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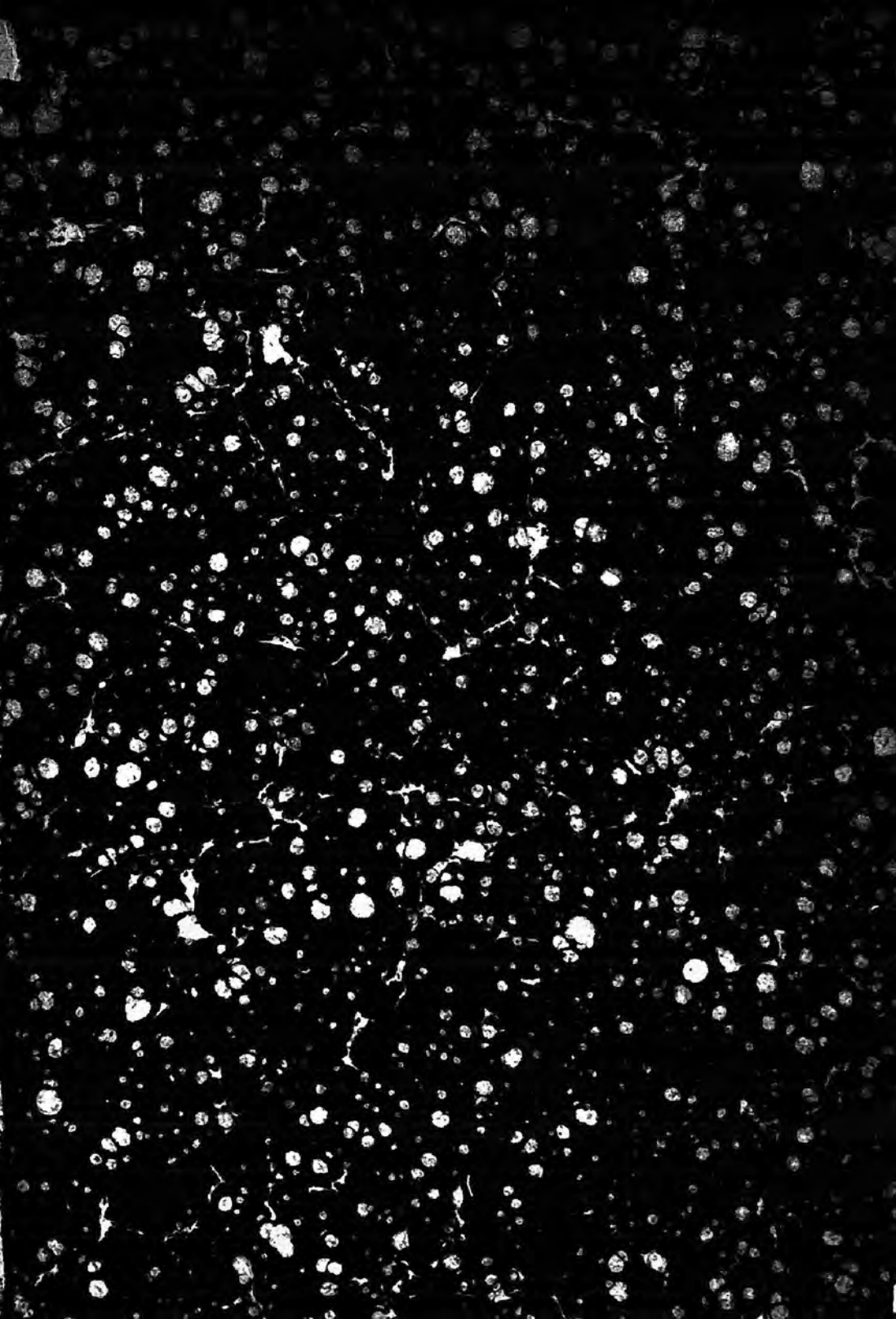
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No. 1.

## *The Real Inventor of the Postage Stamp.*

Look over the history of inventions and you will find that the majority of inventors were poor men, unable to practically apply what their inventive genius had set forth in theory, or represented by illustrative models, experiments, etc. Capitalists, shrewd speculators, have invariably gobbled up the ideas and propositions of thinkers and inventors. Real talent goes unrewarded, while unworthy persons happening to be in the possession of capital enriches himself at the expense of the poor talented worker.

A politician, who for forty years lived upon the merits of another man, whom he succeeded in suppressing systematically, has been finally exposed, but not until it was too late. His monument has been erected, and it stands forth in the city of London as an example of the rottenness and fraudulency of our capitalistic age.

The recent issue of an "Encyclopaedia Britannica" says, in regard to the introduction of cheap postage in Great Britain: "For all practical purposes the history of postage stamps begins in Great Britain, and with the great reform of its postal system in 1839-1840." After giving instances in which the impressed stamp had been in use, or had been suggested for postal purposes in this country and elsewhere, the article proceeds: "Finally, and in its results most important of all, the 'adhesive stamp' was made, experimental, in his printing office at Dundee, by Mr. James Chalmers, in August, 1834. These experimental stamps were printed from

ordinary type, and made adhesive by a wash of gum. Their inventor had already won local distinction in matters of postal reform by his strenuous and successful efforts, made as early as in the year 1822, for the acceleration of the Scottish mails from London. These efforts resulted in a saving of forty-eight hours on the double journey, and were highly appreciated in Scotland. There is evidence that from 1822 onwards his attention was much directed towards postal questions, and that he held correspondence with the postal reformers of his day, both in and out of Parliament.

L. P. M.

*(To be continued.)*

## *Illegible Postmarks.*

There is no valid reason why the postmark on a letter should not be as legible as the business card that is often printed on the corner of the envelope. It is frequently important to know when and where an envelope containing a letter or manuscript was mailed, and the postmark must be depended on to give the information. In most cases the dependence is vain. Careless clerks put only a blur where the postmark ought to be, and the public suffers, sometimes seriously in consequence. Yankee ingenuity can certainly devise a canceling machine, which will cancel stamps and postmark letters rapidly and well. Probably there is such a machine already invented.

The public should protect itself by insisting that the post-office regulations requiring legible postmarks showing when

letters were mailed and when they were received, shall be complied with, and by making persistent complaints whenever carelessness is evident. If everyone who receives an envelope without a legible postmark will enclose it in a letter of complaint to the Postmaster General, putting the blame as near as possible where it belongs, it is safe to assume that some improvement will be made, provided, of course, the Postmaster General is not forever buried from sight by the avalanche of his first morning's mail.—*New York Graphic.*

### Our New Post Cards.

The contract for furnishing the United States with postal cards for the next four years, from October 1st, 1889, has been given to Albert Daggert of New York.

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To print these cards, 7,000 tons of card board will be used, or an average of about 6 tons every working day.

These cards will benefit all, as the larger size will be a fine medium for advertisers.

### Queensland, 1860.

A notice discovered by A. F. Bassett, Hull, gives the above date for the first issue.

GENERAL POST OFFICE BRISBANE.

September 21, 1860.

It is hereby notified for public information that a supply of Queensland postage stamps has been received from England, and will be issued on the first day of November next, from which date the New South Wales postage stamps at present in use will no longer be acknowledged upon letters posted within this colony. All letters, therefore, posted in Queensland after the 1st of November, bearing the New South Wales stamp will be treated as unpaid, and will accordingly be opened and returned to the writer.

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## EDITORIAL.

With this number we commence to publish the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST. We come as many philatelic papers do, hardly noticed.

As a new paper we propose to work up near to the upper round without giving Premiums, as we think our paper is worth more than a mere card. We shall in time increase the size of our paper and perhaps the price.

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## Reviews.

The *Stamp Advertiser* is a fine eight page monthly and deserves support.

The *Fitchburg Philatelist* is a much improved paper.

The *Beacon* is now 25 cents per year, its former price.

One of our best papers is the *Quaker City Philatelist*. Its editorials are fine and articles excellent.

Messrs Jewett and Lyons will publish in October, the "Stamp Collectors' Dictionary and Guide."

Where is the *Eastern Press*?

"Stanton's Revenue Catalogue" is out.

The *Philatelic Tribune* has decreased in size. The November number is out. Whew!

## Notes.

New stamps and post cards will appear in October.

See the *Dominion Philatelist* for full report of the C. P. A. convention.

We offer this paper as the official organ for any society.

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# The Essex County Philatelist.

VOL. I. LAWRENCE, MASS., NOV. 1, 1889. No. 2.

## The Real Inventor of the Postage Stamp.

(Continued from Sept.)

The pamphlet was written in a manner as to convey the idea that all the propositions made therein originated with its author. Hill knew some of the "wire pullers" in Parliament, who secured his appointment in the Treasury Department with instructions to carry out the plan of uniform postage rates. And he did it. He was clothed with almost dictatorial powers; and suppressing all evidence that others were the real originators of the scheme, he soon became the hero of postal reform throughout the world. Having been dismissed when the Tory government succeeded to power, a public subscription was made and \$45,000 given to him as a testimonial for his valuable services. But, in 1846, his party, the Whigs, returned to office, and Hill was appointed secretary to the Postmaster General. He remained at the head of the Department until 1864, when he was pensioned with his full salary—\$10,000 annually for life. Parliament also gave him a special grant of \$100,000. In 1879 he died, and a committee of merchants was appointed to take up a collection for the purpose of erecting a monument, "To honor the memory of Sir Rowland Hill, the great benefactor, whose genius had given to the world the benefit of cheap and quick postage." The committee went to work in all parts of Great Britain, gathering in the pound notes of the rich and the pennies of the poor, all for the glory of Sir Rowland Hill. Finally the money was all there to have a fine monument erected. The Lord

Mayor of London was to write the inscription upon the pedestal of the statue. He proposed to add to Sir Rowland's name the words, "The Founder of a Penny Postage." But these words do not appear upon the pedestal, because a few days before the inscription was determined upon, the fact was revealed that Hill had been a fraud and a swindler; his claim of being the inventor of the adhesive postage stamps was unfounded. Yet, the monument stands in London; but upon its socket the single inscription is seen: "Sir Rowland Hill."

