." They are the first firm to advertise in this expensive medium.

Any interesting notes are always welcome and due credit will be given. If you have anything that is good send it along.

In another column you can find how to get an International Album for 50 cents. The two inch space alone is worth more than that, we give the premiums as an inducement. The next number will be a dandy. The size will be increased according to the advertisements received.

Mr. A. H. Crittenden of Detroit, Mich., has consolidated his stamp business with Edwin B. Hill under the firm name of Crittenden-Hill Stamp Co.

Albrecht & Witt will hold their first auction sale on April 14.

Now is the time to subscribe. Several new features are to be introduced and every number is better than the preceding. Remit 25 cents for a year's subscription.

The government has lately arrested several men for theft who were employed in the mail service. Discovery was brought about by the same old thing—a decoy letter.

Subscribe to this paper now, 12 numbers guaranteed or money refunded. Read premium offer elsewhere.

There are five different persons in this city, at present, who are stamp dealers. You need not be afraid of any of them they are all reliable.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker is desirous to have brought about four particular things in the postal service. First, the making of contracts with the various telegraph companies to transmit messages by the post office department. Second, to bring the telephone system in the same way, by contract with the Postal department in the service to transmit messages into town and country places where the free delivery system does not exist. Third, rural free delivery. Fourth, the system of collecting letters for the mail at each round of the letter carriers for delivery.

The Albrecht Code, in three languages English, French and German has been devised by Mr. R. F. Albrecht. It is a telegraphic code especially adapted to philatelists and will be ready for delivery in October, 1892.

Philatelic editors at present are wearying their brains in writing editorials in favor of a consolidation of the different societies. It is certainly an object which should be accomplished and could be if the members of the societies entered heartily in the project. Instead of wasting the time in discussing the minor de-

tails of such an organization, why not leave those things until the union is made? Let all the smaller societies merge into the A. P. A.

Nathan Meddergrass, (to the Pohonus postmaster) "I want a postal kcerd, mister."

Postmaster, "Large or small."

Nathan Meddergrass, "Be there two sizes?"

Postmaster, "Yes."

Nathan Meddergrass, "Don't the big ones cost the most?"

Postmaster, "Same price."

Nathan Meddergrass, "Then give me the biggest." Judge.

The letters in the corners of the one penny and two penny English stamps are indicative of the series to which they belong. Every sheet printed contains 240 stamps, lettered from A to L lengthwise, or 12 wide and 20 deep. In another series the letters only appear in the lower corners, while in the upper ones are stars.

Read our premium offer.

Collectors of United States stamps, who are interested in the formation of a society for collectors of the stamps of their native soil, please write to this paper giving their opinions as to the matter. Write at once and we will have an interesting report in the next issue.

There is way to advertise and unless you follow it your money does not accomplish its purpose. Don't attempt to crowd seventy or eighty words in an inch space. Thirty words are sufficient, and over forty too many. You must catch the eye with a good headline and then have something worth reading in the body of the advertisement. For a four inch space have about one hundred words and display the catchwords. But above all write the advertisement so that it will attract attention. The publisher of the paper will do the rest.

Publisher's Notice.

THE ELECTRIC PHILATELIST is here to stay. It is a good advertising medium and is steadily improving with every issue. The next number will be the best paper to advertise in, according to its rates of any paper in the United States.

We will give premiums to advertisers in our next (May) number only; they are:

1. A Scott's International Tenth Edition Postage Stamp Album to every tenth person taking an advertisement of two inches or more.

2. A Scott's International Tenth Edition Postage Stamp Album to every fifth person taking an advertisements of four inches (one half column) or more.

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In order to increase our subscription list we will for this month refund the money for every fifth subscription sent us, taking out only two cents for postage.

Your interest will be advanced if you take a space in the next issue. Send in your copy now.

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A rare Western Beauty breathing of Western prairies and Mountain ranges is the "Eagle Philatelist" The leading Western Magazine fully illustrated, best writers, latest news, and nicely gotten up. Second Volume. New Management. Address for sample copy.

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Morristown, N. J.

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Copy sent in now will be inserted in the June number.

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Scranton, Pa.

SCRANTON, PA., MAY, 1892.

With this number we enlarge our size to eight pages in pursuance of our promise in the first issue. It is a bad sign for a paper to start out with several pages and then windle down, but it is a good sign when it starts small in size and then increases adding more pages from time to time. We offer to advertisers: 1. Low rates. The price of an inch advertisement in other papers is many times that which we ask for one in this. 2. Large circulation. 3. Good typography. The paper is neatly printed and is not

unreadable. 4. Good returns. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The Sons of Philatelia will hold their first convention at Gettysburg, Pa., on the 4th and 5th of July, 1892.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has dropped his pen de plume of "Kenelm" in writing the "Chicago Notes" to Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Albrecht & Witt's Second Auction Sale of U. S. stamps will be held on May 31st.

Send on your subscription, twelve numbers guaranteed or money refunded.

The new cancelling machines are a great success, and have done the work satisfactorily wherever they have been tried.

The free delivery system is likely to be soon extended to towns of five thousand population, or gross postal annual receipts of \$5,000. Many members of Congress, however, think that free rural postal delivery is of far more importance, because the residents of small towns are usually in easy reach of their post-offices, and have no such difficulty as the farmers have in getting their mail. The Contra-Costa county, California, plan of naming roads, allotting ten numbers to a mile, guide boards at the beginning of each mile carrying the numbers for that mile on them, is attracting attention and favorable comment from Maine to the Gulf, for it would prove of exceeding value everywhere in facilitating postal delivery.

THAT NEW SOCIETY.

We publish extracts from a letter from Mr. Harry S. Ingelfritz, of Lake Charles, La., and heartily concur in his opinions; he says: "The April number of your paper received and I notice you are urging a society for collectors of U. S. stamps only. I think that a commendable movement as we could have an exchange department devoted exclusively to U. S. stamps. In these days U. S. stamps are "above par" as you can very seldom exchange foreign for U. S. at strictly catalogue rates, and one always has a penchant for U. S. When it comes to putting stamps in an exchange department he holds his U. S. putting some old foreign stamps in, expecting to get U. S. stamps in exchange for them, but it seems all had that same idea and U. S. stamps are now a curiosity in most department". If you are in favor of such a society, or would be a member of it if formed, please write at once and give your views. The advantages of a society like this would be many to a collector of U. S. stamps.

The new subsidy bill will be a boon to the ocean mail service.

Rural free delivery has proved to be a success. When all of the Postmaster-Generals recommendations are carried in effect the mail system will be greatly improved.

Part of the collection of Mr. Henry Clutz, will be sold at auction on Thursday, May 31st.

An appropriation, it is hoped, will be made by the government for a postal exhibit at the World's Fair.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The cover of the *Washington Philatelist* is quite a novelty. Its advertising rates are exorbitant. The contents of the May number are below the standard of twelve page and cover magazines.

The May *Postal Card* is full of interesting reading for collectors of postal cards.

According to appearances we are led to believe the *Philatelic Hus'ler* has joined the long list of defunct papers.

The *Malden Philatelist* is another new paper published by the Butler Sexton Stamp Co., Malden, Mass.

The *Yankee Philatelist* is announced to appear on June 1st. from 17 Hancock St., Boston, Mass. No samples copies free.

The editor of the *Long Island Philatelist* after so much experience in the publishing line cannot tell blue ink from blue-black. Ashcroft hurts himself more than Mr. F. G. A. Rice whom he attacks, and to say the least is decidedly L I P py.

The *Philatelic Era* for April consists of forty pages, and contains a poem, short stories and introduces a new department called "For the Past Month"

The *Golden Star* is published by Andrew J Kirby, Taunton, Mass.

The *Collector* for April has the constitution of the S. of P. which society now has 214 members.

Stanton's *Philatelic Tribune* arrives promptly on time and with it the catalogue of his eighteenth auction sale.

The *Eagle Philatelist* for March has the portrait of Mr. S. B. Bradt, which is No. 6 in their "Philatelic Gallery". It has been appointed official organ of the Iowa Philatelic Association.

The *Detroit Philatelist* and the *New York Stamp* are two new twelve page and cover magazines. The first published by Grevning & Spooner, the second by A. H. Crittenden.

Pennsylvania Philatelist is a neat paper and does not contain a dull item. Published at Reading Pa.

The *Southern Philatelist* has not favored us with any exchange copies but we are hoping to get one when Gus Luhn has time to write our name on his mailing list.

Unclaimed packages were auctioned off a few days ago at the New York post-office. Women were the principal bidders. Coats, hats, and gloves, were among the articles sold.

Pneumatic tubes will soon come into general use to carry mail matter.

I handed a young collector of this city a 12 page and cover magazine and after looking over it he said, "This don't have anything about stamps in it." This is a great failing of stamp papers; the one in question had no interesting notes at all. Newsy papers are wanted.

Correspondents for this paper are desired from all the principal cities. If you have any good news send it to us and you will be given due credit.

Collectors who would join such a society as is mentioned in another place will please send a postal now informing us of the fact.

We are very sorry that we were not able to get out earlier this month but a

rush of other work prevented. Communications have been received inquiring about the delay. This shows that the paper is looked for eagerly by our subscribers. For 25 cents you will get it regularly for a year.

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One question arises in the minds of collectors in regard to auction sales.

The stamps in many of these sales are the collections of some prominent collector who has amassed a large and valuable collection. If a man, after spending much time and money on stamps and forming a large collection wishes to sell it, then wouldn't the average collector be led to believe that there is no pleasure in collecting, that there is nothing gained by it, and that it is a waste of time?

Many complaints in regard to lost letters, if they were investigated fully, would prove to be caused by a mistake in the address. Ill. is often written for Ind. and vice-versa.

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(Look down at the bottom of the column and see what they say.)



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This space for 25 cents.
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FREE To any one sending for a selection of my stamps on approval at 33 1/3 per cent commission, I will allow them to select 10c worth entirely **FREE!** Fine packets, 50 revenues, 10 cents. (*Mention this paper.*) Sylvester C. Gensel, Jr., Box 253, Hastings, Michigan.

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THE NEW SOCIETY.

MANY communications have been received by us speaking favorably of the new society, and we believe that a speedy organization should be made, a suitable name selected, and officers chosen. As you all know, it is a society for collectors of U. S. stamps only. Several have signified their willingness of joining. They are:

Andrew M. Fine, Scranton, Pa.
John J. Gunster, Scranton, Pa.
Harry S. Ilgenfritz, Clarksville, Iowa.
Claude E. Range, Trenton, Mo.
Rob. Meeks, Farmland, Ind.
H. A. Bricker, Bellevue, Pa.
A. W. Rundquist, Moline, Ill.

Amalgamation is a good thing but it will never do the collectors of U. S. stamps any good. If you wish to join this society send a postal card to this paper as soon as possible. The dues should be small. Not over 25 cents per year which would include a subscription to the official organ. The departments of Superintendent of Exchange, Purchasing Agent, and Manager of Auction Sales will be made of especial importance. Now is the time to organize so that the society shall be ready for business next winter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Farmland, Ind.
June 2, 1892.

Editor ELECTRIC PHILATELIST:

Your extracts from letter of Mr. Ilgenfritz in May "ELECTRIC" recalls a scheme that a few collectors with myself were trying to work in the winter of '80-'81. Our idea was to form an association composed of members of the various philatelic organizations for the purpose 1st to generally increase the

the collections of U. S. stamps; 2nd to keep old U. S. stamps in the United States, i. e. to discourage the exchange of U. S. for foreign; 3rd to establish prices on U. S. stamps (standardize lists); 4th to encourage Americans in collecting American stamps.

The organization was to be thoroughly American, but, owing to the fact that most of the societies of that day were only of a local character and decidedly in want of foundation and superstructure, (although they were encouraged and kept up by a free paper,) the "Home Stamp Collector's Society" was never organized. Much is being said in all the papers about "Amalgamation" and I think that such an association as I have described would do more in the direction of "Union" than all the talk that can be done, since each society has its advantages and are all more or less patriotic and would in time, all belong to the national society.

I should like to hear more about U. S. stamp associations and am ready and anxious to join one and all.

ROB. MEEKS.

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Andrew M. Fine,

1623 Sanderson Ave.,

Scranton, Pa.

SCRANTON, PA., JUNE, 1892.

Among proposed improvements in postal service, it is believed that a plan can be, perhaps has been, formulated by which each carrier can supply all the persons who want stamps and can pay for them, without delaying his work of collection and distribution more than three or four minutes on a trip. To do this properly calls for a great deal of ingenuity. Many requirements are to be met in this plan, which provides for the sale of stamps in con-

nection with a system of house-to-house collection of mail, but it is said that such a plan has been perfected and will soon be promulgated.

It is announced that the Government has awarded a large contract to the Morgan Envelope Company of Springfield, Mass., for 24,000,000 double postal cards, a device which has long been considered by the Post Office Department. The card will be $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and will be folded in the middle, presenting four surfaces. The outside surface is for the address and the inside for the message. At the fold the card is perforated so that the recipient will tear off one-half and then answer on the other.

The Post-Office authorities of New York City are going to hold a fair at Madison Square Garden and many prominent people will be present. A miniature railway will be built showing the railway post-office also the new cancelling machines and many other oddities. Inside the Garden a post-office of "ye olden time." The fair promises to be a very successful one.

The Bogert and Durbin Co. held their 34th auction sale of postage stamps at Room 53 Tribune Bldg. on the evening of June 22nd at 7:30 o'clock. The sale comprises the collection of Millard F. Walton of Philadelphia, Pa., and G. C. Helm, Jr., and others.

We have received a copy of A. R. Rogers' Priced Catalogue of the

market values, May 2nd 1892, of postage stamps issued by the government of the United States. It is just such a catalogue as has been needed for a long time, and is of a suitable size. Price, \$1.

W. F. Bishop of La Grange held his first auction sale on Monday, June 13th.

Albrecht & Witt's third auction sale comprising the collection of Sr. Enriquez Martinez, of Mexico, was held on June 7th. Their fourth sale consisting of U. S. stamps, the property of Mr. J. E. Seliger of Buffalo, N. Y., and various other parties, was held on June 16th. The first autumn sale of this firm will take place on September 13th.

FRACTIONAL MONEY FOR MAILING.

There is a fair prospect of the passage of Mr. Henderson's bill through congress which provides for the free issue of "Postal Fractional Notes" for the purpose of supplying the community with a proper means of transmitting fractional parts of a dollar through the mails with out cost. The need for such a convenience is undoubted, particularly in the case of publishers, or whenever it is necessary to pay small sums which include fractions of a dollar, when the person to be paid is some distance away. Those persons obliged to use the present postal note, which cost three cents each, declare they are a heavy tax in proportion to the accommodation granted, which, in view of their absence of safety ought to be accomplished at no cost at all. It is besides a source of considerable trouble to go to the post-office to

get them, or to collect them when received. In addition to their drawbacks the postal authorities complain at the large amount of work which these postal notes entail, as they necessitate considerable bookkeeping, and the post office clerks cannot now be spared for such duties.

The issuance of paper fractional currency would undoubtedly be suitable, but many persons object to the plan on the ground that it enables people to do their business without the banker's aid. They also object on the ground that it is another one of those precedents which will take the monetary issue out of the hands of the banks. It is on this account, and no other, that previous attempts to solve the problem have come to naught in congress, and every opposition now exists to Mr. Henderson's measure.

The present bill directs "the Postmaster General to issue postal fractional notes of various denominations, which are to be sold to the people at their face value and to be redeemable in money at any post-office in the United States; while post-masters are to receive, as compensation for issuing and redeeming notes at their respective offices, a quarter of one per cent on all such transactions.

There is no doubt that this method is a decided improvement on that at present in operation: even though considerable voucher auditing and book-keeping are required to keep these notes distinct from any regular fractional money, more particularly to enable the postmaster to collect their commissions. If a clean paper fractional money in limited quantities were used, all such cost

and labor would be avoided, and it is hoped that the bill will become a law, although it must be confessed, that like other measures of practical need and utility, the chances in its favor are few.

Written for the **ELECTRIC PHILATELIST.**

THE NEW PHASE.

THE collecting of United States stamps has now reached its zenith; commendable to those authors who have strived with ardent persistency to induce with argumentive force, the beauty and advantages of the collection of oddities, has culminated in the formation of a new society in which collectors of U. S. stamps are to be admitted only. This is but another step towards specialism which now receives the attention of three fourths the philatelists in America today.

That the United States has ample varieties for its collectors should aid to such an extent that generalism among U. S. collectors should be a thing of the past. Adjacent to a postage collection may be implied the proprietary, revenue, postal due, and a bounteous supply of envelopes in their entirety footing up altogether more than one thousand varieties for the consideration of the stamp-loving public. Trusting the philatelic stand-point to yourselves and judging that you are collector from the curio stand-point you have the assurance of a great many other varieties in the way of oddities. The pleasure and profit accruing from the same, pay you if diligence and perseverance is followed.

The surcharge question now so commonly agitated presents such a diversity of opinion that it is bereft of the slightest accentuation for its American adherents,

but among European dealers, who stoutly affirm the right of surcharge from a philatelic view, which may be accounted for by the large accumulation of British Colonials on hand which must be disposed of. It is fortunate for American dealers and collectors that they never took to this mongrel mode of collecting postage stamps, or they would now be "lying on the table," so to speak.

Let us as American collectors stand by our colors, collect the stamps of our own country and study them with the determination of securing as near as possible a complete set of the postal output of the United States and derive the profit of a clean neat handsome book of engravings and not the progeny of a lot of pieces of colored paper.

C. E. RANGE, P. C.

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- 13 Mrs. S. S. Robinson, Wabasha, Minn.
- 14 W. B. Treat, Painesville, Ohio.
- 15 Geo. M. Schiller, Hamburg, S. C.
- 16 Asa F. Sutton, Sutton, Mich.
- 17 John R. Shea, 90 Willie St., Lowell, Mass.

The organization of the society is in the hands of a committee consisting of Nos. 3, 5, and 1. All applications for membership should be sent to No. 1 as heretofore. Every member is requested to get as many other members as he can. The society will be able to do work which no other society can accomplish. The society will be in running order during the coming season. The amount of the dues although not yet determined will be small. Any collector of U. S. stamps may belong. It is not necessary that he be a collector of only U. S. stamps, but it is a society only for the collectors of U. S. stamps.

The following persons are appointed a committee to draw up a constitution, and will report to the organizing committee in 30 days: H. L. Ilgenfritz, Clarksville, Iowa; Wm. M. Martin, Box 629, St. Louis, Mo.; Rob. Meeks, Farm-

land, Ind.; Paul W. Gardner, Honesdale, Pa. and Clarence Jackson, Harper, Iowa. The first named gentleman will act as chairman of the committee and the members will regard this as the notification of their appointment.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist has adopted as its motto the expression "Veritas sine timore." In its report of the S. of P. convention it certainly told the truth without fear.

Mr. C. W. Small of Portland, Maine, has charge of the "Review" department of the Philatelic Era.

The New York Stamp is said to be issued regularly, but we receive it irregularly.

The June number of La Revista Filatelica, a Spanish stamp journal, published by C. H. Mekeel and edited by Eduardo F. Cottilla, has appeared. 16 pages and cover.

A buggy was recently sent from Philadelphia to Mexico, after being taken apart, by parcel post.

There are 1250 post offices in this country which are used as lounging places by the public.

There are 3704 employees of the New York Post Office and the nineteen sub-stations. Of these the majority receive less than \$800 a year; 600 are paid less than \$600 each; about a hundred get \$500; and possibly 17 per cent. receive \$1000.

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SCRANTON, PA., JULY, 1892.

Mr. Edward B. Beans, of Fallsington, Pa., was married on June 23d.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* has increased its subscription price to one dollar per year.

The *Western Philatelist* will be issued hereafter from Chicago to which place Mr. C. D. Reimers has removed.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association will

be held at Niagara Falls, on Monday, August 15th, 1892, at the Cataract House.

Albrecht & Witt have dissolved partnership. Mr. Witt retiring. The business will be continued under the firm name of R. F. Albrecht & Co.

Back numbers of this paper can be obtained at the following prices: No. 1, 3 cents; No. 2, 10 cents; No. 3, 3 cents; No. 4, 3 cents; No. 5, 3 cents. Postage prepaid.

Here are a few rules which philatelic writers should observe. 1. Use pen and ink, not a lead pencil. 2. Write plainly, and on one side only of the sheet. 4. Punctuate. 5. Do not value your writing too highly.

Alvah Davison has announced that at the next convention of the A. P. A. he will offer the following resolution:

That a committee be appointed to effect the consolidation of the A. P. A., the W. P. U., and the P. S. of A., as soon as these two societies show their willingness to enter into a consolidation.

Advertisements in the *ELECTRIC PHILATELIST* always pay the advertiser. The dealer who advertises in the summer gets the trade of the dealer who does not. We will insert advertisements in our next issue for 20 cents per inch and will accept contracts at that rate for the next 30 days.

The First Annual Convention of the Sons of Philatelia was held at Gettysburg, Pa., on July 4th and 5th. Eighteen

members were present. The following officers were elected: Pres., J. D. Bartlett; V. Pres., C. W. Pough; Sec., R. M. Miller; Treas., P. L. Messer; Ex. Supt., W. H. Emmert; Auc. Mgr., J. C. Miller; Count. Det., E. P. Newcomer; Pur. Agt., C. H. Mead; Trustees, R. P. Spooner, C. W. Grevning, R. Pengnet.

Written for the ELECTRIC PHILATELIST.

NOTES NOTICED

BY HARRY LLOYD.

Editor Pinkham tells us in the June number of the *Eastern Philatelist* that "P. M. Wolseiffer has resigned the presidency of the Chicago Philatelic Society, as being a dealer, he believes in practising what he has always preached—that dealers should not hold office in stamp societies." How is it, Mr. Pinkham, that Wolseiffer still "hangs on" to the office of Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A.? As we understand it, Mr. Wolseiffer always said that dealers should not hold office in *local* societies.

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"Let us kneel in prayer" that that delightful (?) "Jim and Mr. Cranky, or Working for a Stamp Dealer," in the *Missouri Philatelist* is concluded.

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A "Subscriber" of the *Eastern Philatelist* asks how 17 90c stamps could be used on the same package. By sending 9½ pounds of matter abroad, or 47 pounds to places in the U.S. are about the only ways of paying the above postage.

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I will wager that the Iowa Philatelic Association has more "full grown" philatelists than any association of its size. Heading the list is S. G. Stern of

Muscataine whose wealth comes near a million, and H. C. Kendall of Emmetsburg who has 11,000 varieties and has collected since 1863. Iowa collectors only are admitted with a membership fee of 25 cents and yearly dues of \$1. Application blanks may be had of H. L. Ilgenfritz. Seely, Clarksville, Iowa.

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I have noticed 3c 1851 and 1857, with one, two, three and four lines on a side. I suppose that it is possible to have five.

From Harper's Young People.

INVENTION OF THE POST OFFICE.

The invention of the post office is ascribed to Cyrus, King of Persia, who lived about 600 B. C.

Cyrus required all of his governors of provinces and chief commanders of troops to write him exact accounts of everything that occurred in their several districts and armies.

The Persian empire was of vast extent, and some means had to be provided to render that correspondence sure and expeditious. Cyrus therefore caused post offices to be built and messengers appointed in every province. He found how far a good horse, with an experienced rider could travel in a day without being hurt, and then had stables built in proportion at equal distances from each other. At each of these places he also appointed postmasters, whose duty it was to receive the letters from the couriers as they arrived, and give them to others, and to give fresh horses in exchange for those that had performed their part of the journey. Thus, the post went continually night and day, rain or snow, heat or cold, and Cyrus received speedy

news of all occurrences, and sent back whatever orders he considered necessary.

Darius, the last king of the ancient Persians, was superintendent of them before he came to the throne.

We hear that there is a new paper called the *Toronto Journal of Philately* issued from Toronto, Canada.

The *Pentucket Philatelist* is announced for August 15th from Haverhill, Mass.

The *Columbian Philatelist*, *Florida Philatelist*, and *Nantucket Philatelist* are announced.

Mr. A. R. Rogers of New York City has favored us with a neatly printed catalogue of his auction sale which is to take place at Niagara Falls during the A. P. A. convention at that place. The sale consists of a fine collection of postage stamps and stamped envelopes of the United States and foreign countries.

The Scranton post office will soon be supplied with an electric canceling and stamping machine. This machine has a capacity of 18,000 letters an hour, which number is over three times as many as can be done by hand in the same length of time. The Post Office Department is supplying these machines to all first class post offices.

The Conrath Stamp & Publishing Co. have sold out to the Miller-McCormack Stamp Co. The Missouri Philatelist, however, will be continued under the management of Ph. Conrath.

Mr. Roy E. Greene writes us that he is now owner of the *Eagle Philatelist*.

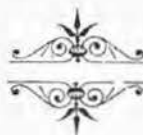
One of the unpleasant things at the recent S. of P. convention was the struggle over the age qualification for office.

The Canadian Philatelist is steadily progressing and is always interesting. According to appearances we should say that this paper paid its publisher.

The *Detroit Philatelist* has not yet secured second class mail rates.

JOHN J. MORGAN, PHILATELIST.

Publisher *Columbian Philatelist*,
Lock Box 28, Camden, N. J.
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ADDITIONAL NAMES.

Since the list of members of the new society were printed on page 31 the following have been received:

- 18 H. W. Kieffer, Toledo, Iowa.
- 19 Edgar Pille, Jr., 83 Orleans St., New Orleans, La.
- 20 Wm. Strobel, 2057 E. Cambria St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 21 Luther W. Mott, Oswego, N. Y.

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|--|-------------------|------------|
| Packet 27, 250 varieties of good stamps | \$1 | 72c |
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The three packets together with a beautiful postage-stamp album, cloth binding and gold printing only \$3.40 post free.

But if you wish to see more bargains you should send for my approval sheets, but always state what you want, as I can supply almost anything. To beginners I advise my 1c to 25c sheets on which I allow 33½ to 50 per cent, to other collectors I advise to send for my net sheets as they are always full of bargains.

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Don't wait any longer. Write a postal right now for a free present which I will give you. Wonder what it is don't you? Well write and see. It is worth your while.

Yours with a bloated y. GUY. W. GREEN,
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SCRANTON, PA., SEPT, 1892.  
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The *Malden Philatelist* was refused second class postal rates.

The *Pentucket Philatelist* has appeared. It consists of eight pages and cover.

Alvah Davison denies the statement that the *Post Office* is not a paying venture.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., will hereafter print the *American*

Philatelist.

Messrs. Nicklas, Kantner & Kissinger are having a little pleasantry (?) over the S. of P. convention.

Mr. F. J. Stanton, of Smyrna, N. Y., publisher of the *Philatelic Tribune* is also publisher of the *Chenango Tribune* a weekly newspaper.

A. P. A. Convention at Niagara Falls passed off very successfully and without any unpleasant occurrences. This was an agreeable surprise to the members and spoke good for the society.

The *Post Office* was the first paper that reached us containing an illustrated report of the convention of American Philatelic Association. The *Southern Philatelist* also contained a good account.

Look out for the man who advertises that for fifty cents he will tell you how to make one cent postage stamps do the work of two cent stamps. If you send him your fifty cents, you will get the following answer by return mail, "Use two of them."

The second number of the *Florida Philatelist* is out, consisting of twelve pages and cover. The editor says he will make it an interesting paper for collectors. The contents are not up to the standard, but the paper will improve with age, if it lives.

The *Ladies Home Journal* has an article in relation to the much disputed

value of "a million cancelled postage stamps. It states that in a small town in Switzerland there is a model orphanage for girls, whose funds have been for many years largely increased by the sale of cancelled stamps. The stamp trade was started by a lady, who on hearing that old postage stamps might be sold advantageously, volunteered to help the orphans by begging stamps from her friends and selling through the medium of certain stamp dealers who were willing to waive their rights to a commission. Her effort soon become known, and now benevolent people the world over are helping the institution by sending to the orphanage packages of old postage stamps, which are sorted and disposed of to the best advantage.

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"John J. Morgan, Philatelist" of Camden N. J. is a fraud of the worst description and is wanted by the post-office inspector. In his advertisements he solicited consignments of rare stamps for which he offered good prices. Stamps were sent him by the wholesale but he never paid for them. He gave a bogus name as reference. His boarding place was searched but he had left and all that could be found in his room was a rubber stamp with which he stamped his letters with John J. Morgan, Philatelist, Publisher Columbian Philatelist, Lock Box 28, Camden N. J. By these means he has swindled dealers and collectors out of hundreds of dollars worth of valuable stamps. A warrant has been placed in the hands of the U. S. Marshall at Camden, for his arrest and the Post-Office Inspector at Philadelphia is looking for him. His advertisement appeared in

our last issue but we did not know of his dealings until a few days after the papers were mailed.

Send in your advertisements.

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Mr. Rob. Meeks is a druggist at Farmland, Ind., and does a large business.

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Mr. Paul W. Gardner is employed in the D. & H. C. Co's. office at Honesdale, Pa.

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Twenty-five cents is all that a single insertion of an inch advertisement will cost you.

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Mr. H. M. Sperry, of Hartford, Conn., visited relatives in Scranton in the fore part of the month.

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We solicit Mss. from collectors on subjects of interest to philatelists. Always state what you want in payment.

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Mr. A. B. Slater, Jr., of Providence, R. I., is an expert Gas Engineer and is in the employ of the Providence Gas Co.

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There are few people but what have their hobbies. The man who makes fun of stamp collecting is often "head over heels" in politics.

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Colorado contains a prominent

collector in the person of Mr. Jas. K. Doughty, who is the County Judge, of Prowers County, that state.

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When you are making your contracts for winter advertising do not forget the ELECTRIC PHILATELIST is a first class advertising medium. Give us a trial and be convinced.

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The busy stamp season is at hand. Do not forget that the ELECTRIC PHILATELIST is an established paper, that its advertising rates are low, and that it will pay you to advertise in it.

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The postal authorities at Washington have decided to issue a special set of stamps in commemoration of the Columbian Exposition. They will be ready by the first of January.

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With the August Pennsylvania Philatelist a change is made. It is now published by the Pennsylvania Philatelic Co., consisting of H. E. Kantner and C. W. Kissinger. The former will still be the Editor and the latter Business Manager.

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Envelopes were first manufactured in 1835 for the use of the French Government. They were not adopted in England until after the passage of the cheap law in 1839.

They came into use in this country a few years later.

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The American Fire Insurance Co., of Philadelphia are presenting neat little postage stamp cases to their patrons. It is in the form of a little book with leaves of waxed paper. The stamps are placed in the leaves and will not adhere to them.

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The Schiff & Machado Stamp Co., are situated at 224 Greene street, and have a large stock of stamps on hand. Mr. Schiff has been dealing in stamps for the last 8 years and has a vast correspondence from all countries of the World. We would kindly refer our readers to their advertisement in this issue.

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It is better to be an out and out specialist rather than to be half and half, as it were. There is no generalist but what takes especial pride in the stamps of certain countries and endeavors to complete that portion of his collection. Is he not in reality specializing? Yet if you would ask him he would deny it.

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With this number we begin our second volume. No August number was issued but this will not affect our subscribers as the subscription price is 25 cents for 12 numbers. In this connection let us remind

several that their subscriptions expire with this number and that if they want the paper continued they should renew their subscriptions. Advertisers will find the *ELECTRIC PHILATELIST* to be a good medium and we solicit a share of your patronage. As we said in the third number we "are here to stay."

FACTS ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS.

It is barely fifty years since this convenience was introduced into the United States. The stamp is a little older in England. When first introduced, postage stamps were sold in solid sheets. Of course, a great many were wasted in the effort to tear them apart when there were no perforations. Indeed, the loss and inconvenience was so great that the government offered a liberal reward for a patent which would overcome the difficulty.

The first machine submitted was one which cut the stamps, nearly but not entirely apart. While the Post Office Department was considering this machine the idea of perforating the sheet in rows each way was offered and promptly accepted. Nothing better has ever been sought.

There was a time when better paper and mucilage was used, and when the printing was an improvement upon the present stamps, but since we have learned that a damp sponge is fully as good as the tongue in preparing the stamps for adhesion, the quality of the materials used becomes of less importance.

The number of postage stamps used in a year is something enormous. For instance, the ordinary postal revenue for the ending June 30, 1891, exclusive of the money order business, was \$65,065,293.87. Of this, \$41,432,129.50 came from letter

postage. The bulk of this is, of course in two cent stamps, and it is safe to put the whole number of this denomination used at more than 2,000,000,000 per annum.

The issuing of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers all belong to one of the divisions under the care of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. There is another division of the same bureau which looks after registered letters, and still another which attends to the system for the special delivery of letters. The classification of mail matter belongs to this bureau, and it is with the Third Assistant Postmaster-General or his clerks that papers and periodicals have to quarrel over their right to official entry as second-class matter.

A ten-cent special delivery stamp on a letter is supposed to keep it in constant motion from the time the letter is deposited in the main or branch post office until it is delivered to the addressee. There is liable to be a delay in the starting of the letter when it is deposited in a letter box instead of a post office, but everything must make way for a special delivery letter after they once get in the vicinity of a mail bag. The clerk hustles them out with the first mail leaving the office and puts them on the outside of package, or in a bundle by themselves, so that the next official can see them at once.

If the special delivery stamp is put on a package of second, third or fourth class matter it has to be treated in a first class matter—that is, it goes into a pouch instead of a sack and is pushed through just as rapidly as a letter bearing the same stamp.—Kate Field's Washington.

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The number of collectors in the United States doubled in the coming six months.

Fewer frauds and have more of them punished as they should be.

A very successful stamp exhibition has just closed in Paris. The stamps were numerous and rare. Flowers and other artistic designs were worked out of different colored stamps making a very pretty display.

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The new house letter boxes have been tried in several cities with very favorable results. It has been shown that a system of house to house collection and delivery would increase the receipts of the post office department.

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We have made special arrangements with the publishers of the *Washington Philatelist* to send that paper and the *ELECTRIC PHILATELIST* one year for forty cents. By accepting this offer you will secure two first class papers one published in the Capitol City the other in the Electric City.

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Thos. O. Pardee, Jr. of Ingersoll, Ontario, has decamped after swindling many collectors. He advertised four varieties of Canadian stamped envelopes for one dollar but they proved to be only common hand stamped "Paid" envelopes, which are worthless. Pardee and father his fled to Grand Ledge, Michigan. His victims are taking steps to bring him to justice.

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Mr. E. F. Gambs received a visit a few days ago, from a secret service agent of the United States Treasury who ordered him to surrender all cuts of old American coins in his possession and discontinue their use after he had disposed of his present catalogues and stationery on hand. In compliance with the order Mr. Gambs gave him all the American coin cuts used in illustrating his coin pamphlet. The law preventing the illustrations of old American postage stamps is an old one, but on coins even though old, the law has not been hitherto generally enforced.

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The *Malden Philatelist* is no more, having been laid low by Uncle Sam.