The circumstances leading to the discovery that Hill was a fraud are as follows: Mr. Patrick Chalmers, a wealthy Scotchman who for many years had been living abroad, read in a Dundee paper which had been sent him by some relative that at the occasion of Sir Rowland's death the local papers at Dundee had recalled the fact that on January 1, 1846 a public testimonial had been presented to Mr. James Chalmers, Mr. Patrick Chalmers' father, at Dundee Town Hall, in recognition for his services as a postal reformer, the testimonial consisting of a silver jug and salver and a purse of fifty sovereigns. Mr. Chalmers, not knowing that his father having had anything to do with postal reforms, inquired into the subject. He returned to his birthplace, the city of Dundee, and looking over his dead father's long forgotten correspondence, he found ample proof that his father and not the monumented Hill, was entitled to all the credit the latter had been accorded the world over. Mr. Chalmers proved to the satisfaction of the Town Council of Dundee that their late fellow-townsmen should be honored, instead of a dead politician Hill, and the Council passed the following resolution: *To be Continued.*

### Correspondence.

*Ed. Essex County Philatelist,*

Dear Sir: I notice your article in the September number of your paper concerning "Illegible Postmarks," and would say that I think none of your readers, or in fact anyone else, ever received a letter from Boston with an illegible postmark stamped on the envelope. It is the only city in the universe, to my knowledge, that is at present using machinery for postmarking and cancelling. They have in use now at the Boston Post Office 14 of these machines, which turn out 9000 letters, marked, in an hour, or a total of all 14 of 126,000 per hour.

Yours truly,  
R. P. ANGIER.

[This column is open to all who may wish to express their opinion of matter of interest to stamp collectors.]

### What Next?

The "Drop-a-nickle-in-the-slot" machine will evidently never reach the summit of its usefulness. Not long ago the invention of a machine, which turned out a finished photograph for twenty-five cents, was chronicled; and now we hear of a piece of mechanism which, upon receiving a quarter, gives you twelve 2 cent stamps and 1c. The stamps are arranged in two strips, and as soon as the deposited coin finds a resting place, the former owner of it is made the possessor of the desired bits of paper. If this invention meets with favor its use will soon become well nigh universal, as both government and individuals will be benefited by it. The amount of labor on the part of postoffice clerks, which will be obviated by it, is unestimatable, while all humanity will draw a long breath of relief, while thinking that the long periods of waiting for stamps before a crowded window, or unlocked office are one. In all probability the sale of postal notes for small amounts will be greatly decreased, as stamps on account of their easy access, will be used much more than formerly. In fact

the changes which are liable to be wrought by this simple invention are numerous and we will await results hoping that they may all be for the best. GUY W. GREEN.

### Stamp Collecting.

Frequently we hear people denounce the philatelist as a 'crank' who is wasting time to no purpose. Aside from the fact that it is *profitable*, stamp collecting is one of the most *instructive* of pursuits.

The fact that there are several thousand enthusiastic collectors in our own country is evidence that the 'hobby' is contagious; nor is it, as sometimes claimed, confined to the young folks, but quite the contrary, most of the collectors being of mature age. From a financial point, philately is about the finest, safest, surest and most profitable form of a *saving bank* on earth. It is sure to be a good investment, for good stamps rarely if ever take a backward step, but are constantly increasing in value, some rapidly. At an auction sale in New York, May 27th a 4c blue British Guiana stamp of 1856 sold for \$260.00. J. W. Scott had on exhibition recently thirty-one stamps and two envelopes valued at \$4,000. M. Ph. Ferrari, of Paris, has a collection valued at \$1,000,000. One of the Rothschilds has a collection worth perhaps more. Besides several National associations of collectors, there are several State societies and nearly every city has one or more Philatelic Clubs. Several members of Congress are enthusiastic philatelists, as are many of our consuls in foreign countries. During the war the Confederate States issued stamps, some of them now being worth 700 times their face value.

Stamp collecting may be begun on a very small scale and besides the pleasure and instruction obtained in adding to your assortment, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are putting your money where it is *sure* to increase in value. H. B. S.

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**EDITORIAL.**

In the *Fitchburg Philatelist* for Oct. we see two articles which are against us as an intended insult. In our last number a mistake was made by the printer in this papers' ad. We wrote to the publisher saying we were sorry such a mistake should happen and publish his ad. once again this month. We have our opinion of this publisher and we with this last ad. cancel all letters from us to him, and leave his paper out from all our Reviews and the such.

Be sure you subscribe for this paper, the price is very low.

**Reviews.**

The "Beacon" for October begins its second volume. During the last year it has met with remarkable success. This paper has taken the place of the "Philatelic Press," late of West Winsted, Conn.

The "Quaker City Philatelist" for this month is very newsy. Ten pages and cover.

We have not yet seen the "Eastern Press."

"Philately" is now published by the Polytechnical News Co.

The "Rhode Island Philatelist" seems to be gaining great headway in the philatelic world.

The philatelic corner of "Plain Talk" is well conducted by Alva Davison.

It would be well for the "Collectors' News" to change printers.

The "Southern Philatelist" has appeared with G. A. Luhn as editor. It reminds one of the "Charleston Philatelist."

We have received a catalogue of the Auction sale to be held Nov. 6 and 7 by Bangs & Co., New York. It comprises over 1300 lots with a few thousand stamps.

**Notes.**

Beware of the "Sedang" stamps.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, has once more entered the ranks of philately.

John L. Sullivan's picture on a postage stamp. We could all lick him then.

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DEVOTED TO STAMP COLLECTING.

Vol. I. LAWRENCE, MASS., DEC. 2, 1889. No. 3.

## *The Real Inventor of the Postage Stamp.*

(Continued from Nov.)

"Considering the proof laid before us by Mr. P. Chalmers, regarding the origin of the adhesive stamp, the Council are of the opinion that it has been conclusively shown that the late James Chalmers, bookseller, Dundee, was the originator of this indispensable feature in the success of the reformed Penny Postage Scheme, and that such be entered upon the minutes."

The proof of Hill's fraudulent claim has been conclusively established. In August 1834, James had made in his printing office at Dundee, experimental adhesive stamps, printed in sheets, gummed and ready to be cut off and used separately as occasion required; he had communicated his plan pretty generally at the time and subsequently to the many parties with whom he was associated in advancing postal reforms and seems to have promulgated his views in a circular fully explaining the plan, which is identical with that adopted and now in use. This was accompanied by samples of the proposed stamps.

The plan was then sent to Mr. Hill, in London, and adopted in 1839. Mr. Jas. Chalmers on again writing to Mr. Hill about his invention is coolly informed (Jan. 1840) that he (Hill) had himself proposed the adhesive stamp in 1839, before Mr. Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers in reply expressed his surprise, enclosed Mr. Hill's letter of 1838 and contenting himself with the only satisfaction he had had in this, as well as former suggestions all original with him,

was that these have been adopted and have proved beneficial to the public, awaited that tardy justice which after nearly half a century now begins to acknowledge his claim in the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The intended inscription upon Hill's monument was left out by the Mayor of London upon the proof being furnished to him by Patrick Chalmers that Hill was not what he had for forty years represented himself to be. But the general public do not, as yet, know that he was a fraud, because the capitalistic press of England refuses to make these facts known. L. P. M.

(The End.)

## *A Penalty Envelope Talk.*

BY GUY W. GREEN.

An occurrence took place the other day which is liable to cost Morgan, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dear. It seems that Morgan delivered an address before a society for the bettering of the condition of the red men. This he had printed and of course it was private matter. He, however, sent 1000 copies of his speech through the mail in penalty envelopes, which was against the law. Senator Plum of Kansas ascertained the fact and interesting results are liable to follow. Morgan has opposed Plum in various ways and now the Kansas senator has resolved to get even, and demands his enemys' resignation, saying that unless his request is complied with he will take the case into the courts. As the Indian Commissioner has sinned to the extent of \$300,000 it is quite likely that he will leave his office.

The above incident is given to show how easy it is at present for anyone to violate the postal laws as regards government envelopes. Any private citizen almost can secure them for nothing, and if he is disposed to defraud the P. O. Department and run the risk, he can do so. Under the old system of department stamps matters were much better in this particular than they are at present. True, the cost of printing the envelopes now in use is much less than that of manufacturing stamps, and the penalty wrappers cost next to nothing. (I have even seen them made from old weather service maps.) But on the whole the matter of expense should be left out of consideration, as a government which has attained the wealth and power of our own ought occasionally to regard something else beside the "almighty dollar."

### Rare U. S. Stamps.

Among the valuable stamps in existence is the Baltimore 5 cent black stamp, which was issued in 1846, each stamp having written upon it the autograph of James M. Buchanan, who was postmaster of Baltimore at that time. This stamp was sold recently for about \$500.

Another rare one is the celebrated Brattleboro, Vermont stamp issued in 1846. This stamp has the value of \$250.

Another stamp, which is often taken for a commoner one, is one of the United States 1862 issue. It is the 2c. vermilion, with the head of Washington, and is worth about \$10. while its mate, differing only in the shade of color, which is a higher red, is only worth one cent.

The United States has been, without doubt, the most prolific of all stamp issuing countries, having issued over 525 stamps altogether.

### Grilled U. S. Stamps.

A novel method of enhancing the value of stamps has recently been made public.

If any one will examine the stamps of the United States, issued in 1861 and 1870, he will see that two varieties are chronicled—grilled and ungrilled—and a further examination will bring to light that the grilled stamps are much more valuable than the others by about 200 per cent. The "grill," as it is called, is a rectangle of indentations made in the paper of the stamps as if a thimble, or some instrument having a grooved surface had been impressed. A very large number of ungrilled stamps have been successfully tampered with, and the forged grill is so well done, by means of soaking the stamp before impression that when they are dried detection is impossible.

### Brevities.

A counterfeit \$12 U. S. newspaper stamp supposed to have been made in Germany has the word "Postage" with the letter C instead of G, also one of the dollar signs (\$) has no bars.

There is an error of the 4 anna red and blue of the 1854 issue of India, with reversed head.

Counterfeit Newfoundland 3d. 1857, lithographed, the name in two words, "Newfound Land," only two leaves on the left of thistle, and the stem of the thistle does not touch the border. Genuine, engraved *taille douce*. "Newfoundland" in one word, three leaves on the left of thistle and the stem touches the border.

The 2c. of the 1881 issue of Guatemala is also found with the bird printed upside down.

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Who is the real inventor of the postage stamp? If you have read the first three numbers of this paper you will know. We base our decision on facts as we represent in our paper.

We will hereafter have an auction sale of Philatelic literature monthly. We do this for the benefit of those who wish to get complete volumes of papers.

**Reviews.**

The *Western Philatelist* is a very good monthly. Remember us.

Again we see the *Stamp World*. Those letters, letters, letters.

The *Post Card* is one of the best 4-page papers we receive.

The *Curio* might be greatly improved in many ways.

The *Eastern Philatelist* still makes an impression upon the Philatelic world with its fine reading matter.

The *Curiosity Collector* is a well edited sheet. We wish you success.

Howard H. Brown's *Collector's Directory* is a good one as a starter.