The *Stamp* has been selected as the official organ of the Philatelic Society of Canada.

The initial number of the *New Jersey Philatelist* is at hand; published at Califon, N. J.

The second number of the *Nebraska*,

Stamp the first I have received presents a neat appearance. It is published by Cleve Scott.

The new domestic return postal cards are at last ready and an official has been detailed from Washington to superintend their distribution.

Mr. F. H. Pinkham, publisher of the *Eastern Philatelist*, of Newmarket, N. H., is also the publisher of the *Advertiser* a weekly local newspaper.

The *Western Philatelist* also devotes considerable space in September. If all the papers were reviewed instead of only a portion it would be a great improvement.

"A Postage Stamp's Adventure," and "The Pursuit of Happiness," are the main articles comprising the contents of the *Washington Philatelist* for September. It is the official organ of the United Philatelic Association.

The *Southern Philatelist* appears in September with fourteen pages and cover. There is a poem "At the Ball", by Roy F. Greene and other matter contributed by Editor Luhn.

Mr. L. M. Staebler has not disposed of the *Canadian Philatelist* as has been stated. The September number has a very neat appearance with its green cover and consists of sixteen pages.

Mr. S. B. Bradt will please accept

our thanks for his invitation to an informal reception tendered to Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J. on Tuesday evening, October 18th 1892 We regret that the distance prevented us from attending.

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We have heard of a paper called the *Quaker City Philatelist* and have been sending them two copies regularly, but, as, yet, we have not seen Mr. Walton's paper. Philadelphians are slow people and a copy of the Q. C. P. may reach our sanctum some day.

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The *Philatelic Journal of Canada* has appeared. It is published by a company consisting of J. Bernstein, Jr., A. H. Crittenden, and H. S. Dickson. If the *Detroit Philatelist* is refused second class rates Mr. Crittenden will have the *P. J. of C.* to fall back on.

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The *Philatelic Era* devotes eleven pages in September to a "Literary Review." It gives an exhaustive review of all the stamp papers. The policy of the *Era* in reviewing its exchanges is directly contrary to that of the *Post Office* which does not review other papers. The future will tell which is the best policy but the chances are in favor of the *Era*.

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We acknowledge the receipts of the Southern, Eastern, Western, Eagle, Florida, Pennsylvania, Malden, Detroit, and Pentucket Philatelists, The Collector, The Stamp, Nebraska Stamp, Philatelic Era, Ohio Stamp News, The

Yankee Youth, Ink Drops, Monthly Visitor, Golden Star, Collector's Press, Post Office, Philatelic Fraud Reporter, Philatelic Tribune, One Dime, Missouri Philatelist, American Philatelist, Price List of U. S. Stamps from Frank Kline, Catalogue of U. S. Stamps and Envelopes from R. F. Albrecht & Co.

THE NEW SOCIETY.

The committee who has had the work of drawing up a constitution report that it is completed and its chairman, Mr. Robt. Meeks, has furnished us with an abstract of the constitution for publication.

Article I. (Name.) The name shall be "The United States Philatelic Association."

Article II. (Object.) Gives the various objects for which the association was formed and provides for the study and collecting of all U. S. stamps, which includes Adhesive and Envelope Postage, Document, Proprietary, Match, Medicine, Tobacco, Tax, Locals (includes confederate States) etc., etc.

Article III. (Membership.) States that "any honest Philatelist shall be eligible as a member" and describe the manner of application withdrawal, and expulsion.

Article IV. (Officers.) Names the officers as a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer Exchange Manager and an Official Board.

Article V. (Defines the duties of the officers.

Article VI. Provides for Elections.

Article VII. (Dues.) States that the dues will be 50cts a year payable in advance.

Article VIII. Provides for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Each member who has signified his intention of joining is hereby requested to send in the amount of annual dues, 50 cents, and when ten have complied, organization will be considered complete and officers nominated and elected.

Then the Association will proceed according to the Constitution. The dues should be sent to Andrew M. Fine, Scranton, Pa., who will turn them over to the Treasurer after the election of officers. Now let those who have sent in their names, send in the amount of their dues and thus expedite the process of organizing. We hope to give you the details of the Constitution in our next number.

The following names have been received:

- 22. C. W. Peugh, Kossuth, Ind.
- 23. C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
- 24. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
- 25. Arthur O. Einstein, St. Louis, Mo.
- 26. H. C. Kendall, Emmetsburg, Iowa
- 27. Mark W. Jefferson, Turner's Falls, Mass.

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Mr. Henry McConnel has removed from Clarion, Mich. to Blue Island, Illinois.

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The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. announces that the 53rd. edition of their postage stamp catalogue is ready for delivery.

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The sixth auction sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co. will take place Nov. 3rd. 1892. We should be pleased to receive a priced catalogue of the sale.

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Are you a collector of U.S. stamps? If so you should join the U. S. P. A. Particulars in regard to this society will be found elsewhere in this paper.

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R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau street, New York have issued a neat catalogue of all stamps and envelopes of the United States, and the governmental issues and local stamps of the Confederate States.

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Mr. J. E. Newell Bull, of Gunalda Queensland, informs us that the four pence stamps have been withdrawn, and that the two sh. blue have been obsolete for twelve months; there are no Queensland one penny wrappers.

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A CARD FROM THE PROPRIETORS.

We have made no issue of this paper since the October number and an explanation is due to our subscribers and advertisers. Extensive improvements in the office at which the paper is printed have occupied the time. Additional new type has been purchased and a new cylinder press purchased. These with other unforeseen circumstances have hindered us but we hope to appear

promptly each month hereafter.

Now a word to advertisers. A large experience in the advertising business has convinced us that crowded advertisements never pay. Accordingly all advertisements sent us must not contain more than 35 words to the inch. With this number of words we will be enabled to set the advertisements in attractive and well displayed type.

Subscribers will get 12 numbers for 25 cents and will not lose anything by our temporary suspension. We would like to have some good original manuscript for which we will pay liberally in advertising space. Any one reading this paper who is not a subscriber should become one at once.

This number consists of only four pages; but it is all reading matter, no advertisements are inserted. Our next number will be the usual size and contain all the ads intended for this number. All ads for the next issue should be sent in at once.

United States Philatelic Association.

The U.S. P. A. is now organized and is composed of the following members:-

1. Andrew M. Fine, 1623 Sanderson ave, Scranton, Pa.
2. Robt. Meeks, Farmland, Ind.
3. Paul W. Gardner, Honesdale, Pa.
4. Wm. M. Martin, St. Louis, Mo.
5. A. B. Slater Jr, P. O. box 1160, Providence, R. I.
6. Geo. M. Schiller, Hamburg, S. C.
7. Asa. F. Sutton, Sutton, Mich.
8. H. C. Kendall, Box 176, Emmetsburg, Iowa;

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CONSTITUTION of the U. S. P. A.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the *United States Philatelic Association*.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

This Association is constituted :—

1st. For the purpose of encouraging and promoting the collection and preservation of stamps issued within the bounds of the United States, including all varieties of Adhesive and Envelope Postage, Document, Proprietary, Private Die, Match and Medicine, Tobacco, Tax and Confederate States of America.

2nd. For the study of the characteristics of design, paper, color, printing and other details of variety, and for the purpose of procuring information relating thereto, and to the history and purpose of their use, and such other information as shall determine their true classification and arrangement.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Any Philatelist of good character shall be eligible as a member of this Association.

SEC. 2. Applicants for membership shall be required to fill in blanks, supplied by the Association, and forward to the Secretary, who shall cause their names to be printed in the Official Journal as applicants; such applicants will be elected at the expiration of thirty (30) days, if no objection prevails, and shall be entitled to all benefits and subject to all rules of the Association and upon payment of all dues shall receive a *Certificate of Membership* and shall be considered a member in good standing. In case of objection, the application shall be referred to the Official Board, who shall investigate or refuse.

SEC. 3. Any member whose connection with the Association shall be deemed by the Official Board injurious

to this Association may be expelled or otherwise dealt with as the Association may resolve, but no action shall be taken upon any such case unless thirty days notice shall have been given to such members by the Board, that they propose to submit the matter to the Association for action; it shall be stated in the notice the time that the proposed action will be taken and the charges for which the member is to be punished.

No member expelled by the Association shall be readmitted except by the unanimous vote, notice having been given through the Official Journal.

SEC. 4. Any member in good standing, who may desire, may withdraw at any time by giving a written notice accompanied by a certificate from the Treasurer that he has paid all obligations of the Association.

Any member in arrears for dues, who shall not pay within thirty days after being notified by the Treasurer, shall be considered to have tendered his resignation and his name shall be stricken from the books and a notice of the fact given in the Official Journal,

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Manager of Exchange and an Official Board. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Manager of Exchange and Two Members, elected, shall constitute the Official Board.

SEC. 2. The term of all officers shall be for one year from the date of the annual election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The President :—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and the

Official Board. He shall submit an annual report to be published in the Official Journal. He shall sign all warrants on the Treasurer for money required by the Association. He shall be the custodian of all bonds given by the officers of the Association. With the consent of the Board he may, or on demand of ten members he shall, call for a general vote upon any desired question; the vote shall be by ballot under the directions of the Board and shall not be decisive unless two thirds of all the members have voted, and a majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted.

SEC. 2. The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of all his duties, and in the absence of the President shall conduct the business of the Association.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Association; preserve all documents and receive all money due from members (except from sales and exchanges), and give a receipt therefor. He shall also keep a correct financial account and pay over to the Treasurer all money received by him. He shall receive all applications for membership and shall grant same when authorized by the President. He shall cause to be published in the Official Journal, each month, the names of all new members and applicants for membership and other news that he may gather in his official capacity, that may be of interest to the members of the Association. He shall issue membership cards and furnish to each member one copy of the Constitution, Rules, and By-Laws, and shall furnish duplicate copies of publications upon payment of prices fixed by the Official Board. He shall keep a copy of all letters written by him and preserve all letters and documents received

by him in his official capacity as Secretary of the Association; copies and files shall always be open to the inspection of any member of the Official Board and to any member of the Association presenting an order signed by the President.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and care for all moneys, properties and securities delivered him by the Secretary. He shall pay all warrants drawn on him by the Secretary and President. He shall furnish bond, approved by the Official Board, for the security of the Association funds. He shall keep in writing a careful account of all moneys received and paid out by him and his books shall be open to the inspection of the Official Board at reasonable periods, not exceeding six months, and at any time that three members of the Board shall order.

He shall prepare for publication in official journal, a report at the end of each three months during his term of office.

SEC. 5. The manager of exchange shall take all stamps offered for exchange by the members and shall place such in circuit allowing each member who applies to receive the stamps offered, on approval. He shall keep a careful record and account of each sheet sent him. He shall receive all money for stamps sold, and shall pay members for all stamps sold from their exchange sheets while in circuit. He shall submit a report to the Association, every three months, giving the number of circuits, the number and value of the sheets in the various circuits and the number and value of all stamps sold since last report.

He shall write rules governing his department which shall be satisfactory to and approved by the Official Board and by its authority shall be caused

to be printed once each year in the Official Journal. He shall also manage all sales and auctions carried on under the name of the Association. He shall be allowed to retain as fees for office work and postage ten per cent. of all money received by him for stamps. He shall be required to furnish at his own expense all blanks, sheets, books and stationery necessary to properly conduct the exchange and sale business of the Association.

SEC. 6. The Official Board shall act as standing committee for the transaction of all the business of the Association which does not require the action of the entire Association. It will make inquiry into the merits of each application for membership. It shall have exclusive power of expelling and black-listing members.

SEC. 7. The Secretary and Treasurer shall, on order from the President, turn over to their elected successors, at the expiration of their term of office, all moneys, correspondence, securities, documents and all other property belonging to the Association.

ARTICLE VI.—ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. The annual election of Officers of the Association shall take on of each year. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by a general election under the Official Board, the officer thus elected shall hold office until his successor is elected.

SEC. 2. The election of officers shall be by ballot; a majority of votes cast being necessary for choice.

ARTICLE VII.—DUES.

SEC. 1. The annual dues of members shall be *Fifty Cents*, payable in advance.

SEC. 2. Each applicant for membership shall send to the Secretary one-

half the annual dues, twenty-five cents, with his application, which will be refunded should his application be refused.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by the written approval of two-thirds of all the members of the Association.

SEC. 2. Any By-Law, not conflicting with the Constitution, may be made or amended by the Official Board, but should ten (10) members object to the proposed by-law or amendment, the question must be submitted to a general vote.

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9. Mark S. W. Jefferson, Turners Falls, Mass.

10. C. W. Peugh, Kossuth, Ind.

11. Henry McCornell; Box 513, Blue Island, Ill.

12. A. O. Einstein, 2707 Morgan St, St. Louis, Mo.

13. W. H. Davenport, 2720, Morgan St. St. Louis, Mo.

14. F. E. Newbury, 345 Westminster street, Providence, R. I.

The number opposite the names are the numbers as entered on the books of the Secretary. At the election of officers, which closed on January 1st, the following were elected: President, A. B. Slater, Jr.; Vice President, Paul W. Gardner; Secretary, Andrew M. Fine; Treasurer, George M. Schiller; Exchange Manager, Robert Meeks.

A constitution has been drawn up and copies will be mailed to each member in a few days. This is the first society of philatelic specialists in America and it is proposed to make it rank high among other societies. Designs are being submitted for membership certificates which will be the finest of any society.

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U. S. PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The following have applied for membership and will be entitled to admission March 20th if no objection are received

Stedman Bent, 1103 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa., refs. Thos. P. Shea, William Fow.

J. Murray Bartels, Alexandria, Va. Refs. W. F. Lambert, Thomas Semmes.

L. V. Lindsay, Green, N. Y. Refs. W. F. Greany, A. C. Paddock.

Mr. Robert Meeks, the Exchange Superintendent, writes that the first of the U. S. P. A. circuits was started February 14th. Blank exchange sheets are now ready for delivery at five cents each (six for twenty-five cents), ruled in two styles viz: (a) adhesive size, forty spaces; (b) envelope size, twenty-four spaces. The exchange department should be liberally patronized. Members having stamps for sale, or exchange, or who desire to be placed on a circuit should communicate with the Superintendent.

In Article IV. of the Constitution it says, "The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Manager of Exchange and Two Members, elected, shall constitute the Official Board." Therefore it is necessary that we ballot for the two members of the Official Board. Voting will close on March 20th and before that time every member should vote for two, to become members of the Board. Send in your votes to the secretary.

No membership cards have, as yet, been issued as the President is securing estimates and designs for a card of

which no person need be ashamed and which will compare favorably with the A. P. A. certificates.

Every society to be a success must have a good Exchange Manager and a good Exchange Department. We have a good Exchange Manager but we cannot have a good Department unless the members take an interest in it. First of all we need more members. There are many who would join if they knew of the existence of the U. S. P. A. The Secretary is endeavoring to bring it to the attention of the philatelic public and asks for the co-operation of the members. Application blanks will be cheerfully forwarded to any address.

This is old but it may be new to some: Jones—What would you do if you went to the post-office, bought a stamp, and then asked the post-master to put it on the envelope only to have him refuse to do so; Bones—Put it on myself; Jones—No you wouldn't, you'd put it on the envelope.

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SCRANTON, PA., MARCH, 1893.  
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PHILATELIC ADVERTISING.

There is a way to advertise and if you follow out that way success will crown your efforts. But on the other hand if this course is not pursued you cannot hope to accomplish as much as your energetic brother. In philatelic advertising several things must be carefully observed in order to get the worth of your money. First let us look at the medium in which you will place your advertisement. Its circulation, the class of its readers, its

typographical appearance and last but not least, its rates, should all be taken into consideration. A paper may print many numbers but yet not reach as many different persons as the paper which does not print as many copies but distributes these with care. The paper you want to advertise in is the one which reaches the buyers, one that has for its readers persons who are actively interested in stamps and who will be likely to buy from you. An advertisement set up neatly in a neatly printed paper will attract more attention than one which is almost unreadable in a poorly printed paper. The advertiser must decide for himself when it comes to the question of cost. "Get the most you can for the least money" should be his maxim.

But still the paper cannot do everything. A great deal rests in the advertisement itself, its size, wording and the inducement offered to the reader to purchase, go a great ways toward receiving answers. Without doubt an advertisement occupying considerable space will bring more responses than one occupying a small space. And now we come to the wording of the advertisement. In this one particular philatelic advertisers are greatly at fault. They almost invariably crowd too many words in a small space. They appear to think that the more they can say in a space of one or two inches

the better it will be. Such is far from the truth, brevity is the soul of wit and brevity is in a great measure, the secret of success in advertising. Be brief, have something to say that is worth reading, and something to sell that is worth buying. The writer only knows of one instance where he has ever inserted an advertisement without receiving a reply. This same advertisement was inserted in the two leading philatelic papers in the United States and the leading paper in Canada. All three are considered to be first class mediums. The advertisement in itself contained no offer to interest a collector and for that reason was not answered by anyone. This is a business age, time is valuable, an advertisement should catch the eye, too many are passed by without being read. This is the advice of a writer who has had some practical experience in advertising and has been successful in his advertisements.

R. A. LEIGH.

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Over 2,000,000 postal cards are used daily in the United States.

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During the month of October all mails were weighed, the total amount to form a basis on which

to compute the compensation the railroads will receive for the postal service during the next four years. As the total amount exceeded anything ever before known the railroads will get a nice lump in excess of previous rates.