Jewett and Lyons' *Stamp Collectors' Dictionary and Guide* should be in the hands of all. It is well worth its small price.

Stanley, Gibbons & Co.'s *Prospectus* has been received. We should judge that "catalogue" too small a word for our cousin dealers across the seas.

The Philatelic department of the *Curio Informant* is well edited.

**Notes.**

The American Bank Note Co. of N. Y. have been awarded the contract to furnish the new stamps for four years beginning with Jan. 1, 1890. The new ones will be smaller than the ones used now, and the colors will be changed, also.

E. F. Gambs was awarded first diploma for a fine exhibit of foreign stamps, at the Mechanics' Fair, San Francisco.

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# The Essex County Philatelist.

DEVOTED TO STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. I.

LAWRENCE, MASS., JAN. 1, 1890.

No. 4.

## The Exchange Column.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Almost every collector's paper of the present day contains an exchange column. That this is an excellent feature cannot be denied. The facilities which it offers to one to dispose of duplicates are unsurpassed; but like every good thing, it has its faults. It sometimes occupies a prominent space, in a small publication of limited circulation, which could be more profitably utilized for reading matter. There are columns which contain only notices of the publisher of the periodical, and are thus simply an advertising scheme for him. As the exchange column is supposed to be for the benefit of the entire circle of readers of a paper, the latter class of exchange department is almost useless. I do not wish by the above to give the impression that I am opposed to the "barter" columns of our current philatelic literature. On the contrary I deem them one of the greatest advantages connected with our hobby. Fault-finding was not what I aimed at in writing this article, and so I shall simply point out some of the interesting and amusing things which one may discover in reading even so dry a piece of literature (?) as that portion of a periodical headed, "What they have to trade." We may divide the patrons of this column into three classes as follows. Those who really wish to obtain some good from it. Those who desire to see their names in print, and those who are animated by a wish to make money. The first class needs no com-

ment. The individual of the next genus is the one who makes the startling announcement to the world that he has "200 tints" or a "Beadle's novel" to exchange, and solicits offers for his property in "cash or stamps." He may perhaps receive an answer to his notice, and this he triumphantly shows to his friends (boys of his own age) who then flood the publisher with their *business* epistles. The ranks of the third division of exchangers are exceedingly well filled. In them we may place the enterprising gentleman who offers "100 foreign stamps for every silver dime dated before 1880," or "a philatelic paper for every nickle 3c. piece" sent him.

The collector who wishes to give "25 varieties of foreign stamps for every 50 U. S. match, medicine, revenue, or document stamps" mailed him, is becoming less conspicuous each day, although even in this age of enlightenment in philately as in everything else, he occasionally "bobs up serenely." Then we have the fellow who wishes philatelic literature, and offers 3c. worth of stamps from his sheets for every covered paper of eight or more pages; and so I could go on enumerating various types of exchangers *ad finitum*, but I have perhaps already wearied you, and so I will cease.

The new set of Spanish stamps are adorned with the bust of King Alphonso XIII.

As Brazil has become a republic, we may look for a new set of stamps.

A new series of German stamps has appeared.

## The Post Cards of Canada.

The first Canadian post cards were issued in 1871, and were printed in blue ink. The card was surrounded with a neat border, enclosing the head of the Queen upon a shield, in the right hand upper corner, with the words "one cent" below. The inscriptions, "Canada Post Card" and "The address only to be written on this side" are in two lines, and then three blank lines for the address, and the name of the firm where they were made, in small capitals at the bottom, make up the face of the card. There are two varieties of this issue, one with the words "British American Bank Note Co., Montreal and Ottawa" (the name of the makers) at the bottom of the card, and the other variety, without the word "Ottawa." The one lacking the word "Ottawa," is found printed in a dark blue, while the other is in light blue.

A 2c. card was issued in 1877, printed in green ink, very much like the card issued in 1871. The words "Canada Post Card" are in this issue in circular form, and the words "To — United Kingdom" in two lines below. The name of the manufacturers "British American Bank Note Co., Montreal," is in small capitals at the bottom. A neat border surrounds the whole.

In 1879 another 2c. card was issued, printed like the one before it, in green. The inscription on this card "Union Postale Universelle" is above "Canada Post Card" both of which, are straight across the card. The shield, upon which is the head of the Queen, differs from the card issued before it, and the words "Canada" and "Post Card," are found respectively, at the top and bottom of the card. A 1c. card was issued in 1882 without the border and the address lines. The following design appeared on these cards: the head of the Queen to the right in a frame containing the words "Canada Postage" at the

top, and "one cent" below, the numeral "1" in a small circle, right and left centres of the frame; the words "Canada Post Card" in a scroll at the top of the card, and "The address to be written on this side" beneath it.

A reply card was issued in 1883 with "1 cent" printed in slate, and of the same design as the one cent card. The halt intended for the reply bears the word "reply" between "Canada Post Card" and the words "The address to be written on this side." In this card there is an error issued 1886—the engraved head of the Queen etc., in the left hand corner of the card, instead of in the right hand corner.

The dies of the Queen's head of the reply and one cent cards, were changed in 1887, to resemble the 1875 newsband, which was the Queen's head in a circle to the right, with "Canada Postage" above and "one cent" below, and the numeral "1" in a circle at each side.

## The New Stamps.

Postmaster General Wanamaker has awarded the contract for furnishing postage stamps for the next four years, beginning Jan. 1, 1890, to the American Bank Note Co. The stamps are to be  $\frac{7}{8}$  of the present size, with the same design and all with different colors, except the 1c., which will remain as before.

1c. ....	ultramarine blue.
2c. ....	carmine.
3c. ....	purple.
4c. ....	chocolate.
5c. ....	brown.
6c. ....	vermillion.
10c. ....	green.
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**EDITORIAL.**

The office of Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, is now filled, in the person of Mr. Millard F. Walton of Philadelphia. The office now can be set in running order with a good head. Mr. Walton has taken great interest in the Association, and there is no doubt that he is in the right place.

The Canadian Philatelic Association is much improved, and the new members are coming in much faster than before.

The way some of the A. P. A. officials look after their business is rather amazing.

For want of room we will not have an auction sale this month. We soon propose to increase our size, and have an advance on our rates. Take an ad now.

**Reviews.**

The *Universal Collector* is a very good paper Success to you.

*Ye Boodle* comes out with a peculiar kind of method. We remain O. K. about Chalmers.

The *Wasp* and *Corona News Letter* are new ones to us. They are well-bred papers and deserve support.

The *Stamp Advertiser* don't catch up very fast.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* is indeed an official organ.

The *Philatelic Gazette* seems to stick to the A. P. A., Calman and Corwin.

The *New York Philatelist* has so soon begun to issue double numbers. Two papers the size of one.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* is soon to be published.

The *Southern Philatelist* is a very interesting monthly.

The *Rhode Island Philatelist* is soon to enlarge its sheets.

**Notes.**

Over 275,000,000 United States stamped envelopes were sold last year.

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VOLUME I. LAWRENCE, MASS., FEB. 1, 1890.

No. 5.

## An Important Innovation.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

One of the things most necessary to the conducting of a successful business at the present time, is rapid communication between different points. To secure this, nothing is left undone, and the constant improvement in the mail service is only an evidence of the interest taken in it by all parties. Newspaper managers think nothing of chartering special mail trains in order that their patrons may receive their publications as soon as possible, and Uncle Sam is ever on the lookout, that he may provide his people with the best facilities for communication obtainable.

But an innovation likely to surpass all others in its usefulness, is the Union Pacific Fast Mail, which runs between Council Bluffs, Ia. and San Francisco. The first trip, which has attracted universal attention, may be briefly described as follows: the train started out of Council Bluffs, on Nov. 17, with *thirteen tons* of mail on board. This however, notwithstanding the enormous amount, was all made up before Green River, Nev. was reached. At the last mentioned point the fast mail separates from the California fast mail. Portland, Oregon, was reached at 6.40 A. M., Nov. 19, making the time from Omaha 59 hours, 24 minutes, the fastest on record. The train pulled into San Francisco on time at 9.45 A. M., Nov. 20, with a number of the Pacific coast rail-

way officials, who had got on board at Ogden. This ended the trip.

We may briefly summarize the results of this new venture, as follows. Salt Lake and Ogden people will get their mail from eight to ten hours earlier than hitherto, that is, in the morning instead of in the afternoon. At Portland, and San Francisco, the mail will now be distributed a day sooner than it has previously been. As the train also runs to Spokane Fall, Butte, and Helena, the people of all these cities will be benefited to a greater or less degree. But there is another advantage which should not be overlooked. To the rear of the mail cars are attached a sleeper and a dining car for Portland, and a sleeper for San Francisco. Thus, not only those directly interested in receiving mail are benefited, but the ordinary traveller comes in for a share of the good, which, without the mail, he would in all probability never have enjoyed.

Only one difficulty was encountered on the first trip. Although as I said before, the mail was all made up, those, whose duty it was to do the task, received hardly any sleep throughout the entire trip, and as a result they were greatly fatigued at its end. It is thought however that this difficulty will be obviated in the future.

Contemplating the venture just described, we may well remark "Truly, wonders will never cease."

In a recent letter from P. M. Wolsieffer, he says it may be possible that the *Philatelic Gazette* may be laid by for good, but as yet, no definite arrangements have been made.



## Reminders of War Times.

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### ENVELOPES AND LETTER HEADS OF THE WAR TIMES.

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To many of the present generation, the history of the struggle to hold this nation together, is like a far away memory that their fathers talk about. Its strange and peculiar phases outside the great battles, and the general facts that go to make up the salient events of those sombre and bloody years, are not often read by the quick living youngsters whose thoughts are all about to-day. We can picture in our minds, one of the customs which came into use in the war. A soldier seated on the stump of a tree, writing letters on his knapsack or gun-handle, to be sent home to dear ones. General Scott shines down from the head of one of the letter sheets, and, though his uniform in the original was bright maroon colored, the big stock about his neck was white as the paper. General McClellan, bound around in a white sheet with stripes of red and blue, and then another with the red world floating in a sea of blue, and the flag overlapping it. Other envelopes and papers with their cannons and flags, their sailors and sword-bearing women, all bespeak the sentiment that filled the heart of the Nation through all those busy days. This decorated paper first showed itself in 1862, and for a couple of years, every mail-bag which went to the army carried hundreds of the pictures. They were sold in all the large cities, and, in fact in every place, and in the army were to be had of the sutler, who received five cents for one envelope and a sheet of paper. The paper was by no means of the best quality, but it was loud

in its patriotism. The style was not much affected by the commissioned officers, but it is doubtful if a sargeant, a corporal, or a private, who served in the Union Armies, did not use it in his correspondence. A number of the regiments had their own particular paper, and envelopes, which were printed by the sutlers, with the illustrations of battle scenes, the number of the regiment, and a portrait of their colonel. It is not known that any of the rebel corps used paper of this character, for in rebellion, printing facilities were very bad.

A majority of these envelopes were issued by Magee, 306 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, and S. C. Richards, & Co., 102 Nassau St., New York. At one period of the war, if the soldier had no stamp, his letter was forwarded, but was charged, as can be seen by the mark upon one of the envelopes. Afterwards, as it appears from the envelope which was received at Philadelphia, the mere marking of "soldier's letter" carried it and its contents through the mails. If printed in black, they did not look as striking as in colors, as they were printed in war times. A soldier's letter was sure to arouse the best feelings of the entire neighborhood when any of them were received.—O. N. Y. G.

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## Notes.

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**EDITORIAL.**

There seems to be a change in ideas as to the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. Many, who only a short time ago favored Hill, have gone over to the Chalmers side. Hill has, no doubt, done a great deal in promoting the cause of the postage stamp, but we cannot say that he was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp.

We do not favor the publishing of double numbers, as many of our papers seem to do. Why not be a month late than putting two or one month's paper in one number and calling it the month you missed.

Five months of publishing and still we can go on.

**Reviews.**

The "Post Card Catalogue," compiled by Mr. Geo. H. Watson, is the best of its kind we have ever seen. His other part will soon come before the public.

The *Philatelic Era* is a very good paper. It resembles the *New York Philatelist* in its form.

The *Southern Philatelist* for January is very well gotten up.

The *New Jersey Philatelist* is a very small sheet for such a large name.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* has again changed hands.

The *Yankee Philatelist* is a very good paper. But double numbers!

The *Philatelic Gazette* may soon drop from our list of exchanges.

The *Beacon* seems to favor Hill as one of their late numbers shows it.

An "Addenda to the Library Companion" is soon to be issued.

The *Eureka Philatelist* is a very fine paper. It has been enlarged by adding a cover to it.

The *Stamp Advertiser*, from England, is indeed an advertiser.

Send in your subscription to this paper at once. Advertisers, look at our rates.

The death of Jefferson Davis has made quite a difference in the price of Confederate stamps.

The son of Jay Gould is an ardent stamp collector.

The recent uprising in Brazil has caused those stamps to come up considerably in price.

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Mr. P. Chalmers has a very interesting letter in the January *Gazette*.

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## The Postal Life of Benjamin Franklin.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, New York.

American stamp collectors all, and certainly a large part of foreigners know the name "Benjamin Franklin," the printer's apprentice, who received in early time of the U. S. history one of the highest offices in the gift of the people. But very few, perhaps, have read about the early postal statistics and postal habits, and custom of our celebrated first Postmaster General, "Ben Franklin." I will enlighten the numerous subscribers of the *Essex County Philatelist*, in the U. S., and in foreign countries, about the postal life of our first postmaster.

In the year 1775, Benjamin Franklin, the prominent American citizen and defender of American liberty, was appointed "Postmaster General of the 13 original states, comprising the United States of America." Usually, Franklin went early to "his room" in the post office at Philadelphia (a humble house.) Arrived there, he hung up his coat on the "only" nail on the "only" door, in the "only" big room, called at that time with the proud name, "U. S. General Post Office," and began to work (if there was work). He kept a small book (ledger) in which he gave an open account for the 45 postmasters in the "13 Original States." He was his own book-keeper, and accountant. Franklin did not want the service of any assistants, deputies, or something else of that kind of help (at present held for "sinecure" offices.) Mail matters were, trifling, at the early time after

our independence. On certain days there was no work to do for him, and nobody called at him (there were no "Office seekers.") To make himself useful, Franklin went to the other side of the big room, "General Post Office," and gave a hand to the postmen, and assorted mail matter, and wrapped them up. Reader, do you know in our present time any U. S. postmaster, who is also "generally useful" in his office?

The U. S. Mail coach started "once a week," That old book, in which Ben Franklin kept the accounts of the 45 U. S. postmasters, is at present in the General Post Office Building, at Washington, D. C. This old postal book contained 53 pages, and the complete postal statistics for the years 1776 to 1778 including. The single accounts in this old book are very small. At that time (1776) were "Georgetown, (District of Columbia) and her neighbor "Bladensburg", Maryland, small towns, and their share in postal matters was ridiculously small. The postmaster at Georgetown had sold during the 3 years, 1776-78, the amount of £12 Sh. 6 and 6 pence (about \$69). The postmaster at Bladensburg had sold for £14 Sh. 1 and two pence (about \$70). All other postmasters had similar small accounts for the first 3 postal years. What a difference now. New York City gets 3 millions dollars "net profit," per annum.

There is also a second old postal book, containing 44 pages, which gives the information, that during the years 1777 and 1778 "only" 365 letters were sent to the dead letter office, on account of misdirection (in 1889 go "daily" 18,000 letters to the dead letter office).

I have given above, a small sketch of the postal statistics of early United States postal

matters, to show the numerous readers, the difference between 1776 and 1889. More than one hundred years have passed since, and the American postal service has been fast improved, year by year, but more improvements are urgently necessary, I mean:

(1) Free delivery of mail in "each" city, small or large.

(2) A reduction of the "enormous registration fee" to 5 cents (not 10c. as at present). 5 cents is "Universal Postal Union" rate, and rich Uncle Sam ought to follow.

(3) The "stamped" envelopes, wrappers, letter sheets, must sell at "face value" (not the envelope 1c. extra.) Uncle Sam may follow Europe.

(4) "Writing accommodations" for the people in "each U. S. post office" ought to be given.

Those necessary postal improvements are in effect since over 25 years in the smallest states in Europe, and the progressive United States are behind in postal matters.

Wanted: More postal facilities.

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### Preparation of Postage Stamps.

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As soon as they emerge from the hydraulic press, postage stamps are gummed. The paste is made from clear starch, or rather its dextrine, which is acted upon chemically and then boiled, forming a clear, smooth, slightly sweet mixture. Each sheet of stamps is taken separately, placed upon a flat board, and its edges covered with a light metal frame. Then the paste is smeared on with a large white-wash brush, and the sheet is laid between two wire racks and placed on a pile to dry. Great care is taken in the manufacture of this paste, which is perfectly harmless. This gratifying fact has been conclusively proved by an analysis recently made by an eminent chemist.

After the gumming, another pressing in the hydraulic press follows. When another counting,—in fact, the stamps are counted no less

than thirteen times during the process of manufacture. The sheets are then cut in half, each portion containing one hundred stamps, this being done by girls with ordinary hand shears.

Next follows the perforation, which is performed by machinery. The perforations are first made in a perpendicular line, and afterwards in a horizontal line. Another pressing follows—this time to get rid of the raised edges on the back of the stamps made by the dies, and this ends the manufacture. A separate apartment is devoted to the picking and sending off the stamps to different post-offices. It will be seen by this account that any absurd rumor concerning the poisonous or unclean properties of postage stamps, is utterly without foundation.—*U. S. Mail.*

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### The Reay Envelopes.

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The Reay Company issued in 1870, the envelopes and wrappers of the War Department, known as the "Reay" envelopes. This company issued all the United States envelopes till 1874, when their contract expired. We give a list of these, which we think is correct.

Wrappers, 1 and 2-cent, manilla paper; envelopes, ordinary size, 1, 2, and 3 cents, white paper; full letter, 3 cents, orange and amber paper; extra letter, 3 and 6 cents, orange paper; 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, and 30 cents, white paper; extra official, 6, 12, 15, 24, and 30 cents, white paper,

The envelopes are very rare and are seldom found entire, although they are seen very often "cut." The 1 and 2 cents were in circulation only a short time, while the 10 and 24 cents were used only by the Engineer Bureau, and the 15 and 30 cents used only by the Signal Corps, thus their rarity. P. M.

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The most simple type-set stamps are the Inter Island stamps of the Sandwich Islands.



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## EDITORIAL.

With this number we have completed one half of volume one and we feel very much helped on the way of journalism by the kind words of the philatelic press, and by our advertisers, who continue to support us with their advertisements.

In the next six months we intend to make our paper still better, and will, no doubt, enlarge very soon.

We would thank all those who have aided us in putting before the public this little sheet, with their ads and subscriptions.

The *Philatelic News* of Pa., seems to take Chalmers' side of the question with great earnestness. Let us shake.

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## REVIEWS.

The editors of the *Figaro* deserve much credit in giving the philatelic public such a good magazine.

The *Western Philatelist* still continues to improve.

The Stamp World Co. are very stingy with their exchanges.

We have not seen the *Curiosity Collector* for some time. Has it given up?

The *Philatelic Record* is a new one from Lawrence, Mass.

The *American Stamp Journal* is one of our best exchanges from the Granite State.

The *Stamp Advertiser* late again.

We can say nothing of *Ye Boodle*.

The *New York Philatelist* comes very regular and we are glad of it.

Can any one beat the *Post Card*?

The *Universal Collector* resume too often. W. F. Bishop, of La Grange, Ill., issues a very interesting monthly.

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* is announced to appear soon from New York, under the direction of a few societies.