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Mr. A. R. Rogers has sent us a prospectus of his American Philatelic Blue Book which will be issued in December. It will contain lists of collectors, dealers, philatelic papers and journals, philatelic societies and advertisements; in short it will be a complete reference book giving the business and standing of every collector and dealer in the United States. The need of such a book has long been apparent but it remained for Mr. Rogers to undertake the great task of accumulating the material. It will cost you nothing to have your name inserted in the book. It will be bound in blue cloth and sold for \$1.00, although it is well worth five times that amount.

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The F. De Coppet collection of stamps of the Western Hemisphere will be auctioned on April 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 24, 25 and 26.

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The greatest sensation of the season was the assignment of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Pub. Co. We understand that they have resumed business but that there will be some changes in the printing department of the business.

The fact that Columbus is possessed of a full beard in the two cent stamp while he is beardless in the one cent is causing much merriment; the why and the wherefore of this, however, is plain, the one cent stamp is after a painting by William H. Powell, while the two cent stamp is after a painting by Vanderlyn. One of these artists imagined Columbus as being beardless, while the other represented him as being possessed of a full beard.

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Mr. Wilson S. Bissell, of Buffalo, N. Y., will be our next Postmaster-General.

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We have received a paper called the New Jersey Philatelist. This paper is evidently a home-made production of the editor and presents an appearance comical enough to "make a dog laugh."

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The first trial of the pneumatic tube for carrying mails, took place in Philadelphia a few days ago. The tube was an ordinary six-inch water pipe bored smooth. The length was about a mile and a half. The first article transmitted was a Bible which was placed in the tube by Postmaster-General Wanamaker. It reached the other end in less than two minutes. Other articles were then transmitted successfully. The company who introduced the tube did so at their

own expense, they will allow the use of it for one year for nothing, at the end of which time they can purchase it at the original cost if they so desire.

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This is the tenth number of the Electric Philatelist. During that time we have gained considerable experience in the publishing line that will prove to be useful not only to ourselves but indirectly to our advertisers and subscribers. Our advertising rates are 25 cents per inch regardless of size or number of insertions; because our rates are low do not think we give you nothing in return for your money, a trial, only, is needed to convince you to the contrary. We circulate among a class of buyers, among collectors who are far advanced, this is the class of customers which pays. All advertisements for the next issue should be in before March 20th.

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In order to still further increase our list of subscribers we will give until further notice a copy of A. B. Merrill's Fraud List with every subscription. The list needs no further comments as you are acquainted with its merits.

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Over 6000 women in the United States act as postmasters. The largest number in one state, 463, is in Pennsylvania, and 460 in Virginia.

The postal clerks are not pleased with the new stamps. They resemble the special delivery stamps and by gaslight are often taken for them. In order to obviate this resemblance the special delivery stamp is now printed in orange-yellow color.

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And now the school teachers are all collecting stamps by the wholesale. Of course they get their pupil's interested who tear the stamp from every letter that they see. When will this illusion end?

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For a one dollar postal note we will send you a Tenth Edition International Stamp Album.

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It is surprising how many people are collecting the Columbian stamps. Men who have laughed at collectors are among the most active in gathering these.

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The days of Wanamaker as Postmaster-General are numbered.

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Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Company should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. Copies will be sent upon application by addressing above firm at 925 La-Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

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Advertise in the ELECTRIC PHILATELIST and you will do a rushing business.

Here is a little poetry a la Canadensis. No boquets please. There was a man by the name of Vance Who had a passion for collecting stamps Until one day, all of a sudden He turned into a stamp, Oh what a pudden.

It took us three hours to find a word to rhyme with "sudden" but at last we found "pudden"

TO NON - MEMBERS.

To those who are not members of the United States Philatelic Association this will be of special interest. This Association was organized January 1, 1893, with the following officers: President, A. B. Slater, Jr.; Vice-President, Paul W. Gardner; Secretary, Andrew M. Fine; Treasurer, G. M. Shiller; Exchange Manager, Robert Meeks.

The Exchange Department, which is in active operation, deals only in U. S. and Confederate State stamps. The annual dues are 50 cents including a years subscription to the Official Organ.

Circuits have been started and the exchange department is in full operation.

We would now like to have you become a member. Here are the instructions. Send to the Secretary for application blanks which will be sent you by return mail. Fill these out and return with one half (twenty five cents) of the annual dues. Your name will then be printed as an applicant in the Official Organ and at the end of thirty days, if no objections are received, you will be admitted as a member of the U. S. P. A.

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"Don't you give back the odd cent change?"

"Certainly."

"Are they the Columbian stamps or the old kind?"

"I can give you either."

"Don't the old style ones come a little cheaper now?"

"No, ma'am."

"I thought they would. They are out of style, you know."

"The government receives them the same as the new ones in payment of postage, and many people prefer them."

"But their red color doesn't match some styles of envelopes."

"I can't help that."

"Couldn't you sell me a dozen of the old 2-cent ones for 15 cents?"

"No ma'am."

"Couldn't you on Friday?"

"No, ma'am."

"But that's bargain day in the stores."

"Possibly, but not at the postoffice."

"When is your bargain day?"

"We don't have any."

"Not have any bargain day! Well, I never! And my husband told me the postoffice was run on business principles. Why, you don't know the first principles of business. I won't patronize such an establishment. I'll go across the street and buy a stamp at the drug store."

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NOTES, ETC.

DIXEY.

How's business? Poor? Then advertise in the Electric.

Leroy D. Walker, formerly of Oregon, is now located in Omaha, Neb.

Mr. O. E. Klapp, of St. Paris, Ohio, is trying to organize an Ohio State Philatelic Association.

The new 8 centers of both Columbian and ordinary series are out, also the new special delivery.

The new Columbian set costs unused, \$16.26; will someone lend us the \$16, we have the 26c. all right.

Another book, The Stamp Collector's Encyclopedia is announced by J. H. Lyons of Boston, formerly with Mr. Jewett of Portland, Me.

Two members have been expelled from the Philatelic Society of Canada because charges of a very grave nature were preferred against them.

F. N. Massoth, jr., erstwhile of Hanover Centre, is now in the stamp business in Chicago. He deals in real estate during his spare time.

The Philadelphia Stamp, Ohio Stamp, Ohio Philatelist, Independent Philatelist and Illinois Philatelist are announced to appear between now and April 15th.

The International Philatelist has this month a portrait of Mr. Harton Walker, a prominent Toronto collector and vice-president of the Toronto Philatelic Club.

Why does the Chicago Philatelist contain so many blank pages? Publisher Schaht will please answer. It looks bad and gives the paper a Cheap John appearance.

Will M. Randall in the March Stamp, says that "Seabee" speculations, buying up remainders, etc., must be stopped; yet he advertises a set of Ecuador, ten varieties, worth \$2.70, for 30 cents. Consistency, thou art a chestnut.

A $\frac{1}{2}$ penny brown tax stamp, one of the last that caused the Revolutionary War, recently brought \$27 at Scott's sale in New York. I remember of buying one for \$1.50 at one of Scott's sales, two or three years ago and selling it for \$15.50.

A Chicago Collector has for sale the one cent pink, two cent yellow and four cent blue 1862 British Guiana for \$5000 with a guarantee or \$2000 without a guarantee. Why the difference?

Ye old time philatelic publishers get out your old time ledgers and hunt until you find the name of A. V. Dwoiak and see how much he owes you and write to him at Sterling, Kan. He will probably pay up.

The Eastern Stamp people tell me they are going to enlarge shortly and issue a 3 column to the page paper, neatly printed. It will be about the size of Holmes' old Philately. They are also thinking of publishing a weekly.

Frank R. Hoyt, of the Philatelic Argosy, announces a Philatelic Annual and Address Book to appear May 1st, 1893. It will contain besides the usual advertisements and addresses some articles of general interest to stamp collectors, by the pick of the philatelic literary world.

A Philatelic Puck is soon to appear from San Antonio, Texas. It is supposed that nothing but jokes, funny sayings, etc., will appear in the paper, therefore Canadensis will not be allowed to contribute his poetry? If this is true, Messrs. Publishers, I will subscribe.

UNITED STATES PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The following are the new members of the U. S. P. A.

15. J. Murray Bartels, Alexandria, Va.
16. L. V. Lindsay, Greene, N. Y.

The following have applied for membership and will be entitled to admission April 20th if no objections are received:

Emil J. Rall, Savannah, Ga. Ref. Andrew M. Fine.

L. T. Wilcox, Whitney's Point, N. Y. Refs., Fayette Seeber, A. H. Youmans.

Maxwell D. Lathrope, 50 N. Main street, Carbondale, Pa. Ref., Andrew M. Fine.

Elbridge G. Deane, 45 Park street, Buffalo, N. Y. Refs., Franklin W. Barrows, J. Crittenden Davis.

John M. Gunster, 809 Jefferson ave., Scranton, Pa. Ref., Andrew M. Fine.

John H. English, 226 Greenwich avenue, New Haven, Ct. Refs., Henry G. Strong, Ramsay Peugnet.

H. D. Howell, Jr., Middletown, Del Refs., G. H. Lubn, S. S. Holton.

The two members constituting a part of the Official Board who have been elected are Mark S. W. Jefferson and F. E. Newbury.

Promptness in reporting to the Exchange Superintendent greatly facilitates the working of his Department, and the Superintendent will gladly record any wants of the members and use his best endeavors in filling the same. Three books are in circuit and two more in preparation and the Department is in excellent shape and can supply more members. Our Exchange Department is second to none and we should have more members. Members having stamps for sale, or exchange, or who desire to be placed on a circuit should communicate with the Superintendent.

The Secretary wishes to particularly remind the members to endeavor to

procure new members. You, no doubt, have many friends who would join if you spoke to them about the Association. The only thing small about us is our membership roll and I trust that that will soon lengthen out. Sample copies of the E. P. will be mailed gratis to any of your friends. Let us all unite to make the Association a grand success.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Is your business dull? Sharpen it by trying an advertisement in this paper.

We wish to exchange two copies with all. Please put us on your exchange list.

Nearly 4,000,000 pieces of mail, it is estimated, were handled every day last year by the New York postoffice.

Mr. Alvah Davison is no longer editor of the Post Office, Mr. Gremmel is now both editor and publisher.

Where, oh where is Roger's Philatelic Blue Book. The Philatelic world is breathlessly awaiting its appearance.

The Electric Philatelist and the Weekly Philatelist will be sent for one year to one address for 50 cents. The regular price of both is 65 cents.

Yes, brother Crittenden we are still alive and intend to let people know that we are still in the land of the living. Dum vivimus, vivamus.

Upon a thousand envelopes

He stuck Columbian stamps.

He won the bet, but it cost him dear,

For the doctor says it will take him
a year

To cure his jaw of the cramps.

The Missouri Philatelist has consolidated with the Stamp; the Nebraska Philatelist with the Detroit Philatelist. The weekly New Jersey Philatelist is announced to appear April 1st, from Califon, N. J.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Company's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 LaSalle street, St. Louis, Mo.

The Canadian Journal of Philately is announced to appear on the first of June. Unless some radical change is made from its two page prospectus, it will not be a success. Philatelists are not going to pay \$3.00 a year for the subscription and \$2.00 per inch for advertisements even if the paper will contain from forty to sixty pages. Its publisher will be Mr. Henry Ades Fowler, Toronto, Canada.

All the members of the World's Fair Executive Committee of the American Philatelic Association met on Feb. 23rd and 27th, in New York City. The estimated expense of the exhibit at the fair is \$3000, which amount of money must be raised by subscription. Over \$300 has already been contributed. Sufficient space has been provided for fifty thousand stamps. All subscriptions will be acknowledged in the American Philatelist and should be addressed to Mr. Geo. H. Watson, 36 Broad street, New York City.

We have received a copy of Mr E. T. Parker's Priced List, No. 59, consisting of 96 pages and cover. Thousands of valuable stamps are priced therein. We should advise every collector of U. S. stamps to obtain a copy, as the greater portion of the prices of U. S. stamps are in the list.

It may be of interest to some of our readers to know the population of some of the places from which the philatelic papers are published. Scranton is a hustling city of 100,000 people; Reading, 71,000; Charleston, S. C., 55,000; Central City and Stromsburg, Neb., each 1400; New Market, N. H., 2750; New Chester, Pa., 250; while at the bottom of the list comes Thonotassas with 20.

A kind of postage stamp has been gotten out by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, for use by newspaper publishers in sending papers on trains which do not carry mail regularly. A five cent stamp is required for packages weighing five pounds or less and a ten cent stamp for packages weighing from six to ten pounds. The conductor is responsible for the safe delivery of the bundle to the town addressed.

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SCRANTON, PA., MAY, 1893.

NOTES ETC.

DIXEY.

Beecher Ogden and R. W. Ashcroft give the S. of P. Constitutional artists a well-deserved dig in the ribs in the March *Long Island Philatelist*. The constitution seems to be the work of several amateurs who had taken a few Manhattan Cocktails or other breath perfumers before beginning the all-important work.

Speaking of the S. of P. reminds me that they hold an election sometime in August and that there is several tickets in the field, the one headed by C. W. Kissinger seems to be the winner so far.

With such a president as I know Mr. K. would make the S. of P. would take an upward boom. Seems to me though that the West should have a little more than Librarian and Attorney.

The Philatelist—Lewis Bishop's from Denver—will be out in a very few days; it is a beauty—so Mr. Bishop says—and will become quite a factor in Philatelic Press Circles. Among the important features will be an Auction Epitome of U. S. Stamps, compiled by H. C. Beardsley.

The highest price ever paid at auction for a single postage stamp was paid this month in New York. Ten Hundred and Ten good iron dollars of our daddies, was paid for the 2 cent pink 1850 British Guiana at the DeCoppet sale.

Have you sent in your subscription to the A. P. A. World's Fair exhibition fund. If you haven't, Brother Watson wants you.

The *Philatelic Journal of Canada* is to be published fortnightly after May 1st. To be sure we will be glad to see you twice a month instead of once. If you would only appear weekly, we would be a great deal more pleased.

The American Philatelic Association now has 452 members and enough applications to bring the total up to 500, and the best part of it is that there are no resignations coming in but everything is on the boom and more and more applications are published each month, \$560.00 has been subscribed to the World's Fair fund already.

What do you think of the new envelopes. Pretty neat, eh!

The Venezuelans have caught the Columbian fever and are going to issue a set of stamps similiar to the U. S. Columbian issue both in size and form. Only one value though, thank heaven that Venezuela has no Wanamaker.

Another new one. The Stampic Protective and Beneficial Association. Next we will have a philatelic political club.

Mr. Zobel of San Francisco objects to editors criticising other writers, than themselves. Mr. Z. must have been criticised for his letter to the Collector about Alvah Davison a little too much to suit Mr. Zobel's—isn't that a musical word—own sweet self. He (Mr. Zobel) certainly deserv d all he got and a little more.

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19. Maxwell D. Lathrope, 50 N. Main St., Carbondale, Pa.
20. Elbridge G. Deane, 45 Park St., Buffalo, N. Y.
21. John M. Gunster, 809 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, Pa.
22. John H. English, 226 Greenwich avenue, New Haven, Conn.
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W. P. Todd, 50 Hill St., Morristown, N. J. Refs. W. R. Todd, J. N. Todd.

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Clarence Bundy, South Bend, Wash. Refs. F. S. Raythe, Thos. H. Deene & Co.

Dan. D. Doolittle, Box 455, Fremont, Dodge Co., Neb. Refs. Chas. W. Peugh, Robt. Meeks.

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Our membership list is increasing but we need more. When writing to your friends mention the U. S. P. A. and request them to join. Each member should see if he can secure a new applicant before our next report. For application blanks address the Secretary with stamps.

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Several members have written for membership cards. To those we can only say that the President has taken this matter in charge and I am sure we shall hear from him shortly.

The Exchange Superintendent will send 3 blank sheets for 10 cents to each member who agree to fill and send in at once.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

A trial add. in this paper will convince you of its merits.

Mr. Jno. Gunster, secretary of the Scranton Philatelic Society procured a oddity at the post office in this city, a short time ago. It was a Government envelope containing five different impressions of the two cent envelope stamp. Mr. Gunster, by the way, has a very large and complete collection of U. S. stamps.

The postmaster of Scranton received a curious looking postage stamp a few days ago. Some inventive persons fitted the center of a two-cent Columbian stamp in the center of a one-center. The postmaster at first glance thought he had run across a new variety.

The Schiff & Machado Stamp Co. are selling a World's Fair Stamp Ticket which is very attractive and promises to become rare. There are four varieties. A detailed description can be seen by glancing over our advertising columns.

Mrs. Sparrow Grass:—See here Postmaster. I bought some postage stamps of you last week, and the gum on the back tastes very bad, so it 'pears ter me they can't be very fresh, and I brought them back again to get some fresh ones.

We have received the official circular of the general committee in charge of the postage stamp exhibit to be held at the World's Columbian Exposition. The names of the members of committees, list of subscriptions received, and directions for exhibits are contained therein. The committee are preparing an official catalogue of the Stamp Exhibit which will contain a description of the stamps exhibited, names of exhibitors and subscribers to the popular fund, a list of the various committees, and photo-engravings of the buildings, some of the stamps exhibited, the room, etc. This catalogue will be an attractive souvenir and every collector should purchase a copy when completed.

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The collectors in Scranton have formed a society called the Scranton Philatelic Society. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The society is composed mainly of advanced collectors and several of the members own large and complete collections.

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The New England Stamp Co. is a new incorporated stamp company from Boston Mass. They hold a reserved sale of 100 lots on May 10th. Eighty lots out of the hundred are U. S. stamps. The reserve price for the entire lots amounts to over \$1100.