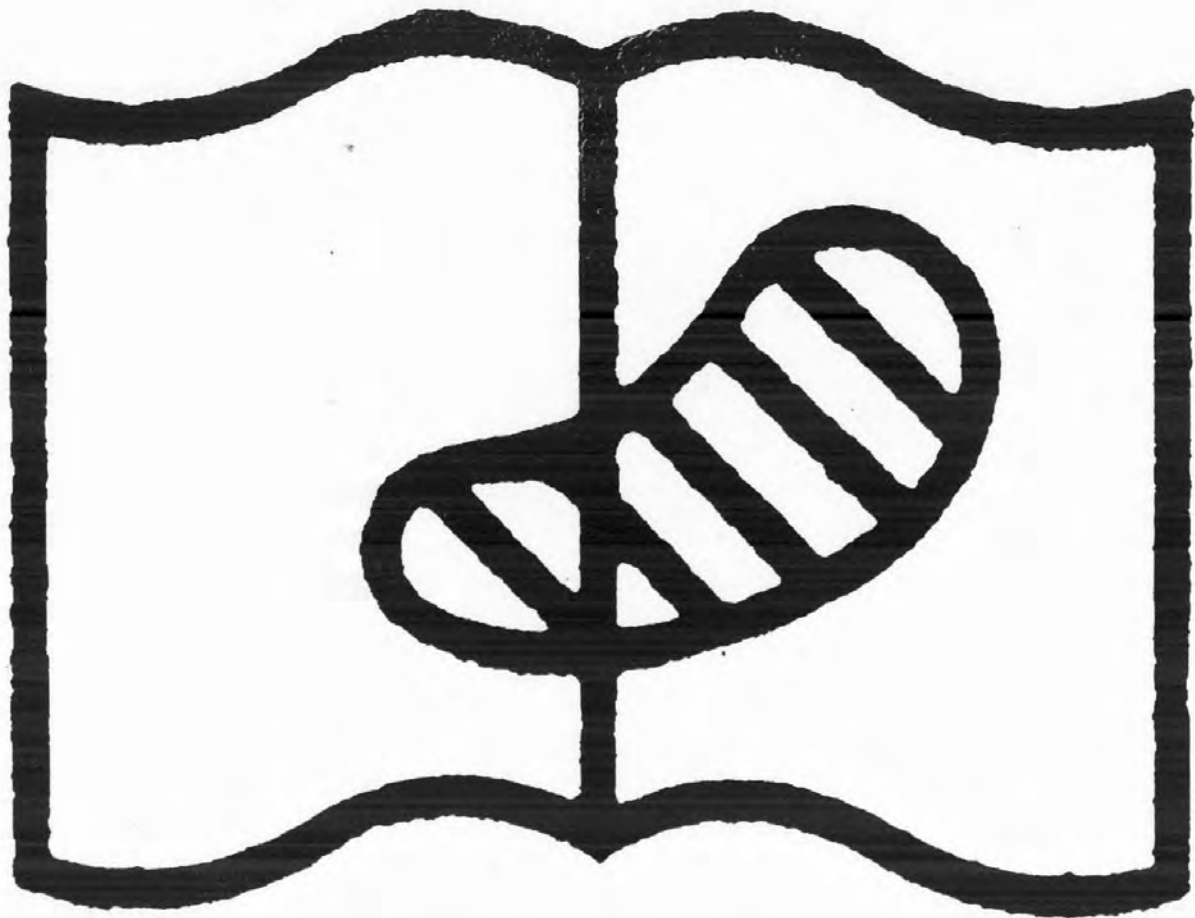
We again see the *Alabama Philatelist* after a long rest.

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## Lawrence Philatelic Society.

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Secretary and Treasurer W. M. Stuart,  
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Meeting held Feb. 8, at Jackson Hall; called to order by Pres. Higgins, at 8 o'clock; nine members were present. Minutes of last meeting, read and approved. A constitution similar to that of the C. P. S. was adopted. Five members paid their semi-annual dues. After the meeting, an oyster stew was in order, and for two hours, the members enjoyed themselves, and all expressed their thanks to Mr. King, the caterer.



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## The Proposed Postal Telegraph Service.

By GUY W. GREEN.

In one of my recent "notes" I made brief mention of a "limited postal telegraph service." Perhaps a fuller explanation concerning it would not prove unwelcome.

The bill to establish the service was introduced into Congress by senator Callorn a short time ago.

It authorizes the Postmaster-General to contract for five years with any existing telegraph company, for the use of its lines for the transmission of messages between points to which the lines run. All messages must be paid for in stamps at the rates fixed by the Postmaster-General, and must be delivered on the first mail delivery after they are received. However, if the Postmaster-General directs them to be delivered at other times, his instructions must be complied with.

Before making a contract with any telegraph company, the Postmaster-General shall advertise for proposals, that all corporations may be given an equal chance to secure employment from the government. When a contract is made with a company, it shall require that company to furnish other lines in case the ones in use become in any way injured by storms, or from other causes.

The bill described above, is more important than it would at first appear. What does it mean for you and me? What

does it signify to the business world if it becomes a law? A host of things, all of which are good and beneficial. In the first place, the length of the time of contract, 5 years, insures good service on the part of the telegraph company. The time is long enough to enable a company to thoroughly master the details of the business, and if this is once done, it will be liable to retain the contract for an indefinite time, improving its service from month to month.

There will be no delay in messages, since the government virtually rents the lines, and all other business will have to give way to its own. This will be of inestimable benefit to all patrons of the service. Even in case of accidents from storms, or that sort no delay will ensue, since by the terms of the contract, the company will be compelled to furnish other lines. Our present postal system is subject to delays of all kinds, and from various causes which do not operate on telegraph wires. For instance, a heavy snow, while blocking trains, leaves wires free, and the mail service, under the plan proposed by the bill, would not be impaired in the slightest degree.

Since the government will advertise for the service, on account of the competition ensuing between different companies, it will secure the work at a low rate, and the people will reap the benefit.

But, more than anyone else, philatelists will have cause to rejoice. For, if you notice closely, you will see that all messages must be paid for in stamps. This will of course necessitate a new set, which will gladden the heart of every stamp collector.

Taken all in all, every feature of the proposed new postal system is faultless, and cheap rates, quick service, and other good results are bound to ensue if the bill introduced by senator Cullorn becomes a law.

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## The Stamps of Prince Edward Island

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Prince Edward Island is situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and is separated from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by Northumberland Strait. From 1758 it has been under British rule and has borne its present name ninety years, previous to that it was known as St. John. Charlottetown is the capital. The area is 2134 sq. miles.

In 1860 the first stamps made their appearance. These were a rectangular stamp, seven in number, printed on white paper in colors, 1 penny, buff, head of Queen to the left in a round cornered oblong frame, with the inscription in small capitals "Prince Edward Island Postage, One Penny," 2 pence, rare, head of Queen, in a round frame, to the left, Prince Edward Island Postage in the frame at top in small capitals, and at the bottom of the stamp "Two Pence." 3 pence, blue, somewhat the same as the 2 pence stamp, except head of the Queen is an oval frame 4 pence, black, head of Queen to left, "Prince Edward Island" at the top; "Postage" beneath it, and "Four Pence," in a scroll at the bottom of the stamp. 4½ pence, brown, crowned head, of Queen to the front, the words "Prince Edward Island Postage" in a horse shoe shaped frame, "3d. Stg. Cy 4½d." at the bottom of the stamp. 6 pence, green, head of Queen to left, an octagon frame containing "Prince Edward Island Postage" together with "Six Pence"

across the bottom of the stamp. 9 pence, lilac, head of Queen to left in a frame similar to the 1d., "Nine pence currency equal to six pence Stg.," in three horizontal lines at the bottom of the stamp. The above stamps are all perforated.

The currency was changed in 1872, and a new set of stamps were issued, rectangular, and six in number. 1 cent, orange, head of Queen to left in a round frame containing the words "Prince Edward Island Postage," "One Cent" at the bottom of the stamp, and the numeral 1 in the four corners. (The above stamp was issued unperforated also.) 2 cents, blue, head of Queen to left in an oval frame, the usual inscription in small capitals, in a half-circle at the top, and the value "two cents" in a horizontal line at the bottom, the numeral 2 in each corner. 3 cents, rose, head of Queen to left, "Prince Edward Island" in a semi-circle at the top, above which the word "Postage," "Three Cents" below, and the numeral in each corner. In this issue an error exists, there being a full stop between the words Prince and Edward, as: "Prince . Edward." 4 cents, green, head of Queen to left. At the top of the stamp the word "Postage," and below in small capitals "Prince Edward Island." Numeral 4 in each corner, "four cents" at bottom of the stamp. 6 cents, head of Queen to the left, similar to the 4-cent, except the head of the Queen is in a kind of a polygon figure. 12-cent mauve is similar to the 3-cent stamp. In this stamp the numeral 12 is found in the two top corners only.

In 1873 these stamps were superseded by the stamps of Canada as Prince Edward Island joined the Dominion. S.

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British Columbia and Vancouver Island issued stamps, 13 in number, in 1861. These were superseded in 1871 by those of the Dominion of Canada.



## Chalmers and the Right Shall Win.

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By men of rank and note,  
The other side 'tis well known,  
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The day against the foe,  
Is proof enough that Hill  
Will never Chalmers overthrow.

And the matter will soon be settled,  
As it ever shall remain;  
Chalmers to the front forever,  
Hill, behind remain.

*Old Curiosity Shop, Jan. 1, 1889.*

## ITALY.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

### *Postage Stamps and Post Cards Suppressed.*

On December 31, 1889, there will cease to be used the postage stamps and post cards indicated below, but they may be received for exchange until December, 1890.

All stamps and cards bearing the portrait of the late king Victor Emmanuel. The stamps with the inscription *Estero*. The postage stamps of 30 cent, 50 cent and 2 lire.

The stamp of 5 cent now in use, bearing the

portrait of His Majesty Humbert I, which are replaced by those with the arms of Savoy.

Postal cards with the portrait of Victor Emmanuel, put in post on and after January 1, 1890, will be charged letter rates unpaid, and letters, etc., paid with obsolete stamps will be taxed.

The holders should present the demonetized stamps and cards to be exchanged for cards and stamps now in use.

## New Issues.

### POST CARDS.

BAVARIA.—The cards are changed in color, Horizontal watermark for single cards, and vertical for double ones.

3 pfg. brown on buff.

5 " green on buff.

5x5 pfg. green on gray.

COLUMBIA.—A card increased in size to 129x82 mm.

2 cents, black on brown.

CUBA.—The new card bears a portrait of the baby king. Design same as last issue.

2c. de peso, green on buff.

SURINAME.—The 15 cent card has been surcharged with a new value in violet.

7½c. on 15c., gray & violet, horizontal surc.

" " " " " " double hor. "

WURTEMBERG.—Changes in color only.

3pfg. brown

3x3pfg. brown.

5pfg. green.

5x5pfg. green.

Mandat, 15pfg. orange.

Geo. C. Stuart is now the owner of the Methuen Stamp Co., Box 316, Methuen, Mass. Send all letters, etc., to Lawrence, Mass. Read elsewhere.

Stamps from postal cards are of no value. The whole card or none at all.

## The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Stamps

BY FELIX.

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The American Bank Note Company, of New York, issued their first stamps beginning April, 1885. The design of the stamps in all the issues is generally the same. A horizontal lined Maltese cross, light at the top, and darker below, with the block letters "B & O" in white in a label, at the center of the stamp. The cross is in a solid square. In the upper corners is seen a curved Greek ornament between which is the value of the stamp. The word "Commutation" in white block letters, in a label below the square. Small Assyrian ornaments are found above and below the label.

By careful observation a marked difference is seen between the several issues, the notice of which, I will pass by.

- 1st issue, April, 14, 1885.  
 1c, vermilion, perforated.  
 5c, blue, "  
 10c, puce, "  
 25c, orange, "

The above were re-issued shortly after first appeared, surcharged with the book number, below the cross, in red and blue.

- 2nd issue.  
 1c, vermilion, surcharged in blue,  
 5c, blue, " " "  
 10c, puce, " " "  
 25c, orange, " " "

The above were issued between June and September 1885.

A complimentary frank was issued this same year "1885" on each side of the stamp on white labels, under which in an arched solid label the word "FRANK" in white letters. Under it is "No." on a solid oblong. On a horizontal line below is the inscription "D. N. Bates Prest," the word. "Prest," is a little below the line. Below this inscription in a solid label enclosed in a fancy frame, is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" in white block letters. This stamp is perforated, with new value, surcharged in blue. The color is brown.

3rd issue.

This issue was printed by the Kendall Bank Note Co., N. Y., and appeared first October 12 and 25, 1885. Design same as last issue, surcharged in carmine, on thick paper.

- 1c, green, 10c, chocolate,  
 5c, blue, 25c, ochre.

The surcharges on these stamps are larger than on any other issue.

A complimentary frank, made by the American Bank Note Co., was issued, black on white, 1886, surcharged in red, January 1st, 1886.

25c, orange, surcharged in red, small surcharge, on oiled thick paper, appeared February 1st, 1886. Design same as in last issue, made by Kendall Bank Note Co.

4th issue.

- 1c, green, surcharged in red,  
 5c, blue, " " "  
 5c, " " (sim. to above)  
 10c, amber,  
 10c, amber, " in red.

This company sold out to the Western Union Telegraph Co., and on October 15, 1887, the stamps were withdrawn.

The above list may help some in placing their stamps, and it is only an outline of the general appearance.

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## EDITORIAL.

We "double up" this month and hope all will like our style, and will remain this way it all will kindly help us with an ad or a sub. Notice our rates for the next three months, and take advantage of them.

The *Southern Philatelist* kind of sets on some of us in regard to small papers. We would say that it is the small ones that often tower over the *big* ones, if they have any push and plenty of time.

The *Beacon* makes a jay of itself in sticking such nonsense about Hill into our faces. A little less talk would do just as well.

## REVIEWS.

The *Post Card* beats any yet. It comes out four and five times a month and is brim full of interesting matter. Bro. Watson should be patronized by all.

The *Progressive Philatelist* for January, though late is a fine number.

The *Eastern Philatelist* has changed hands. We hope it will be as good in the future as in the past.

The *Eureka Philatelist* issued its last number in February.

The *Universal Collector* for March is a very good paper.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, with G. W. Green as editor, ought to be one of the best 4-page papers.

The *Stamp World* is no more, but it is now *Hubbard's Magazine*.

There are new ones coming out often, but we never see them.

The *Record*, announced for to come from Lawrence, has gone through for lack of funds.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* for March is a fine one.

The *Empire State Stamp Journal* is a new one and is a first class monthly.

## Notes.

The provisional one cent, and all the official stamps of the Dominican Republic are frauds.

The C. P. A. seems to be as prosperous as the A. P. A.

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6. Chas. B. Higgins.
7. Everett N. Sanborn.

There are some twelve persons who are dropped from membership, as at the first meeting a new constitution was adopted.

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following list of periodicals have been received.

From W. M. Stuart:—

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P. J. of A., Vol. I, No. 1	1
American Phil., Vol. III, Nos. 2, 3, 5,	3
Charleston " " 2, No. 1, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2	2
American Stamp, Vol. 1, No. 1,	1
Stamp Adv., Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9,	7
Henry Gremmel's Price List,	1
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Philatelic News, Vol. 2, No. 11,	1
National Phil., Vol. 2, No. 1,	1
Alabama Phil., " 1, " 1,	1
Flour City Phil., Vol. 1, No. 2,	1
Eastern Press, Vol. 1, Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6,	4
Collectors Aid, Vol. 1, Nos. 2, 3, 7,	3
The Oceanic, Vol. 1, No. 2,	1
N. Y. Phil., Vol. 1, Nos. 5, 6,	2
Philatelic Era, Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 4,	2
Universal Collector, Vol. 1, No. 1,	1
Curio, Vol. 1, No. 1, Pearl, Vol. 1, No. 4,	2

All papers will be received and acknowledged in this paper.

Geo. B. King, Lib.

## Prospects of a New League.

There is a new movement taken by many philatelists in this state to form a Massachusetts Stamp Collectors' League. Mr. H. A. Adams, seems to be the most energetic person in its cause, and he has sent letters to many collectors throughout the state, obtaining the collector's views and his signature as a member.

The idea is a good one and there is no reason why Massachusetts can't have a League as well as many of its sister states. Mr. W. C. Stone, of Worcester, has handed his name to Mr. Adams, and the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST endorses the office of President to Mr. W. C. Stone. Let all collectors go to work at once and help in forming this needed society without any further delay. ED.

## The Little Stamp Collector.

Three months ago, he did not know  
His lessons in geography,  
Though he could spell and read quite well,  
And cipher too, he could not tell  
The least thing in topography.  
But what a change! How passing strange  
This stamp collecting passion  
Has roused his zeal, for weal or woe,  
And lists of names he now can reel  
Off, in amusing fashion.  
I hear him speak of Mozambique,  
Heligoland, Bavaria,  
Cashmere, Japan, Thibet, Soudan,  
Sumatra, Spain, Waldeck, Kohan,  
Khaloom, Siam, Bulgaria.  
Schleswig-Holstein (oh, boy of mine,  
Genius without a teacher!)  
Wales, Panama, Scinde, Bolivar,  
Jelambad and Candahar,  
Cabul, Deccan, Helvetia.  
And now he longs for more Hong-Kings,  
A Rampour, a Mauritius,  
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And how much else no one can know—  
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# The Essex County Philatelist.

DEVOTED TO STAMP COLLECTING.

Vol. I. LAWRENCE, MASS., MAY 1, 1890. No. 8.

## The Usefulness of Cancelled Stamps.

In our researches in the field of philately, we are constantly confronted by new discoveries, which overthrow all previous conclusions. We had just elucidated all doubtful questions arising in the consideration of the stamps of the Argentine Republic, when we received information from various sources, which set at naught several of our statements. Under date of June 19th, 1867, the Postmaster General asked permission to print stamps on plain paper, as the stock of watermarked paper was exhausted. It would be supposed that these stamps, on plain paper, were not issued previous to the date mentioned; but this is an error, as is proven by two specimens, perforated 12, and cancelled "Correos del Paraguay 11 Setiembre 1866" which we have seen. We must conclude that the stamps were printed before authority to print was asked for, or that at some previous date, a similar demand was made. However, in a view of what we have previously published, this does not seem probable. Another proof that cancellations are not to be despised, is furnished in the case of the Brunswick local envelopes. The date of their issue has always been given as January 1st, 1852, but Mr. Berger has

sent us a specimen used September 24th, 1847. The United States of Colombia furnish another example. The stamps of the second issue have, until now, been catalogued as having been issued in 1860. That this is wrong is proven by specimens of the 21-2 and 20 centavos cancelled "Medellin . . . . . Setiembre, 1869."

The lithographed Mexican stamps with head of Maximilian were supposed to have been issued in September, 1866. We have just received one of the 25 centavos cancelled. Mexico Agosto 1886. What evidence have we that earlier cancellations will not be found.

It is not likely that Nova Scotia issued stamps at the same time as New Brunswick, in August, 1851? We are inclined to this belief, as we have received a letter dated there March, 1854, which was prepaid with a 11 penny stamp. At all events, the date usually given, 1857, is erroneous.

The perforated stamps of New Zealand, watermarked star, are older than 1864, as we, at this moment, have several specimens cancelled in June and August, 1863.

This is not all. Victoria has created confusion worse confounded. The list of these stamps has been revised

many times, and after all have agreed as to certain dates, we find ourselves again mistaken. In the first instance, we have two pence, with ornaments in corners, on laid paper, rouletted. It is cancelled: Adelaide, 7 August, 1859. This issue has been catalogued as April, 1861. Shall we not consider these stamps an earlier issue than those on wove paper, unperforated, and the 6 pence blue, Queen on throne, or must we look for earlier dates than 1860, and March and April, 1861, on the last. This is a difficult problem to solve, and for its solution it will be necessary to examine all the stamps cancelled with date.

#### Making Postal Cards.

Complaint was made to the post office department that the new cards were of inferior stock, so much so that ink spread all over the surface. The post-master-general found good reasons to make a complaint, and the contractor, Mr. Daggett of Brooklyn, was notified that a better grade of paper stock must be furnished. As a result of this the Russell Paper Company of Lawrence, now one of the largest paper companies in the country, has secured a large order for cards for the next four years. They will be required to make four tons of cards daily. At present the postal authorities call for 3,000,000 cards daily.

Austria is soon to issue a new set of stamps.

#### Private Mail from Cinimarron Territory.

That portion of the United States lying north of Texas, and on most maps delineated as a portion of Indian Territory, is out side of any State or Territory.

The inhabitants, however, are desirous of being made a territory, and have called their country Cinimarron, from the principal river. They have formed a provisional legislature. The U. S. post office department have been more generous than the general government, and have established three post offices in the territory calling it the "public land strip."

In order to distribute the mail to the smaller settlements the private mail was established, and this service is free to settlers, being supported by subscriptions and a percentage of the post master's commission for cancellation of stamps.

The service is carried on in the United States mail-bags loaned by the post master, and is carried by carriers over the routes of the Southern Stage and Express Co., or by pony express. Beaver City, the principal town is the starting place for the service, which runs west from there and east to Englewood once a week, and from Beaver City three times a week to Meade Centre, Kansas. The carriers are bonded to the United States but receive no remuneration from the government. The post master gives two-thirds commission on all matter delivered. A. S.

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Items for Postal Card Collectors.

Bavaria has issued eleven cards this year.

The United States first issued cards in 1873.

In 1869 cards were issued by Austria and Hungary.

During 1888 Canada issued nearly 16,600,000 post cards.

Our paper next month will be the best yet. In it interesting articles will appear.

Owing to a slight mistake the article on, "A Door of Confederate Money," will appear in a later number.

The values on the new Gibraltar have been changed from Pence to Centimes.

Postage vs. Freight.