The \$50 gold prize offered by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co. for the best review of Mekeel's Postage Stamp Album of the World, has been awarded to Mr. C. E. Sevens, of Chicago.

We received the March Philatelic Era on April 28th. Brother Jewett will have to hustle or else skip a number.

Dealers in U. S. stamps will find this paper especially good as a medium for their advertisements as we number among our readers many advanced collectors.

It is said that an entire new issue of U. S. Stamps will appear on January 1st of next year.

"What have you their my pretty maid?"
 "A postage stamp," she sweetly said.
 "Oh let me lick it," in haste quoth he,
 "With pleasure sir, my friend" answered she.

(The maiden then produced a Columbian porous plaster, whereat the youth faints)

The egotism of "Sabra" is very amusing. Recently in writing under the

heading "Statistical Articles" he says "If I had a little more space I would show the readers what a good statistical article is and how it should be written," "Sabra" evidently has a good opinion of his writings.

Associate editors are all the go now a days. Mr. R. P. Spooner has taken two unto himself—Messrs. Jno. H. English and Henry G. Strong of New Haven, Conn. "Gussie" Luhn has also called in "Bobbie" Smyth to help him burn his midnight oil. "Bobbie" is a failure.

There is a certain person in Minneapolis who owes us a little advertising bill. We have written him several times but have received no answer. Unless paid at once we will give him a little unenviable notoriety.

Mr. G. E. H. Skinner of Guilford, Conn. made us a pleasant visit last month. He attended a meeting of the Scranton Philatelic Society where he exhibited his duplicate collection.

One of our subscribers and advertisers says that he considers the ELECTRIC PHILATELIST the best paper in consideration of our size and rates that there is. We think so too. Try an advertisement and convince yourself.

It is a mistake for dealers to discontinue advertising in the summer. A sharp business man keeps his name before the public all the year around.

Mr. W. J. Sabourin in the April number of his paper, the Ottawa Philatelist, devotes three pages of his space in an attack on the Philatelic Era. Editors Jewett and Small are "dished up" in

great style. To tell the truth Mr. Small is partial in his review of papers but that is his affair and not ours.

Think of it! A new Tenth Edition International Stamp Album and a year's subscription to this paper for a \$1 postal note.

Two new papers received by us are the Collector's Review, and the American Stamp.

Many changes are being made in the stamp papers. Mr. L. H. Benton will take charge of the Golden Star beginning with the July number. Mr. H. C. Beardsley has become an associate editor of the Eagle Philatelist.

They will be in great demand by Collectors.

What will? Why those beautifully engraved stamp tickets for the admission to the Worlds Fair Grounds. They are selling like Hot Cakes to collectors all over the Globe. There are four varieties, printed in four different colors. The issue consists of a head of an Indian, Columbus, Washington and Abraham Lincoln. You can buy one or the entire set, price \$1.00 each or \$3.50 per set of four varieties. First come first served. If only one of the stamp tickets is desired state which one you want. For sale by

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110 Foreign Stamps, all different, sent for 10 cents. Hope Stamp Co., Box 1384, Providence, R. I.

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The Electric Philatelist.

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JUNE, 1893.

Whole No. 13.

1861 Adhesive 3 cent Pink.

How to tell it from 1863 3 cent Pinkish.

Numbers of stamps are about even on sheets that they disgrace those that are so pinkish that you wonder if they are not pink, especially if they are priced \$1 to \$2. None of these stamps that seem to be certainly pink is more than a pinkish 1863! When you once see a pink 1861, it won't seem pink. Its shade cannot be mistaken even across the room.

If you have not seen a certain pink compare with pink 3 cent Envelope 1861 white paper or a pink 3 cent envelope 1864 white paper. In these envelopes the ink is in masses and hence seems darker at first glance than in the 1861 adhesive where it is in lines and diamonds. Under the microscope however it is seen that they are of the same shade.

A real 3 cent pink 1861 put beside this envelope (Scott 441 or 465) looks pink still, even across the room; the pinkish ones seem brownish red beside the envelope stamps. Of the 1863 rose here are many shades. The light ones are apt to look pinkish and it is these mostly that are offered for pink. But there is also a quite pinkish shade of this 1863 stamp that might pass for pink until the above test is applied and then all doubt disappears.

I have two fine specimens of the pink before me, one in my album and the other on an original belonging to Mr.

Gilmore of this town. This last is considerably darker than my own specimen both stand the test alike and both are completely different from any of the pinkish shades.

Can any member of the U. S. P. A. give me any facts about this stamp's history. Tiffany simply says "shades of rose." Who first pointed out the difference? Did the P. O. D. ever describe the stamp as pink and where?

Mark S. W. Jefferson.

Turners Falls, Mass.

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ATTENTION.

Scott catalogues the 3c. red on buff die 3 and 10c. green on buff die 4 at \$3.00 each. I will sell either for \$2.50. They are entire and in fine condition. Send quick as I only have a few.

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1623 Sanderson Ave.,
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SCRANTON, PA., JUNE, 1893.

ABOUT OURSELVES.

With this number we commence our third volume. We have reduced our size to four pages inasmuch as it is impossible to persuade dealers to advertise much in the summer. There were two alternatives open to us. Either to retain our former size and appear irregularly during the summer or to reduce the size and appear regularly every month. We decided on the latter. However we will only issue a four page paper during the heated term and in the fall will add at least four more pages if not more. In short this is the dull philatelic season and stamp papers are beginning to feel the results of it.

The attention of our readers is called to the following offers.

A brand new 10th Edition International Stamp Album for a one dollar postal note. We have only a few of these left. They are the regular \$1.50 album.

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Do you not think it would be a good idea for you to advertise while all the rest of the dealers are silent. If you conclude to advertise, try us.

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24. B. C. Hopkins, 1131 Compton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

25. W. P. Todd, 50 Hill St., Morristown, N. J.

26. J. E. Devorr, 308 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio.

27. Clarence Bundy, South Bend Wash.

28. Dan D. Doolittle, Box 455 Fremont, Dodge Co., Neb.

The following have applied for membership and will be entitled to admission June 30th, if no objections are received:

James H. Houston, 461 Missouri Ave., N. W. Washington, D. C. Refs. A. B. Slater, Jr., F. E. Newbury.

W. O. Loomis, Hubbardsville, N. Y.

Refs. Mrs. O. E. Loomis, Wm. R. Reed.

A. R. Rogers, P. O. Box 3299, New York City, Refs. A. B. Slater Jr., F. E. Newbury.

H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J., Refs. A. B. Slater Jr. F. E. Newbury.

James M. Paine, East Killingly Conn. Refs. A. B. Slater Jr., Rogers' Blue Book No. 109.

Changes in address:

11. Henry McConnell, Clarion, Mich.

Mr. Geo. M. Schiller failed to assume the duties of the Treasurer and the President has declared that office vacant and has appointed Andrew M. Fine, Treasurer pro tem until one shall have been duly elected and qualified. The Official Board, therefore, call for an election of a Treasurer. All votes should be sent to the Secretary before June 30th. The name of J. Murray Bartels has been placed in nomination.

A 3 cent specimen of '61 guaranteed by Scott to be pink will be placed in book No. 8 by the Exchange Superintendent in order to give members having doubtful specimens an opportunity to compare their stamps with one known to be pink.

The President has presented the society with printed application blanks and treasurers drafts.

F. F. Trifet

The oldest established (1866) Stamp Dealer in America, is still in business at 408 Washington St., Boston, Mass. notwithstanding all statements to the contrary by envious competitors.

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They will be in great demand by Collectors.

What will? Why those beautifully engraved stamp tickets for the admission to the World's Fair Grounds. They are selling like Hot Cakes to collectors all over the Globe. There are four varieties, printed in four different colors. The issue consists of a head of an Indian, Columbus, Washington and Abraham Lincoln. You can buy one or the entire set, price \$1.00 each or \$4.50 per set of four varieties. First come first served. If only one of the stamp tickets is desired state which one you want. For sale by

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Whole sale agts. for World's Fair Stamp Ticket

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Fred L. Sherburne South New Berlin, Chenango, Co., N. Y. Refs L. V. Lindsay, Andrew M. Fine; Guarantor L. M. Hodges, So. Edmeston, N. Y.

If any member changes his address he will please inform the Secretary at once, members desiring to be placed on circuits should communicate with the Exchange Manager.

As a result of the special election for a new Treasurer, Mr. J. Murray Bartels, of Alexandria, Va., was elected but

on account of other duties was compelled to decline to serve.

Copies of the Constitution and Application Blanks may be had by addressing the Secretary.

Thirty-three members and four applications is not a bad showing but we intend to do better next month. Can you not lend us your aid?

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Money received from members in payment of dues, \$17.50. Paid for printing 200 copies of Constitution \$4.50. Balance in Treasury, \$13.00.

EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

This department was started early in February, I had asked the assistance of each member, then but fourteen in number, for assistance in starting and making the Exchange Dept. a success and the feature of the U. S. P. A., and the manner in which they responded not only showed interest taken in the new society, but is, in a great measure, responsible for the present condition.

U. S. P. A. PRICES.

Since the principal object of the U. S. P. A. was to obtain stamps at their real value, the term "U. S. P. A. Prices" has come to mean stamps at prices as low as good specimens can be sold, and are the prices at which all stamps are sold from the exchange books, as but few stamps marked with "fancy" prices are ever removed from sheets.

Ten to fifty percent below Scott's list is the marking of most of the stamps so far.

In reply to questions concerning list
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Editorials.

Advertisers should not neglect to secure space in the *Electric Philatelist*. A better medium for the price cannot be found. Dealers in U. S. stamps especially should remember that we have the addresses of hundreds of advanced collectors of U. S. stamps to whom we send papers. Our rates are only 25 cents per inch. Give us a trial.

We have just learned that Lewis Bishop, of Denver, publisher of the *Philatelist* is a rank fraud. He is the same person who has travelled under the names of Horace Stone, Jno. J. Morgan, A. B. Quigley, and A. Burmeister.

This is our first appearance since June but all our subscribers will get 12 numbers for their 25 cents or the money due the will be refunded.

We have eighteen of the new 54th., Edition Scott's Catalogues ordered and until they are sold will take orders for them at 40 cents each. Remember that the regular price is 50 cents but we will sell you either size for 40 cents. Cash must accompany each order. First come first served.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's pricelist, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and altogether with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp pricelist. A copy can be obtained from them at 925 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

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and catalogues I can do no better than to refer all to Scotts' for the present at least until the U. S. P. A. list is issued.

BLANK SHEETS.

Sheets may be ordered from the Supt. at 5 cents each or 6 for 25 and are ruled (a) for 40 adhesive or (b) 24 envelope stamps.

BOOKS.

Each book contains from six to ten sheets and is worth about \$20. It shall be the intention of the Supt. to send at least two books each month to each member whose name is on the circuits.

ROUTES.

Since it is the desire of each member to have first chance at the exchange books I have so arranged routes that the second on one book shall be first on the next, thus giving each member at sometime, first chance.

Delays are caused by members holding books longer than necessary but while each member is allowed to keep the book two days, if you can be done with it in one day why not forward it soon as possible?

FINES.

The Dept. has had but one occasion to impose a fine for keeping books over time and that was the case of Mr. A. O. Einstein who kept a book five days over time and refused to answer letters or to pay the fine.

TERMS.

Cash is the basis of exchange. All accounts for stamps removed blank sheets, fines etc., are due the first day of each month and must be paid before the 10th thus making one remittance each month for all accounts.

When sheets have completed the circuit payment is made the owner in cash.

Do not send private checks as the banks charge a fee for collecting them.

FORWARDING.

The rules require that all books shall be sent by registered mailed and it is advisable to preserve the P. M.'s receipt for the package and also the receipt of the

receiving member for at least 30 days in order, that, in case of inquiry, both receipts may be sent to the Supt.

Since 3, 6, and 8 cents stamps of the Columbian issue are wanted by most of the members and are worth used, almost half their original cost, it would be well and a decided gain if each member would prepay packages with stamps of these denominations.

DEALERS.

Although "U. S. P. A. Prices" prevail some members are incline to "deal" but stamps that are not marked at their real value are never removed, so that the cost of the sheet and the time in placing the stamps are lost the owner.

The better plan is to mark a specimen at just the price you would be willing to pay if desired the same for you own collection.

THE DEPARTMENT.

Book 1 was started Feb. 14th and returned March 24th since then nine books have completed the circuit, four en route at present and one ready to start.

From the nine books 730 pieces have been removed valued at \$83.83 1087 varieties were offered. 68 blank sheets sold.

15 names on circuit.

\$8.72 has been paid for postage.

I would ask that each member, if possible to send, at least, two filled sheets each month, that there may be no delays in starting books.

Has any stamp society been able to make as good a showing at the age of seven months?

Respectfully,

Robt Meeks, Supt.

Farmland, Indiana,

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Lewis M. Lang, 513 McMechen street, Baltimore, Md. Refs Andrew M. Fine, L. Lang. Guarantor, Jerome Lang.

Change in address:

13 W. H. Davenport, 3624 Cook avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Membership certificates will be issued as soon as secured.

The annual election of officers will take place January 1st, 1894 and nominations should be sent in at once.

PHILATELIC CHIT-CHAT.

At a recent meeting of the Scranton Philatelic Society Mr. Harry White, chief of the mail force related some of his stamp collecting experiences. To use his own words he "gobbles up" every stamp he sees and sighs for more. He has a trunk full of Columbian stamps tied up neatly in packages of a hundred each and adds to his pile at the rate of a mail-bag full of letters with cancelled stamps each day. All the mail carriers are acquainted with his hobby and save whatever stamps they obtain for him. It is doubtful whether there are many general collections that excel his in the number of varieties. To relate all of his different finds would take up all our space so we will not attempt it. Sufficient is it to say that he has about a million and a half stamps on hand.

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We take pleasure in informing the *Washington Philatelist* that there are no flies on that press.

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Bishop and Hooper can furnish excitement for the philatelic world when all others fail.

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Kissinger's Fox is after Bishop and Spooner's hounds are after Fox. Kissinger should send Hooper his photo as a relief from his troubles.

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The *Era* made all the dealer-publishers squirm. Gentlemen, you can't get around the fact.

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Scranton, Pa.

SCRANTON, PA., NOVEMBER, 1893.

PHILATELIC CHIT-CHAT.

be a new set of stamps issued in this country on Jan. 1, 1894, and it is said by some one who knows that they will be still smaller than the Wana-maker issue

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The time to advertise is now. The medium to use is the *Electric Philatelist*. The results are good. The cost is little. Send in an add and see.

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On account of the long continued fair weather the philatelic season has commenced later this year than usual.

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"Do you know" said an employe of the post-office the other day "that not one-third as many Columbian stamps

are sold now as they were three months ago. A man comes to the stamp window and asks for a dollar's worth of 2 cent stamps. If the clerk gives him the large size nine times out of ten he will shove them back and ask for the small ones. Life is too short they say to spend the time licking postage stamps."

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Never had philatelic papers so hard a row to travel as present. But still every cloud has its silver lining.

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A postage stamp lay in her hands.

And fastened to the gum.

A piece of cloth. She cried in glee.

"My new ball dress has come."

—Vogue.

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The *Philatelic Californian* is the best new paper that has appeared this year. It is of more interest to Western than to Eastern readers.

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Our contemporaries are all grumbling about the slow pay of the advertisers. This is another sign of dull times. Be economical, advertise in the *ELECTRIC PHILATELIST*. Rates 25 cents per inch.

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R. F. Albrecht & Co., are agents for Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London and our old friend Albert Schiff is agent for Theodore Buhl & Co., London, with headquarters at 224 Greene St.

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November 21st and 22nd, are the dates of Albrechts, 16th, Auction Sale.

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A subscriber of ours found a spider in his paper. The reader was superstitious. He wrote to us asking whether or not it was a bad omen. We said the spider was merely looking through the columns of the paper

to see what dealers were not advertising so that he would know in what desks to spin his web without disturbance. Moral.—Send us your ad at once and drive dull business away.

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The philatelic library of Mr. G. S. Dickey of Worcester, Mass., contains over 7000 pieces.

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It will contain all Varieties of perforation and a complete list of postal illustrations.

It will be published in two sizes: 1st, the standard octavo size and 2nd a smaller size suitable for carrying around in the pocket.

It will contain 600 pages and nearly 5000 engravings.

Price, For either size, 50c post free. Specify which size is desired when sending your order.

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Vol. III.

December, 1893.

Whole No. 16.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following are new members of the U. S. P. A.

38. C. W. Bowen, 417 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.

39. Lewis M. Lang, 513 McMechen St., Baltimore, Md.

The following have applied for membership and will be entitled to admission after thirty days if no objections are received:

R. F. Albrecht, 90 Nassau St., New York, Refs, W. H. Davenport, B. C. Hopkins.

E. L. Bernero, 4460 Lindell Boulevard St. Louis, Mo. Refs, B. C. Hopkins, W. H. Davenport.

Send in your vote at once for officers for the ensuing year. Vote for a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Manager of Exchange, and two members to serve on the Official Board; seven in all. Votes must be in within two weeks and every member should see that his ballot is cast.

PHILATELIC CHIT-CHAT

We have recieved a copy of the Standard Stamp Company's price list,

consisting of 80 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. E. T. Parker has opened a New York branch at 26 East 23rd St.

Mr. Albert Schiff has the agency for T. Buhl & Co. of London, England, and will be able in the course of a few months to compete with any New York dealer. He is also agent for the Internationales Briefmarken—Offertenblate the largest and best philatelic paper in Europe.

Members of the U. S. P. A. desiring selections of stamps should send to the Exchange Manager who says "Our Ex. Dept. is in better condition than it ever was more good books and better stamps.