We are accustomed to think of two cents for a letter not weighing more than an ounce, or one cent a pound for fourth-class matter, as a low rate. But in comparison with the average freight rates charged by the railroad companies, these postal rates considered as transportation charges are enormous. At two cents per letter the cost of transporting sixteen letters, weighing an ounce each, from San Francisco or St. Paul to New York would be thirty-two cents, equal to \$32 per hundred pounds, or \$640 per ton. This is several times the highest freight rates imposed by any railroad company from San Francisco to New York, and nearly forty times the existing high freight between New York and St. Paul. But when it is considered that the average weight of letters is considerably less than one-third of an ounce, the actual postal rate per ton is a great deal more than three times the figures given above. It is easy enough to equalize the rates of letter transportation when these rates are equivalent to probably one or two hundred, the average freight rates throughout the country. Such rates are made possible only by reason of the minute subdivision of the charge in many small and light parcels distributed among many individuals. No one considers it a burden to pay two cents postage for a letter weighing less than an ounce, but it would be intolerable to pay \$640 a ton for coal or lumber.

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EDITORIAL.

Many editors start out with the intention of making a fortune in a month or two, and without any work at all. But the money part of it seems to loose its hold, and the paper is dropped from the lack of support. This paper will not be like one of them. The trials and tribulations of the journalistic life have been seen; the meanness of some editors and, opposite, the good words of the press and the cash of the advertiser.

My intention is to make this a paper of the people and all are invited to help it on.

Our advertisements this month show for itself.

REVIEWS.

The Figaro is one of our best.

The Curio is very much improved.

The Yankee is a little better than usual.

Hubbard's Magazine still has a great deal of Philatelic matter.

The Philatelist is a fine paper and a credit to every collector.

The Southern Philatelist intends to issue a big number this month.

The Nebraska Philatelist contains very fine articles on the science.

The National Collector is a new one and we wish it a successful career.

The Boodle for March is the best number we have seen. Keep it up.

The Eastern Philatelist under its new management still keeps up to the mark.

The Philatelic Nonpariel after a short but sweet life was laid away to rest by Durgin.

We are sorry to lose the C. P. S. Bulletin, but J. Wanamaker sets down on private papers.

The Stamp Advertiser for January reached this office the last of March. Brace up, Bro. Parks.

The Universal and Metropolitan Philatelists are new ones, each very large papers and have a successful appearance.



## As an Official Organ.

To Whom it May Concern: There is on foot among the Philatelists in Massachusetts, a movement to form a "Massachusetts Philatelic Association"

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Yours Respectfully,

W. M. STUART, Editor.

Vote for the Essex County Philatelist.

We would call the attention to the advertisement relative to books in another column of this paper, and would advise all to look over the list and get one. Upon seeing the book you will doubtless take another, and all are guaranteed to please.

## NOTES.

June 1, 1861, was the date when the Confederate P. O. began its official business.

Mr. Arthur Rothschild has sold, recently, his collection of postage stamps for \$60,000.

The \$20 Probate of Will orange, Internal issue perforated is the rarest U. S. Document stamp.

New stamps from Monacco will soon be seen. Dominion Republic will soon issue new envelopes and postal cards.

Vienna in a few months is to have a large exhibition of postage stamps to commemorate the introduction of them.

Mr. Rila Kittredge, of Belfast, Me., wrote upon a postal card eighteen columns of the Boston Post. He is a man of 78 years of age, and is now completing a work of 28,305 words upon a card.

To Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton.

Henry Clotz, the former exchange superintendent of the American Philatelic Association, has an article in the current number of the American Philatelist on the Exchange Department, which elaborates a new and more simple plan for operating that department. We think it high time that something be done to simplify the present system, as it is too complicated and takes too long to get returns. We have had sheets on circuit for over six months and no returns, and during a membership of nearly three years have never yet seen an exchange book. By all means, let us have a simpler and more satisfactory plan.—Eastern Philatelist.

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## REVENUES.

Notwithstanding all that has been said against Revenues by a certain few the number of collectors is steadily increasing, and while the great obstacle in the way of collecting Foreign Revenues (no catalogue) does much to prevent these stamps from being collected generally. Yet in U. S. Revenues the demand is great and will increase the prices very much; even now the large dealers are raising prices of many of the comparatively cheap varieties. I would recommend the collection of revenues for several reasons, among which are: The Revenue issues are really dying out, but the consolidation of the postal and fiscal stamps are increasing, and I will venture the assertion that in five years' time the countries having a district Revenue issue will number less than a score, as things are shaping themselves towards the consolidation of the two branches of stamps. Probably few of us, unless revenue collectors, have any idea of the magnitude of the monied transactions it has required to use the stamps in an ordinary Revenue collection. Take the U. S. for instance. The 10.00 stamp means a transaction of business ennobling \$50,000.00; the

common \$2.50 Inland Exchange represents \$12,500.00. Just imagine, if you had the one-tenth of the money the stamps denote, what a collection you would have. A collector, clerk in one of our large business houses, had his collection at the office one noon and was busily engaged in showing it to some friends. One of the firm came in and stood at the back of the little group, unobserved, when the collection had been admired and closed. The gentlemen said, "Louis, what does all that time fooling represent?" "Why", answered the clerk, "that collection represents monied transactions amounting to in all to over a million of dollars." The business man was astonished, and the collection was gone over with astonishment and care. This merchant has started his two sons collecting and says: "There is more in this stamp collecting than appears on the surface." Some say the head of Washington on the stamp is monotonous, but take a collection of Revenue stamps with its many shades of color and paper, as well as shapes, and you have one of the most striking as well as pleasing collections of stamps possible to get together. A collector can get a fairly complete collection of document stamps together, which is almost impossible of



the U. S. postage, unless money is no object. We notice that a collector with a good collection of stamps is eager to show it and eager to explain, his Revenues are always the last things to show. There are many collectors who can show fine Postage collections, but few have the same in Revenues. It is amusing to one to hear some would-be authority declare: "Revenue stamps are *not stamps*," and urge that the only stamps there are, consist of Postage and *entire envelopes*. Of course we poor revenue chaps do not know what a stamp is, but we would like to have it explained to us how an entire envelope can be claimed as a *stamp*. Especially as some well known collectors when asked why they do not collect entire envelopes, reply: "That they are not in junk business," and notwithstanding all that has been written and said in favor of postal cards and entire envelopes, there is nothing that is striking in a collection arranged on sheets of bristol paper, especially is this true of entire envelopes. A collection of that nature becomes very tiresome, and one is heartily glad when the end is reached. Now, I do not mean to run down entire envelopes, because there are many useful things to be learned from them, but nearly all the attacks Revenues have had made upon them, have come from entire envelope collections, and that are far more to be said against them than against Revenues. Another objection, put forth is: "There are too many

stamps now." This objector I consider a new dabbler in Philately. is generally one who makes a collection of stamps and sells them and proposes to make another collection for the purpose, collecting stamps merely for the money he gets out of them.

Of course, the fewer stamps collectible, the easier to make the collection, but to the one who goes into it with the expectation of making a life-time collection of stamps, there will always be pleasure in collecting not one branch, but many branches. Very few of the collectors of fifteen or twenty years' experience, but who not only tolerate by tax the pleasure in adding to their Revenue collections and but few collectors of U. S. stamps of any prominence, but can show not only Document stamps, but Match, Medicine, Tobacco, License, etc., and stamps of all descriptions. Revenue collectors are right along with your Revenues, are always reliable, and are not as plentiful as they have been. Revenues have come to stay and this is a recognized fact which all true Philatelists will acknowledge.

WANDERER

#### The Postage Stamps of Costa Rica

Costa Rica is the smallest and southern of the Republics of Central America. Its area, is 26,400 square miles and in 1888 its population was 200,000. The Standard Coin is 100 (80 cents)—8 reales, 100 centesimos. The capital of this republic is San José.

ted between two volcano ranges, in  
autiful valley. The first series of  
ps were issued in 1862 as follows:

1-2 r. blue.

2 r. scarlet.

ese stamps were unperforated and  
e following design:—A ship in  
rbor, overlooked by lofty peaks,  
s the centrepiece; above this is a  
th bearing in a label, "Correos  
Costa Rica." Above this in circu-  
rder the words, "Porte and Real,"  
een which, in a circle, the value in  
erals; below the centrepeice the  
s, "Medio Real" in a border.  
nd the whole is a wreathed frame.  
863 a set of four were issued.  
design were the same as above,  
hey were perforated.

1-2 r. blue.

2 r. scarlet.

4 r. green.

1 p. orange.

e next set was issued in 1881-2,  
vere five in number. The designs  
ese stamps were the same as in  
issue, perforated and surcharged  
lows:

1 c. on 1-2 r. blue.

2 c. on 1-2 r. blue.

5 c. on 1-2 r. blue.

10 c. on 2 r. scarlet.

20 c. on 4 r. green.

e first two were surcharged with  
ge numeral of value and the  
viation, "cts," below. The re-  
ng three were surcharged the  
with the letter "U. P. U." below

1883 a set of five were issued.

1 c. green.

2 c. carmine.

5 c. purple.

10 c. orange.

40 c. blue.

re were perforated and the  
s as follows:—A bust portrait of

Gen. Don Prospero Fernandez, who  
was President in 1882-86, enclosed in  
an oval. The value was placed in the  
upper left and lower right hand corners,  
"Union Postal Universal Costa Rica,"  
was enclosed in a circle. Value and  
date of issue in broad borders in the  
upper right and lower left and corners.  
"Centaver" appeared at the bottom.  
The first set of envelopes appeared in  
1886, two in number.

5c. blue.

10c. orange.

The design, similar to 1883, issue,  
except the date of issue was in the  
circle around the portrait, and the  
numerals in the corner with "Costa  
Rica" at the top of the stamp. In  
1884 a set of Revenues were issued.

1c. blue.

2c. orange.

They were perforated and were  
somewhat like the '86 issue in design.  
In 1887 another revenue set appeared.

5c. purple.

10c. Orange.

This set was also perforated and the  
design similar to that of the '83 issue.  
In 1889 a revenue appeared which is  
used for postage, The design is simi-  
lar to the above and is perforated.

5c. red—brown.

Some 22 Official Stamps were issued  
in 1883 to 1887. The design of these  
stamps are like the former issues, being  
surcharged "official" and in a variety  
of colors. The regular issues of Costa  
Rica were surcharged "Guanacarte,"  
during the years '85, '86 and '88.

Postal communication with the Con-  
federate states was ordered to be closed  
on the first of June 1861, and letters  
directed there to be sent to the dead  
letter office.

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EDITORIAL.

We have received many communications during the past month, saying that the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST was the paper for the Official Organ of the M. P. S. We hope it will be, for our terms are such that all will be satisfied.

Wm. B. Hale's card recommending such a paper as a good advertising medium is getting to be a chestnut. The paper, no doubt, is a good one for

the advertiser, but his little "letter" spoils it.

We have had some dealing with this young man and a lot of counterfeits are on our hands that came from him, and as he refused to take them back, he better look out.