Mr. H. P. Boyle has disposed of his philatelic advertising business to the Philatelic Advertising Exchange, F. G. Stutz as Manager, Washington, D. C.

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| black sur..... | 15 | Macau 1887 5r on 80..... | 12 |
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| Ceylon 1885 1r 12c on 2r 50c red | | Natal 1885 2p on 3p grey..... | 10 |
| brown..... | 90 | N. Borneo 1886 ½c rose violet..... | 40 |
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| Cyprus 1880 4p green..... | 20 | Persia 1892 1c, 2c, 6c..... | 50 |
| Fiji 1892 ½p on 1c blue..... | 1.25 | St. Christopher 1887 1p on ½p green | 25 |
| Fiji 1891 2½p on 2p green..... | 90 | Strait Settlements 1879 5c on 8c | |
| Fiji 1890 4p on 1p mauve..... | 25 | orange..... | 40 |
| France 1876 4c..... | 05 | Tobacco 1861 ½p off 6p brown..... | 10 |
| Gibraltar 1886 ½p..... | 05 | Tobacco 1891 2½p on 4p Grey..... | 25 |
| Gibraltar 1886 1p..... | 07 | Turks Islands 1889 1p on 2½p..... | 20 |
| Gibraltar 1886 2p..... | 15 | Transvaal 1887 2-6..... | 15 |
| Gibraltar 1886 on Bermuda ½p.... | 05 | Transvaal 1887 5..... | 30 |
| Gibraltar 1889 " 25c on 2p | 25 | | |

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Vol. III.

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C. W. Kissinger, Box 368, Reading, Pa. Refs. A. M. Fine, F. S. Fox.

The result of the election for officers will be seen above. No candidate for Treasurer received a majority of votes, consequently it will be necessary to vote again. Send in your ballot within two weeks for one person to act as Treasurer.

Dropped for non-payment of dues.

21. John M. Gunster.

Changes in address.

13. W. H. Davenport, 2104 Lafayette avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Dues for the year 1894 should be paid at once to the Secretary.

Members 2 to 33 inclusive with the exception of 13 and 30 send 50 cents each. *13 has paid and 30 should send

75 cents. Members 34 to 37 inclusive send 10 cents each.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report for year ending Dec. 31, 1893, is as follows: Receipts from dues \$20.75. Disbursements: Printing-Constitution \$4.50. Postage .18. Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1894, \$16.07.

PHILATELIC CHIT-CHAT.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of eighty pages, fully illustrated with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by address, giving above firm at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo.

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onta, N. Y.

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gress abolishing the postal note.

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excellent collection of U. S. stamps. His
departments are about complete.

Mr. Harry White has purchased the
entire stock of Gunster & Welles.

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THE PHILATELIC EXAMINATION OF STAMPS.

BY FOB.

TO DESIGNATE A STAMP we must locate it in the sheet and then describe it. A SHEET is the entire unsevered block of stamps as received from the press after the printing is completed. The sheet may be Single, Double, etc., or may be Paned. A *Single* sheet is one having no more than one impression from the same plate and contains the same number of stamps as appear on the plate or stone. A *Double* or *Triple* sheet has two or three impressions from the same plate and so has twice or three times the number of stamps that appear on the plate; a *Quadruple* sheet, four times, etc. A *Paned* sheet is one in which the stamps are arranged in groups instead of in a single block and may be produced by the engraving being so arranged on the plate, or by being a double triple, etc., sheet with the several impressions spaced apart. For instance the current U. S. Postage 2c carmine is printed in single four paned sheets of 100 stamps (10x10) to the pane; the sheet's being quartered for convenience in handling and counting before being distributed to the postmasters. The plate or stone usually prints also also its own number as "DD No. 46," etc. If we take a sheet and begin at the upper left corner and letter the stamps horizontally from left to right and vertically from top to bottom (lettering each pane independently if the sheet be paned,) the corner stamp would be Aa, the second from top in the third column would be Cb, etc., always placing the column letter first, and so if the stamp in question be found in the lower right pane of a four pane sheet it would be specified for instance as Cb 1r, Pl. DD 46 thus enabling us to systematically designate

without verbosity any impression from any part of the plate.

The description of a stamp must be systematized to be of any use where many varieties of stamps are concerned. To a philatelist, the first thing to note is the face value, then the die, ink, paper, edge, gum, dates when issued and suppressed and also in the case of the "advanced collector," the engraver and printers. The above points determined, but little remains to complete the description and further information is most likely to be historical. But to properly specify as to those points requires the sifting of a host of possible peculiarities, the principal of which are noted in the following.

The FACE VALUE admits of variation in an individual stamp only by alteration after printing, (and evidence of this would at once condemn the stamp as a "fake"), or by surcharging and as such are generally type set a systematic description of them must be specially adapted to each class of such make-shifts.

The DIE we understand in philately to be as much of the plate or stone as in printing, produces a single stamp. In plate printing as now generally employed, the stamp is engraved but once, making the *Master Die* from which by impression are produced the shop or *Hob Dies* which are in turn used to produce by similar process the *Plate* used in actual printing. In lithography the design is drawn, or transferred from a *Cut* or its print, upon a smooth *Stone* in such manner as to produce a surface that will take ink of an oily nature while the remaining surface of the stone if wetted will not hold it. An ink roller passed over the stone then leaves ink upon the designed surface and lines only which in turn makes the print when the paper is pressed upon it. In

surface printing a wood *Cut* or similar engraving of the stamp is prepared and as many *Stereo* or *Electro-types* made from it by the usual processes as are necessary to make the *Block* or *Plate* from which the stamps are then printed in the same manner as are the pages of an ordinary book, or the stamps may be simply type set like an ordinary tag or label. The *SHAPE* of the die impression may be square, rectangle, lozenge, triangular, circular, elliptical (seldom oval as that is egg shaped), etc., and if the contour of the design be ornamental, as of scrolls, etc., the shape would be called ornate rectangle or ornate lozenge as the case might be. If the design be other than a circle or regular polygon the letter *v* or *h* should be used to denote the direction of the longest axis, thus for instance the Home Bitters medicine stamps would be called ornate horizontal rectangles, or as abbreviated, "or. h. rect." The *Size* of the die impression should be measured in millimeters and tenths, vertically and horizontally, and the vertical measurement in all cases given first, thus the U. S. '75 Periodical 84 cts. would be given as 35 5x24.3.

The *PROCESS* of producing stamp impressions may be *Plate Printing* as the U. S. Columbian stamps, *Lithographing* as the third and fourth issues of the B. & O. Telegraph Co., *Surface Printing*, whether simply type set or from electrotypes, as the Confederate provisionals of Fredericksburg, Va. and Lynchburg, Va., *Embossing* as the issues of Sardinia '53 and Natal '57, *Combination impressions*, as of the last two processes which is exemplified by the New found land envelope stamps, or by *Hand Stamping* as the Baltimore envelope stamps. The *SPACING* of the stamps refers to the distance between the impressions measured vertically from

the bottom of one to the top of the next and horizontally from the side of one to the side of the next, thus the U. S. '75 Periodical 96 cent is said to be spaced 2.5x2.3, measurement always in millimeters and decimal and vertical invariably given first. If the spaces between the panes be measured, such measurements ought to be specified as "Parting Spaces." The *STYLE* of *FIGURE* refers to the distinctive part of the design, generally the central portion and is usually a head, bust or full length figure or may be a scene, marine, land or chamber as in the case of the U. S. Columbian issue, or it may be a monogram, letter, figure or heraldic design. The *TYPE* of die is the general design except the central figure or *Subject* and the figures and words of value. Thus in the U. S. '90 issue the 1c—8c inclusive are all of the same type.

The *Type* of die should be designated (in chronological order) by Roman numerals, the *Die* by the Arabic figures denoting the face value, and the *VARIETY* of die by affixed Roman letters, thus the U. S. postage 10c of '72 might be designated as Postage CXV 10, the 5c '75 as CXV5 and the 10c of '80 (worn plate called "Plain Frame") as CXV10a and the 10c of '82 as CXV 10b. In the case of varieties of the same original die, the distinctive differences that they are most quickly and surely *DISTINGUISHED* by should be carefully noted and given in as few words as possible.

The *INK* used in printing is, of the essential points of a stamp, the most difficult to describe in any positive way. In the early days of stamps, simple *COLORS* were used but now the mixtures are intended to be the most difficult of imitation; and again the colors are nearly all affected to a large extent by heat, sunlight and also in

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The total face value of the Columbian issued was \$40,077,950.

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The postmaster general has rejected all bids for furnishing postage stamps for the next four years. The work will be done by the bureau of engraving and printing.

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The only local philatelic society in Scranton has died a natural death. Although the membership was quite large few would attend. Consequently it was determined to dissolve.

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We take pleasure in presenting our readers with an eight page paper this month, resuming our old-time form. No number was issued for February but all subscribers will receive 12 numbers for a year's subscription.

United States Philatelic Association.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Objections have been made to the application of C. W. Kissinger it has been referred to the Official Board for investigation. On account of giving up collecting the following, has sent in his resignation which is hereby accepted; Resigned:

7. Asa F. Sutton, Sutton, Mich.

Members should send their dues for 1894 to the the Secretary at once and receive membership cards. Please remit by postal note if possible. Members 4 to 33 inclusive with the exception of 13 and 30 send 50 cents each, 13 has paid and 30 should send 75 cents. Members 34 to 37 inclusive send 10 cents each.

It has been proposed to amend the Constitution of the United States Philatelic Association by adding to Article III the following:

"Sec. 5. Every applicant for membership who has not attained to the age of twenty-one years must accompany his application with a signed guarantee from some responsible person, that the guarantor will be responsible for the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association in case the applicant is admitted."

A written vote is necessary on this question and members will please make it a point to send in their votes at once. Please do not forget this as it is of importance.

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PHILATELIC CHIT-CHAT.

The President of the U. S. P. A. is about to appoint a Committee to investigate and prepare a paper of an historical and descriptive nature on the U. S. Government Reprints. The facts developed by this committee will be of great value to collectors and the U. S. P. A. is to be congratulated for taking this step to secure needed information.

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The first auction sale of Parker's and Mekeel's New York Agency took place March 9th.

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Charles W. Burnham has issued a wholesale price-list of U. S. stamps.

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Mr. B. L. Drew, of Cambridge announces his first auction sale to take place March 15th. The lots consist of United States and foreign stamps, the former being nearly complete.

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We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Company's price list, consisting of 86 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo.

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The Southern Stamp & Publishing Co are going out of business but the Southern Philatelist will be continued by Gus Luhn.

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We have received parts 1 and 2 of "A Complete Cyclopaedia of all the United States Revenue Stamps," by Oscar Scarlett.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a postage stamp case enclosed in an imitation leather envelope from Mr. E. T. Parker.

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We have a few 54th Edition Scott's Catalogues which we will send post free for 40 cts. Address this paper.

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In this issue we print the first installment of, "The Philatelic Examination of Stamps" which will run through this and succeeding numbers. All collectors should read this article as it will be of value to them.

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If on some rainy day you need some amusement search among your papers and read the few numbers issued of the *Long Island Philatelist*. Its editor predicted a long life for his publication and called it a model of philatelic journalism. But alas, it is no more; and the next day it snowed.

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The Post-Office of Scranton has recently moved into commodious and handsome quarters in the new Government building.

many cases quite powerfully by artificial lights of high intensity, so that new shades and colors of old stamps are constantly being discovered(?). Ignorance of the science of light and color is the cause of colors being so generally called by misplaced names, violet and purple, rose and pink, orange and vermillion even, being generally confounded, and the one who makes the greatest blunders is almost always the one who believes *he* understands it the best. A thorough study of Spectrum or primary rainbow colors is essentially necessary as a foundation for a real understanding of the subject.

The primary colors are easily distinguished but the binary are often difficult to classify and the ternary and more complex colors are only to be specifically and correctly classed by experts. It has always been palpably evident that for philatelic purposes some standard of colors must be had, otherwise all comparison by description is practically impossible. Color Charts have from time to time been brought forward but the false shades and unstable character of the colors especially if printers ink, have made them all nearly if not quite useless and many worse.

The only thing I have yet found that in any degree approaches the character and stability of colors necessary in a standard, is the sample book of water colors which is furnished by Winsor & Newton of London, Eng., to dealers handling their goods. This is of course an expensive book but if made up with especial design for use for philatelic purposes, would to a large extent supply the need which now seems so nearly absolute.

The *Primary Colors* all have their own individual names as also have all of the *Binary*. Colors when mixed in equal intensity, that is so that each

of the components shall have a degree of effect equal to that of the other, though the amount of pigment necessary might be quite different. Many of the *Ternary* and higher mixtures also have their distinctive names and all will in description be treated by the same system.

The *SHADE* of a color is its degree of intensity and is made lighter by diluting with white only. If dense, that is entirely undiluted with white then it is said to be normal and is made darker by the admixture of black only.

If any other color than black or white be mixed in, the original instantly loses its individuality by becoming one of the components of the new mixture. In any mixed color, for instance a binary, if one of the components has an excess of effect, that is predominates, the mixture is said to be of the *Cast* of that color, as in the case of a green which usually seen in the U. S. Postage '82 3c would be called a dark shade of green of blue cast which describes it definitely as is hardly the case when it is called a blue-green. The same type of 3c as issued in 1872-6 was more variable in color, appearing in dark, normal and light green of a slightly varying yellow cast.

In judging of the color of the ink, select if possible a spot where the color is solid, that is where the paper does not appear in lines or dots that are left bare by the design, for the color of the paper will modify the effect of the ink color on the eye and so bias the judgment. Also in surface printing note if the ink is so thin as to allow its color to be affected by that of the paper showing through, for in any case the character of the *Print* may have much to do with the appearance of the ink. Note if the print be clear and sharp as from a new plate, or whether dull, rough or coarse, light

or heavy, for it will be affected by the character of the ink and the condition of the plate and machine as well as the character and condition of the paper used and by no means least the ability and care of the printer.

Water colors are sometimes used in printing as in the case of Russian stamps, so it behooves the collector to be careful about soaking them. Such are called *fugitive* colors, a term applied also to those which fade easily by sunlight.

The PAPER used in stamp manufacture is an item which has been, until quite recently, almost entirely ignored and even at the present day is properly regarded by but few cataloguers. Even the U. S. match and medicine stamps which appear upon five very distinct Kinds of paper are commonly catalogued as on "pink" and "white" papers only. Variety in the paper may be in its body, color or surface. The character of the body of the paper depends upon the ingredients of the pulp as is shown in the case of the silk fiber, straw and manilla papers and also upon the method of treating the pulp during the knitting and finishing processes which is most readily observed by viewing the paper by transmitted light and often times by reflected light (at a very acute angle to the paper) and also by laying the paper over a black surface particularly if the paper be quite moist. The principal pulp varieties of paper used for stamps are *rag*, *wood*, *straw*, *manilla*, *rice*, *India*, *silk*, *mince*, etc. The first two are the most common, the next two are used mostly for wrappers, rice sometimes called *silk gloss* is, if genuine, not pulp made but a natural wood pith obtained from the tree in cylinders and shaved into rolls of the finest quality paper, found in Japan issue of '71, but is often used for proofs as is India paper which is

sometimes prepared with a cardboard backing. Silk paper is exemplified in the U. S. two color document and proprietary stamps, mince paper is very thin and tough and is shown in the issue of Turkey '63 and is somewhat similar to *onion skin* and *gold beater's skin* papers. Sometimes continuous *silk threads* are worked in as the paper is knit, the Swiss issue of '54 being an example. Native paper as for instance in the stamps of Cashmere '66, is generally distinguished by its very uneven thickness causing poor prints and is often rather coarse, quite the reverse of bond paper which is a very fine tough fiber paper of very uniform thickness but not always as smooth as some others, being of a parchment character. In knitting the pulp into paper, the principal varieties produced are *wove* and *laid*.

Wove paper is characterized by a very even body, generally by transmitted light showing through the whole area fine dots of light about as far apart as, or a little more than their own diameters as is very nicely shown by the thin Hawaiian envelopes. The principal subvarieties of wove are *pelure ribbed* and *moire*. Pelure paper is a wove paper which does not show the dots of light, and is of a decidedly fibrous nature, appearing hairy when roughened. Ribbed paper has fine elevated parallel lines or ribs on its surface making a fine corrugation found on many Canadian stamps and when the lines are sinuous or wavy, it is called *papier moire* and the surface of the paper presents the appearance of watered silk as seen in the Spanish issues of '75. Laid paper viewed by transmitted light is characterized by the entire area being covered by close parallel light lines of width generally about equal to the spaces between them and as an average about 16 lines to 20 mm. These are generally crossed at right angles by lines usually about 15 to 20 mm apart.

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This article was commenced in the last number copies of which may be had for five cents.

If these last lines are diagonal instead of perpendicular to the first it is called *verge* paper. If the first lines are far apart and the second lines brought nearer each other so as to form an area composed of squares it is called *quadrille* paper. *Batonne* paper may be wove or laid but is distinguished by a series of pronounced lines spaced so as to show guide lines for writing if placed over a black surface.

In the case of laid paper give the number of light lines per 20mm, for *verge* adding the angle, and for *quadrille* and *batonne* give in mm the distance between lines.

Besides these straight lines which appear in laid paper, various designs are produced in any kind of paper by touching the wet pulp, as it is being knit, with the figure in wire or metal plate which holds the water at the places of contact and causes the body pulp to work away towards the parts that are drying more quickly thus producing *water-marked* paper, as the U. S. envelopes.

Paper may have colored fiber worked into it or may be colored throughout its body.

The COLOR of the paper should be specified just as accurately as that of the ink and as carefully examined for many times so called white papers are simply bleached and many tinted papers have been fraudulently treated to infusions of color. U. S. postage up to 1851 and P. O. Dept. envelopes are frequent subjects for bleaching by the philatelic fraud. Evidence of chemical tampering is generally found in the TEXTURE of the paper

which should be closely examined.

It may be hard or soft, firm or loose fine or coarse, close or spongy, oil sized (as some U. S. revenue essays) etc.

In connection with the texture, the THICKNESS of the paper is an important item and should be measured in hundredths of 1 mm, care being taken to measure where the ink or gum will not interfere. For this purpose a micrometer should be used, a very nice one specially adapted for the purpose, being made by Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., of Providence, R. I. The condition of the SURFACE of the paper should also be noted. If the stamp is steel or copper plate work and the plate was not properly wiped clean, the surface of the paper will be *ink tinted* by the foul plate, same color as the print. If the colored lines are raised, it is probably a plate print, if depressed, probably a surface, but if it is smooth and particularly if the surface has a slight waxy or greasy feeling and the print is not sharp but under the glass is rather ragged, it is probably a lithograph. Paper bleached in liquids will betray it in the surface even if it be burnished as is sometimes done. The surface of the paper may be enamelled or *glazed* as the stamps of the Roman States or the New York 3c. This may be done in any color or the surface of the paper colored without being glazed.

The EDGE of the stamp should be carefully examined. It may have been separated by cutting apart by knife, or shears in the absence of any other provision, such being called *imperfectorate*, but stamps purporting to be such should be treated cautiously for unless they have very large margins on all sides or, what is better, are in pair or block, they may have been trimmed, having been perforated or perhaps rouletted.

Sheets of stamps are usually treated so that they may be torn apart with ease and certainty without mutilation, and this is provided for by making a series of disconnected cuts through the paper between the stamps.

The **SIZE** of the stamp is the length and breadth (or the diameter if round) measured across the stamp from center to center of the perforations or cuts, or edge to edge if unperf. and is given in mm., vertical first, and may show whether the stamp came from edge of sheet or pane and aids to determine if the edge of the stamp has been tampered with. There are many different styles of cuts used, of which the most important are here noted.

Perforation is by a series of small usually round holes punched through and removing bits of the paper, pin perforation being where the holes are simply pricked as by running the paper through an unthreaded sewing machine. The size and shape of the holes should be noted and also the number in 20 mm.

Rouletting is a series of slits or straight cuts all in line and not only should the number in 20 mm. be counted but also note the length of the cut and the distance between them. Rouletting in color shows ink at the cuts as it is usually done at the same time that the stamps are printed and is generally found only in surface printed stamps.

Perce en arc is simply a form of rouletting in which the slits are not straight but curved as the arc of a circle, forming scallops.

Serrating gives a very rough and irregular outline as if the paper had been torn over a very coarse ragged edge. Of the many other forms commonly listed but few are often met with except the serpentine rouletting

which instead of being straight is sinuous as in the case of the issues of Finland 1860, and the large wavy perforations as seen in the Bulgarian "unpaid" issue of 1887.

Care should be taken to note whether the cuts are regular and uniform and also if all four sides are cut alike as stamps are often found that are cut differently on different sides.

The **GUM** should be carefully examined as it often affords one of the best clues to the proper classification of a stamp. The **COLOR** may vary from white to a very dark brown, or it may be quite colorless. In judging its color, be careful to note **QUANTITY** or thickness of the layer as a very dark gum in a very thin layer may appear to be very light colored, or if the paper be colored look out for the effect of that. Under the head of **TEXTURE** of the gum we note its consistency, whether hard or soft, flexible or brittle, and also whether smooth or uneven and if convenient, whether it is such that the stamp could be easily peeled from adhering paper, a characteristic of the gum used on the U. S. postage stamps between about 1867 and 1875.

The **ENGRAVERS** are generally noted by their marginal imprints on the sheets and are not always the **PRINTERS**, so that for the satisfactory determination of these points, the marginal imprints and marks are not always sufficient but the history of the stamp must be looked into for what is apparently the same stamp may during the time it is current, be produced by different parties as in the case of Grecian and Confederate stamps and even the U. S. postage issue of 1872-80.

In noting the time **ISSUED** be sure that it is the day the stamp is first placed on sale, although the date it is

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—That the 20 dollar Conveyance
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—That there were two colors of 30
cent and \$2.50 Inland Exchange?

—That the \$1 Mortgage is known
to have been found part-perforated?

—That some of the first issue Document
are said to be found on silk
paper? (I have not seen any)

—That Scott, in 1874, listed a \$5000
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—That Tobacco wrappers on tin foil
makes an interesting collection, and
that there are 465 varieties as listed

by Mr. Sterling in 1883?

—That the Dougherty 5 cent Blue
Playing Card is found unperforated
and part-perforated as well as perforated.

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The following have applied for
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objections are received:

H. E. Thayer, Warren, Mass.

Jno. J. Steele, Mexico, Mo. Refs
J. F. Llewellyn, Mexico, Water Wks.
Co.

Resigned: 24 B. C. Hopkins.

Members are very lax in sending
their dues, for 1894 to the Secretary,
please remit *at once*. Members 4 to
33 inclusive with the exception of 5, 13,
and 30 send 50 cents each, 5 and 13
have paid while 30 should send 75
cents.

Only three votes were received on
the question of amending the Constitution
as per my last report. Members should
take enough interest in their society to
vote on as important a matter as this.
Send in your votes now. The proposed
amendment is the addition to Article III
of the following:

"Sec. 5. Every applicant for membership
who has not attained to the age of twenty-
one years must accompany his application
with a written guarantee from some responsible
person, that the guarantor will be responsible
for the applicant's promises and obligations
to the Association in case the applicant is
admitted."

EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

This Department of the U. S. P. A. is still in an excellent condition and books are started twice each month.

The quality of stamps offered is the best and "U. S. P. A. prices" prevail.

That an "Auction Dept." be started is demanded by a few of the members, and should the demand increase I should be pleased to comply and hold sales monthly.

The members are usually prompt in replying to monthly statements sent out, and this has enabled me to send cash balance when sheets are returned to the owner; only one member (whose name will be given next month) has refused to settle account on demand and I am thereby \$2.38 out of pocket.

For your protection as well as mine it is advisable to preserve P. M.'s receipt for package and also the return card.

Since my last report I have issued sixteen books containing eighty sheets

Thirteen of these books have completed the circuits, and three still enroute.

From the thirteen books 512 pieces have been removed, valued at \$97.17; making a total, for the first U. S. P. A. year, 1242 pieces removed, valued at \$181.00.

A collection of 1272 varieties has been represented by stamps placed on the Exchange Sheets.

Envelope stamps are not represented on sheets as they should be, but those which have been offered have been marked at reasonable prices and have found ready sale: the same may also be said of match and medicine stamps.

Document stamps in great varieties have been offered and those marked at "U. S. P. A. prices" have found ready sale, but many collectors place

fictitious values on this class of stamps and ask unreasonable prices for them; supply and demand does not warrant the prices asked in current catalogues as is proven by prices obtained at auction sales which have taken place within the last year and a half.

The sheets have been especially rich in Periodical and Department stamps, which, with a few exceptions, have been marked at about twenty per cent below the 54th catalogue.

Fine specimen of all issues of "adhesive" have been offered at strictly U. S. P. A. prices.

All members should take part in the exchanges offered by this Department for I am sure that no society can offer better opportunities for completing your collection of U. S. stamps nor place stamps at better prices.

Most collectors have a fair collection of Foreign stamps but few have many of the varieties of our own Country.

How many collectors of your acquaintance can show you a collection of 1272 stamps of the United States? Not many I should say.

It has caused me much writing to members to secure sheets for the books which could have been saved if members would help me by sending sheets at least once a month.

By all means have your name placed on the "list" as the sight of the sheets is well worth the cost of forwarding.

Members will please to read the rules on the last page of each sheet.

Respectfully

R. MEEKS, *Supt.*
Farmland, Ind., March 15, 1894.

Advertise in the Electric Philatelist.

officially announced is also of interest and the time SUPPRESSED is the day officially specified for the discontinuance of its sale although generally the stamps can be bought at many post offices for a time after such date, till the local stock is exhausted. If placed on sale for any other purpose than that for which it purports to have been engraved, it is not a regular issue, but a Provisional, Reprint, Imitation, or it is a speculative issue.

If we carefully examine a stamp in accordance with the foregoing we will become well acquainted with it and if once so familiar with a genuine original, the detection of false pretenders is not such a very difficult affair, and too, no varieties will be apt to escape notice and by systematically recording all the points noted we will have the most complete philatelic description of such stamp, which if carried out through all the stamps of any country will make a most thorough and systematic descriptive list for that country. It is my intention to apply this to the adhesive postage stamps of the U. S. including proofs, essay, etc., and list only from actual examination of existing specimens. No satisfactory check list for the advanced collector exists today, the necessary data even which does exist being scattered far and wide.

Mr. Tiffany's book is the most meaty current compilation, but is not adapted to be used as a check list. For my purpose I have sheets systematically prepared to receive the data necessary for the compilation of the list which is not to have any reference to the prices of any stamps, as that is left to dealers who are in it for commercial, rather than philatelic purposes.

The correct naming of the colors is

the most difficult part and I hope soon to secure by the aid of Winsor & Newton of London, Eng., a reference list prepared for the purpose of comparison, and illustrated in colors that shall be as permanent as their art can produce.

The plan of listing the die types is based on the order of appearance of the primary designs, designating them by Roman numerals, and for convenience in noting, they are indicated by a separate prefix for each branch, thus Provisionals, A; Postage, P; Carrier's, Ca; Newspaper, N; Unpaid, U; Official, O; Telegraph, T; Local, Lo; Document, Do; Proprietary, Pr; Match, Mh; Medicine, Md; Playing Card, Pc; Hydrometer, H; Lock Seal, Ls; Cotton, Ct; State Revenue, Sr.

I am quite aware that the type list will probably need revision when the work approaches completion as it is impossible to assign at the outset what should be the final designs, and I do not believe that any one living man can immediately display all that knowledge in the detail which it is proposed to carry this work

If you notice in this article or its successors any misstatement that I may have made through mistake or ignorance of true facts, I will appreciate the kindness if you will notify me of it and put me in the way to be correctly informed as I do not profess to be a "know all".

As the GRILLS were confined to but three of the postal issues their number is not great. The size of the grilled area should be given in mm. and also the number of squares vertically and horizontally. There are also several distinct varieties of genuine grills, designated a, b, c, etc., and will be considered more at length later.

TO BE CONTINUED.

POSTAGE STAMPS IN 1840.

In a letter addressed by a lively young brother to his sister, which bears the date Monday, May 25, 1840, I have found the following record of opinion:

"Have you tried the 'stamps yet? I don't fancy making my mouth a glue pot, although, to be sure, you have the satisfaction of kissing, or rather slobbering over, her majesty's back. This, however, I should say, is about the gravest insult the present ministry could have offered the queen."—Notes and Queries.

We have received a calendar blotter for March from N. E. Carter, a price-list of U. S. stamps from J. W. Smith Stamp Co., a very convenient and handy pocket millimetre scale and perforation gauge from W. H. Hollis, 1894 price list of C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Pub. Co.—The 127th. sale of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., will consist of the remainder of the collection of U. S. stamps formed by the late Mr. E. Harrison Sanford.—R. M. Miller, the Secretary of the S. of P. was married March 19th.—Fourth class postmasters get paid according to stamps they cancel. The C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co. have been sending their matter that required high value stamps through a rural post office near St. Louis and the P. M. has been giving the Co. half the face value of the stamps for doing so. It appears this is against the law and C. H. Mekeel has been arrested. Funny isn't it?

Oh! they are wise
Who advertise
In Winter, Spring
And Fall.

But wiser yet
Are they, you bet
Who never let up
At all.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co., should send for a copy at once. It consists of eighty pages, fully illustrated with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo.

Until further notice the publishers will send a copy of Scott's 54th Catalogue for forty cents post free and their last 1894 International Album for \$1.00 post free. Order at once as supply is limited.

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United States stamps on approval to parties furnishing A 1 references.

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Notes On A Philatelic Tool Chest.

By Fob.

About the first thing that a philatelist should have in the way of instruments is a good pair of *Tweezers* of German Silver or Aluminum. The style furnished by Becker & Sons, (6 Murray Street, N. Y.) with their No. 5 set of Chemical weights is a splendid size and shape, about 4 1-2 inches long and 3-8 inch wide. The body is the same width for over 3 inches of its length and then tapers evenly to the points which should be fine but not sharp, and smooth with all edges slightly rounded. Stamps should never be handled with the fingers but with tweezers if they are to be kept in the best condition possible.

In the examination of stamps the next thing requisite is a good *Magnifying Glass*; the best being an achromatic glass, of about an inch diameter, which will enlarge a letter to about two and a half or three times its normal height. A large glass of about three and a half or four inches in diameter and of about the same magnifying power as the small one is very convenient for comparing stamps, as both can be seen by moving the eyes only, and for very critical examination a much more powerful glass is often used.

As soon as we can see the minutest detail of the stamp satisfactorily, we realize the necessity of measuring and a *Millimeter Scale* becomes a necessity. It is very convenient to have two scales, one 100 mm. long having the first 10 mm. divided to 1-2 mm and the other about 300 mm long for measuring sheets, envelopes, postal cards and various revenue stamps. Both scales should have inch graduations on one edge, the smaller one divided as fine as 1-32 in., for about 1-2 an inch, the rest being in sixteenths.

We are now prepared to study the die of the stamp but when we begin to study the ink our troubles begin, for at present no satisfactory standard of colors for comparison is known to exist. This matter of color will be considered in a special paper later.

If the stamp be soiled it may be necessary to clean it. First remove all adhering paper (unless it be a portion of the original cover showing post or other mark desirable to retain) by peeling if possible without injury to the back of the stamp, as it is advisable to retain as much of the original gum as possible. If necessary to moisten, do not under any circumstances steam it and do not soak in water any longer than necessary. If the paper covers the whole back of the stamp, float it face up on some water in a plate till you can peel the paper off, but not till it drifts off for the gum will then all be gone to. If there is but little paper to remove, as perhaps part of a hinge from an unused stamp, place the stamp back up on a clean *white blotter* (the coloring or ink in others is apt to stain the stamp and moisten only the paper to be removed, till it easily peels off, then let the stamp dry and if necessary, press it afterwards in a copying press or under heavy books. Occasionally some of the large "tax paid" stamps have to be severely soaked (always use pure rain water if possible as others are apt to have in solution substances that may effect the stamps) and are then much improved in condition by ironing between blotters while slightly moist. Ironing a dry stamp in this manner will remove from it any oil or grease spot if the sad-iron be sufficiently hot (be very careful not to scorch even the blotter). A very cute little *sad-iron*, just the thing for this is made by Luther & Lederhoss, 30

Cliff St., N. Y. It is so made as to attach to and be heated nicely on an ordinary gas jet, but if you have no gas get an ordinary toy sad-iron.

It necessary to clean the face of the stamp, sometimes it may be done by very careful use of a *rubber-pure gum*, not the ordinary pencil erasers, for they contain clay or its equivalent which will ruin the stamp. Sometimes foreign substances may be removed by the use of a very keen *scraper* but with safety only if in expert hands.

The stamp may need washing, in which case *ether* should be used and applied with a soft *camel's hair brush*, holding the stamp in a *watch glass*. Sometimes it may be necessary to use *deodorized benzine* when *ether* fails, but as this is apt to leave the stamp slightly greasy, it is then generally necessary to iron it. If the stamp is carefully laundried it should come out as nice as a clean shirt and have suffered less. Acetic and various other organic acids and some alkalies are used for washes, many for the purpose of removing the cancellation ink, but don't experiment with a stamp you care for, as a specimen with an honest light cancellation is far nicer than one that elicits the remark. "Oh, that's not unused, it has been fraudulently cleaned". We will give special attention to the matter of removing cancellations and changing colors later on.

In studying the paper, it is often very convenient to use a *pocket mirror* to reflect light up through it while under examination with the magnifying glass. The thickness of the paper should be measured by a *micrometer* at a point where the ink and gum will not interfere (the apparent thickness of some paper is much altered by soaking, pressing, burnishing, etc.) A very nice *micrometer*

specially adapted for the purpose is made by the Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., of Providence, R. I. It reads as fine as 1-100 mm.

To examine the paper for water marks if they are not immediately apparent by transmitted light, hold the paper so that a strong light will strike and be reflected from it to the eye at a very acute angle to the paper, and wherever the watermark is, the variation in the paper will cause minute shadows to reveal the outline.

If this fails, place the paper face down upon a *black card* and let strong light fall nearly perpendicularly upon it and if still in doubt, barely moisten it, while upon the black card, with deodorized benzine, or if ink will stand it and there is no gum, use water sparingly. The best kind of black card is the plate used by photographers for tin-types.

For examining the edge of the stamp a *perforation gauge* is necessary. Various forms have been made showing the dots representing the number of cuts per 20 mm., the usual form having them arranged in a vertical column of horizontal rows in the middle of a card. If the card be nicely transparent, as of the best transparent celluloid, it does very well but if not transparent it is quite worthless, as stamps already mounted cannot be tested without removal and so the form of gauge with the marks along the edge is by far the most practical for it has all the advantages without the defects of the other.

For mounting your stamps never use perforated *hinges*, their only use is to patch the edges of injured stamps. Don't use any but very thin hinges unless you are an approval sheet peddler and have no regard to nicety in the condition of your stamps. Hinges

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**SCRANTON, PA., MAY, 1894.**  
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THE TALK IS

That the review department of the
Era is getting rather uninteresting.
That Frank P. Brown of Omaha is
about to challenge C. W. Kissinger
of Reading to mortal combat. That
Alvah Davison doesn't enjoy being
editor of the Post Office. That the P.
S. of A. is not what it is cracked up
to be. That Lewis Bishop is smart
enough to make a fortune if he were
honest. That A. W. Dunning will go
all the way from California to Canada
just to give him a punch or two. That
Mr. Pinkham lays awake nights
thinking of Goodwin and his grilles.
That the name "Kissinger" occurs
no less than fifty times in each issue
of the P. P. That the *Weekly Philatelist*
and the *Iowa Philatelic Weekly*
are not the best of friends. That the
U. S. P. A. has an exchange depart-

ment second to none. That in fact
the U. S. P. A. itself is second to
none. That you are making a great
mistake if you don't join. That a
great many stamp cranks are bicycle
cranks and vice-versa.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following are new members:

42. H. E. Thayer, Warren, Mass.
43. Jno. J. Steele, Mexico, Mo.

The following have applied for
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jections are received:

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Cullough, P. M. Wolsieffer; Guarantor,
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N. E. Carter, Box 314 Pelavan,
Wis.; Refs., S. L. Carter, A. M. Fine.

Edwin F. Thayer, Box 766, Attle-
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Street, Providence, R. I.; Refs. A. B.
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Refs. W. H. Davenport, Willis E. Bennett.

Again I must urge the members to forward me the dues for 1894. Nos. 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31 send 50 cts. each. No. 30 should send 75 cts. No. 34, 35, 36, should send 10 cts. each.

Mr. John N. Luff of San Francisco has taken charge of the approval sheet department of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.

Maher and Grosh of Toledo, Ohio give away 100 stamps as a premium to purchasers of their knives.

NOTELETS.

Article II of the Constitution of the United States Philatelic Association reads as follows;

This Association is constituted:—

1st. For the purpose of encouraging and promoting the collection and preservation of stamps issued within the bounds of the United States, including all varieties of Adhesive and Envelope Postage, Document, Proprietary, Private Die, Match and Medicine, Tobacco, Tax and Confederate States of America.

2nd. For the study of the characteristics of design, paper, color, printing and other details of variety, and for the purpose of procuring information relating thereto, and to the history and purpose of their use, and such other information as shall determine their true classification and arrangement.

In a letter dated Apl. 23rd; the Ex. Mgr. of the Assn. says, The "Dept has more good sheets than ever before".

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Company's price list, consisting of 86 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been

printed and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo.

It said that the Charleston Stamp Co. and the Southern Stamp & Pub. Co. are almost one and the same thing.

We have received a circular from the manager of the International Exposition of the Paper Industries to be held at Paris from July to December. Group xv. has been assigned to philately and all collectors are invited to contribute specimens. Dr. Legrand is pres. of the dept. under whose patronage the philatelic exhibit will be given. This committee consists of such well known men as Philippe De Ferrary, J. B. Moens, P. H. Philbrick and J. K. Tiffany. The exhibition will doubtless be a great success.

The *Iowa Philatelic Weekly* is a neat four page, three column paper hailing from Wyoming, Iowa, Messrs. E. R. Marshall and W. F. Waite are in charge.

The wholesale price list of the Standard Stamp Co. contains a half tone engraving of the interior of their offices showing between 25 and 30 clerks at work. This company owns the first and only offices ever built in this country for the purpose of conducting a stamp business.

Mr N E. Carter has favored us with a sample of his hinges and a calendar blotter for April, the Century Stamp and Coin Co. have also sent us their price-list No. 2.

The Standard Stamp Co. sell stamps on credit and take payments in weekly installments.

It is a difficult matter for Quigley to hit upon a name that he has not already used as an alias.

A writer in the New York Sun wants to know why we can't have the American flag in miniature on a postage stamp. This is a good idea and we would suggest that it be put on the 5 cent denomination as they are used chiefly for foreign correspondence.

Mr. Henry Clotz sailed for Europe on April 28th.

The auction season for 1893-94 of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. is closed.

There is another convert to the specialism of U. S. Stamps; namely, Dr. G. W. Sylvester.

The dealers are all buying up all the one dollar Columbians that they can get hold of. Consequently the value of that stamp is on the increase.

Mr. C. W. Small has resigned as associate editor of the *Era* owing to trouble with his eyes.

The second number of *Philatelic Comfort* is at hand and comforts our weary mind to the extent of four pages.

A "Revised print" has been issued of the large size Scotts 54th catalogue which is an improvement in typographical appearance, cover, binding and quality of paper over the first addition. Until further notice the publishers of this paper will send a copy of this catalogue post free for 40 cents.

The International Postage Stamps Exchange, E. H. Friedlander, prop., of Philadelphia announce a directory of the stamp dealers of the world to be issued about July 1st and from thence every three months to enable them to make corrections, omit firms of out business, or to add new ones.

The P. S. of A. have decided to hold their annual convention at Niagara Falls in August. Washington was the second choice with 48 votes.

Advertise in the Electric Philatelic and be in the swim.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has been giving some good, fatherly, advice to C. W. Kissinger. It is indeed a serious matter when two members of the so called "big three" disagree in their criticisms of Hoyt's "A Temperance Town." The next thing we expect to hear about the big three is that they have gone on the road themselves.

The *A. J. of P.* says "Mr. J. V. Painter has a 2 cent Columbian envelope, Size I, without watermark. We have also heard that some of the Columbian envelopes have been found on white paper with the regular U. S. watermark. We do not know in what sizes these last exist."

Mr. W. H. Hollis sends us the catalogue of his first auction sale to be held May 18, and 19. The lots (713) consist of two fine collections of postage stamps the property of Dr. W. G. Sylvester.

Notes On A Philatelic Tool Chest-Continued. should be very thin but tough and well gummed, and should not peel, for if they do somebody will find it out and take advantage of it, if you let your album out of your surveillance an instant. The remainder of a well stuck hinge would engage your attention instantly and aid in promptly cornering the thief. The 'Perfect' hinge of the Excelsior Stamp Co., of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., is an excellent thing in paper, shape and gum. In mounting stamps in your book, always fold the hinge parallel to its longest axis and so that about one third of its width lies along the edge of the stamp and two thirds to the book. The fold should be parallel to and slightly outside the extreme edge of the stamp so that it may be easily turned back for examination of the gum or grille without creasing the stamp. Don't be afraid of the hinge

showing, for if you do your work neatly, such objection will be found to be more theoretical than of noticeable reality.

Be very careful about adopting any form of removable or jointed leaf album, especially if with tinted leaves, for such when opened allow the leaves to slide considerably upon each other and ultimately seriously injure the stamps.

A slim pointed keen *pen-knife* is useful in restoring envelope stamps that have been cut to shape, by sticking the stamp onto a piece of paper as nearly as possible the same as the original envelope, then cutting through all around the outside edge of the border line of the stamp. Remove the paper from the back of the stamp which then place neatly in the opening so made and secure it in place by narrow strips of hinge on the back, covering the joint and the stamp is then ready to "cut square".

In patching stamps a small piece of very fine grained pumice stone will be found very useful and also a good *lithographic pen*, the first for regulating the thickness of the paper where the patch is stuck on and the second for disguising the patch which should be stuck with pure dextrine or gum tragacanth as gum arabic is liable to shrink with excessive drying and warp or drop the patch. Many rare stamps if badly injured may thus be reclaimed be quite equal to the veteran with his glass eye and cork leg.

If you send stamps by mail in warm or moist weather, see that they are securely wrapped in thin *paraffined paper* so that the gum will touch nothing else and you need not then fear that they will be injured by sticking. It is well to avoid tinted or colored papers for doing up stamps except only for one purpose which is

to make your letter opaque as well as of even thickness for stamp thieves infest lots of post offices.

If in addition to the articles already mentioned you are provided with a medium hard pencil, a good pair of scissors, gum bands of various sizes and plenty of envelopes from "pay" to "legal" size, your kit is well made up and if you only acquire skill in using your instruments you will soon find plenty of satisfaction in your "philatelic laundry" and "stamp hospital."

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Mr. Paul W. Gardner sends us the following :

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Levi seems to have done business on a large scale, for the copper plates, lithographic stones and sheets of printed stamps seized on his premises filled a large van. He dealt in all sorts of varieties and even imitated the current stamps of some countries. The obsolete stamps he obliterated with genuine punches, of which he had somehow obtained possession, a fact which of course renders the foreign more dangerous to collectors. More than 400 of these punches were seized by the police.

The discoveries made during the last few days have caused quite a panic on the Bourse de Timbres, which is held on Sundays and Thursdays at the corner of the Avenue Marigny and the Champs Elysees. Rare stamps are decidedly at a discount, and collectors who know enough not to be taken in might pick up some rareties.

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The second number of the *Indian Philatelist*, bearing date of June is at hand and contains interesting matter. We cull the following from the opening article "Rare Stamps in India":

"The absence of good stamps from India is easily explained. The ignorance of the value of old stamps has led to their destruction and loss beyond the possibility of recovery. Things are changed now. Dealers have sprung up everywhere and a large local trade has already been established. Bombay has a Philatelic society, Bengal has another and Burma has a third. Much is being done towards the discovery of really rare stamps even now and much more may be done still."

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The article in the *Era* of June 1st in regard to collectors liberating themselves from the annoying "Seebeck" touches the key-note exactly and it is the only way to get rid of them. A boycott should be declared against them at once.

When one sees how easy it is to make an unperforated stamp out of one that is perforated, to grill a stamp or to change its color, the average collector should examine any errors, so called that are offered to him.

Mr. A. C. Townsend is now review editor of the *Era*. Mr. Wolsieffer has ceased to be the Chicago correspondent of *Mekel's Weekly* and Mr. C. E. Severn has taken his place, also Missouriensis will contribute to the *Weekly*.

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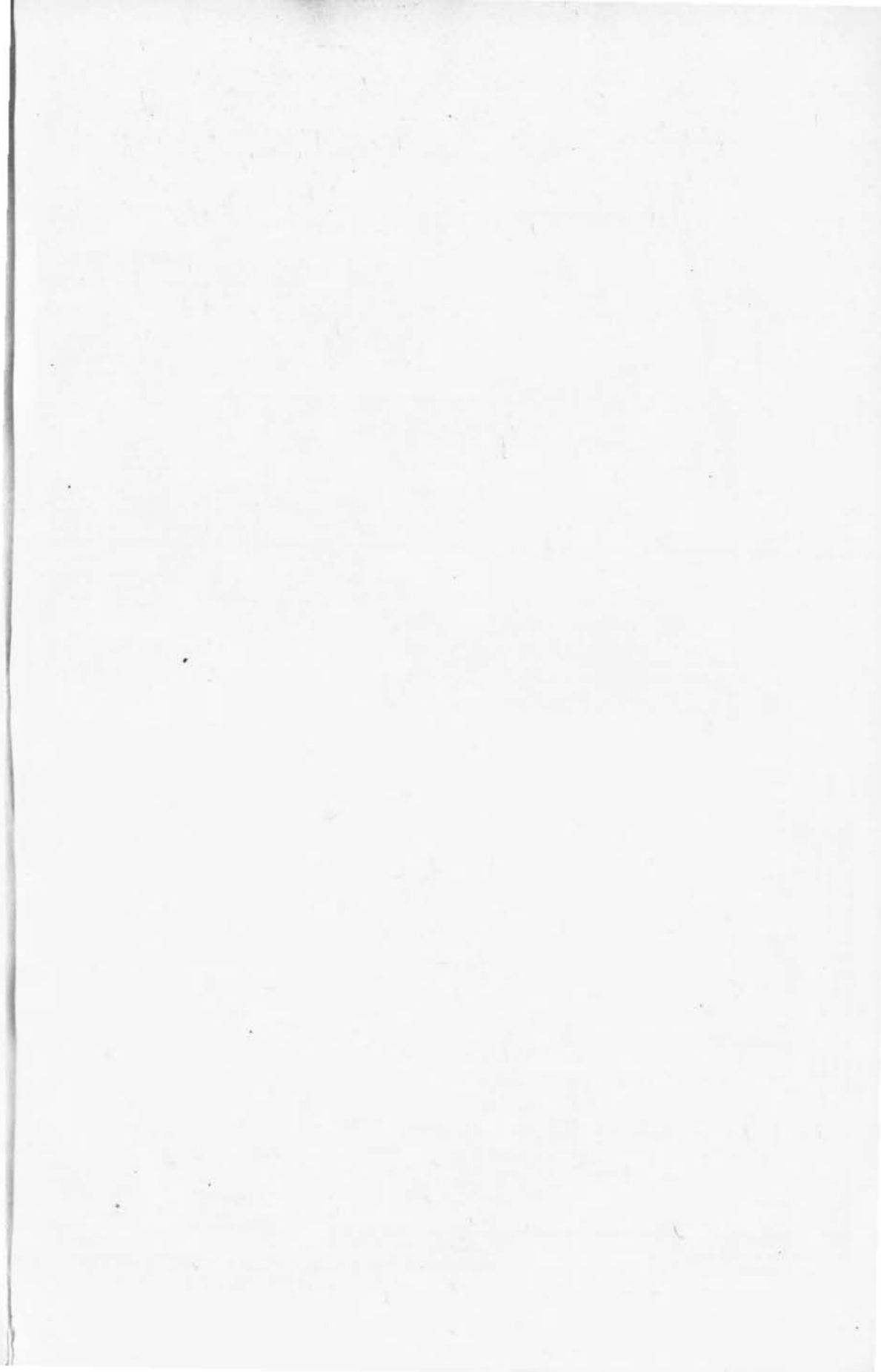
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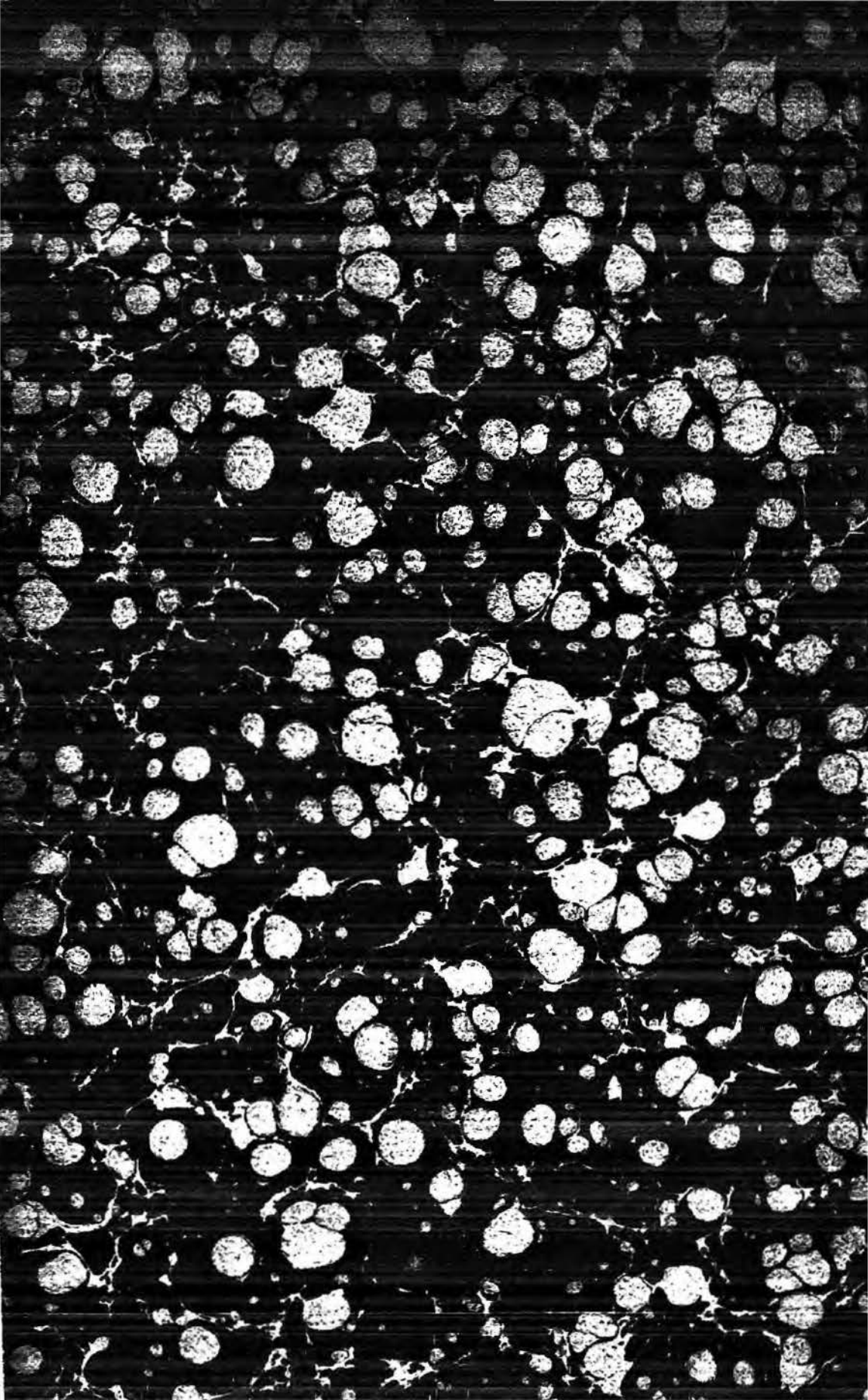
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