Dealers take space now, for after September our rates will go up. Special prices for contracts of 3 to 6 months. Subscription till then 10 cents per year.

REVIEWS.

Again we see the Philatelic Tribune.

The Rhode Island Philatelist for April in a first-class number.

The Empire State Exchange is a new one to us. We would advise a change of printer.

Where is the Beacon? We have not seen it for three or four months.

The Empire State Stamp Journal is making great headway.

The Stamp Advertiser starts out volume 2 with a good number. Don't issue any double numbers for they don't take.

The Post Card beats them all. One number out April 15 and another the 17th.

The Eastern Philatelist keeps up with her new editor as well as with her old one.

The Philatelic Express is rather a funny one, judging from the appearance of Nov. 11.

## NOTES.

The 6 pence Canada perforated of 1878 brought, at a recent auction, \$11.

The great reason why postal card collections should prosper is, that they have never been counterfeited.

Some thirty reprints of the New York provisional stamp were struck off by Mr. E. Mitchell, the postmaster, in 1873.

Genuine triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps are printed on rather thin, heavy paper and watermarked with an anchor. The counterfeits are on cheap, hard, white paper, watermarked with a cross. A genuine set of eight stamps would be difficult to get together for \$200. Counterfeits are advertised for 10 cents a set.

Paris has over 150 postage stamp dealers.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has resigned his position as Secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society. Mr. John N. Smith has been elected in his stead.

Mr. J. Walter Scott is, in our opinion, the most prominent Philatelist.

Mr. M. P. A. Ticket should have been elected For Treasurer, H. G. Parks, for Exchange Sup't, R. P. Angier.

Mr. John K. Tiffany is again nominated for President of the American Philatelic Association.

Mr. L. Rappleye is making great success with his Stamp Journal.

## NEW YORK LETTER.

The readers of "The Essex County Philatelist" must pardon me if the news from New York is not very interesting this month, because since Chicago has been awarded the World's Fair everything here is as "dull as Chelsea."

The A. P. A. ticket is exciting much interest here although the race for president seems to be between Mr. Tiffany and himself. It is generally understood that Mr. Corwin has declined to serve, and the only other candidate spoken of is Mr. Van Derlip.

R. R. Bogert & Co., have issued a new wholesale price list, and as usual it is filled with bargains for dealers.

The neatest thing in the way of a catalogue is the one lately issued by the J. W. Scott Co.

I understand that Mr. Henry Gremell has decided not to publish the Philatelic Journal, which it was announced last winter that he was contemplating publishing.

That Mr. M. F. Walton will be the next Secretary of the A. P. A. is "A Foregone Conclusion."—Aresamia.

In 1852 a mail steamer was stranded on her way home from South Africa. Her letter bags were some time under water, but at last recovered. All the Cape of Good Hope stamps turned black, and these stamps are now in great demand, value from ten to twenty dollars.

**EXCHANGE COLUMN.**

This column is for the use of subscribers. Exchanges are limited to 30 words.

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## A New England Stamp Find.

The Hon. I. Hammond Trumbull, Hartford, Conn., who is the most antiquarian in the State, made a discovery not long ago while turning an old tome that had come into his possession. In turning over the pages he came across two old Confederate letters which had been sent from the South during the first year of the war. The letters themselves were of no material consequence, but they bore canceled stamps on the envelopes which proved out to be rare specimens. They belong to the first lot of postage stamps issued by the Confederacy and bear the name of Jefferson Davis. The canceled stamp of this period is of special interest, being exceedingly rare in stamp collections.

The stamp collection of Mr. Trumbull, by the way, especially well known in New England. One of its features is its strong line of official stamps. Mr. Trumbull, as the librarian of the Watkinson Library of Hartford, has received great numbers of interesting stamps, his collection including some of the rarest specimens of official issues in the country. These stamps, which have never been seen before, came to him from the depart-

ment at Washington in public documents and publications. (Not being used by Prof. Trumbull in acknowledgment of the volume received, the stamps accumulated, and he is now the owner of a most admirable assortment.)

Hartford, by the bye, has given its name to one of the rarest of American stamps. This is the so-called Hartford stamp. In 1845, the same year in which the first stamps were issued by the New York Post Office, two years earlier, in fact, than the first Government stamps, the old Adams Express Company put out an issue of its own, the company stipulating the transportation of mail matter as express for just one-half of the Government rates. They are buff colored and somewhat smaller than the new two-cent stamp. The figure of a man is represented astride of two continents, with a mail pouch over his shoulder and the word "Hartford" written across it. The trade was discontinued on account of Government interference after it had been carried on for a short time. The stamps were scattered, and it is not probable that a dozen of them can be found in the entire State.—Stationer and Printer.

Brazil has issued an officially sealed stamp.

Interesting Items  
BY LAWTON.

It is the aim of this article to give to collectors a few facts, about stamps of different countries, which I think are not very well known to the average philatelist. Being very patriotic I shall not begin with alphabet, but with the United States,

The thirty-cent stamp of the beautiful 1869 issue, as originally designed contained a picture of the surrender of General Burgoyne to General Gates, at Saratoga, but, as these stamps were used especially for foreign postage, and particularly for postage with England, it was feared that the stamps might be too suggestive to suit the minds of the English people, and so it was decided not to issue that design, but to adopt the second design, that of eagle, shield and flags.

Of late I have heard several collectors say that they consider the present issue of Russian stamps, the prettiest of all the stamps now in use by any government.

While I do not like their design, I do admit that the colors are the most beautiful I have seen on any stamps.

These wonderful colors are obtained by printing with water colors, by some process known only to the Russian government. Other governments have tried water color printing, but have not succeeded well for the colors run badly and are likely to wash off when dampened.

Cashmere prints her stamps in various colors from ivory plates, but colors blur badly and will not stand washing.

The stamp with the highest value, is the Victoria £10 sterling (speak of postage stamps only). It is also, a special use, only, in carrying gold dust from Melbourne to Paris.

Collectors have, probably, some stamps found, among their Australian stamps, some having a little round hole in the center. Few, however, I think, know what means. The fact is, all letters are punched, through, stamp and paper, which are mailed by convicts to their friends. Hundreds of convicts are sent to Australia each year, and the government takes this means of identifying their mail.

The Origin of the Post Card

The person who brought post cards into use as a system was Mr. L. G. ... of London, England. He was a ... ical color manufacturer in Leith. He had offices in London, and this firm produced many thousands of cards the same as the present card. The design on their card was, the firm's address on the face, a square in the corner containing the word 'stamps' inside and ... foot. This card requires no envelope. The reverse side was printed with names as bags, boxes, casks, etc.

The customer returning empty envelopes, had only to put a stamp where it was indicated and what he had to say regard to such articles.

Seeing that this plan worked well, thought one penny too much for a light card and consulted the M. of Leith about the matter. Soon after this a certain committee, the chairman of which was Sir Lyon Playfair, pressed the matter upon the Postmaster-General. There seems to be much discussion as to the originator of the post card as the inventor of the stage stamp.

Germany and France claim the inventor was one of her countrymen. If the inventor was an English man the first government to issue cards was Austria, and England came in 1870.

#### Importance of Water Marks.

Equal importance exists in the water mark of the paper on which a stage stamp is printed. One edition of a Guatemalan stamp is on paper with no water mark; another edition of the same stamp is on paper with a water mark, while still another is on paper with a crown and the letters "C. C." All three of these are necessary to a proper collection of Guatemalan stamps. Occasionally it happens that the same stamp is printed at different times from a lithographic stone, a wooden block and a steel plate; a specimen of each is necessary to the collector's happiness. And so much difference do these distinctions make that a stamp with one sort of perforation or water mark will be worth, maybe, hundreds of dollars, when pre-

cisely the same stamp perforated or water marked in another way has a selling value of only a few cents. An otherwise worthless blue Cape of Good Hope stamp, printed by accident in red, brought \$122 at auction in New York, while a common one-penny red of the same country, printed by accident in blue, fetched \$90.—Washington Star Interview.

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Editorial.

Our next number may be small, as we take our annual vacation.

This month we come forth with 12 pages and we hope all will like our appearance.

We have received quite a number of subscriptions the past month but we want hundreds more.

A few owe us for advertising and had better settle at once, for next month we will publish them.

Our paper next month will be somewhat smaller than this number. We are late this month, but get there just

the same. August 15 will be the date of next issue.

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Last month we received from Patrick Chalmers of London, letters that gave us reasons to believe that his father, James Chalmers, was the real inventor of the adhesive Postage stamp.

Dr. Marcham well known in the Philatelist world, a correspondent and friend of the late Sir Rowland Hill states that James Chalmers was the real inventor of the adhesive Postage stamp.

The Daily Telegraph of London, in its issue of May 16, 1890, in an article relative to the jubilee at Guildhall claims that James Chalmers, a Dundee printer, was the inventor of the adhesive Postage stamp.

The Philatelist Society of London, of which, Mr. Pearson Hill is a member, admits that Sir Rowland Hill did not invent the adhesive Postage stamp.

In a letter to the Lord Mayor of London, dated May 13, 1890., Mr. Chalmers gives us evidence, to his father's invention, many Philatelist Societies, American and Foreign, Universities and State Libraries, Societe Internationale de Timbrologie, Paris Post Office Journal of Berlin, and many other leading societies and papers

We think now, that many who have taken Hill's side of the question, will turn from that side and come to the conclusion that James Chalmers, was the real inventor.

The public in general, will take to Chalmers the real and the true.

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#### Reviews.

Has the Fraud Reporter given up soon?

The Nebraska Philatelist is better each number.

The Dominion Philatelist is always welcome here.

The American Stamp Journal for June is not up to the mark.

The Tennessee Philatelist is a new one among our exchangers.

The Canadian Stamp Journal is announced to hail from Montreal.

Hon. A. Tebow is to publish a Philatelist paper called the Pony Express.

The National Collector still lives although it is not entered as second class matter.

The U. S. Corresponding Philatelist for May has been received. We wish a successful career.

The Western Philatelist promises to issue a big number soon. We wonder the Beacon will ever get over her Justice Triumphant.

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#### Notes.

The Canada 15c. has changed its color to a bright violet.

In 1884 the English Post office issued stamps that would cover 3762 square miles.

The first stamp issued in the U. S. was in New York in 1842, at the expense of the post master.

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#### Personal.

Geo. A. Paine of this city is soon to publish a large hand book and directory. It will be a big one if it comes.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, wishes us to state that he will decline all nominations for any office in Philatelic Societies. We are sorry that he should loose his hold on Philately.

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#### Philatelic Dates.

1450—Post in Tyrol established by Princes Thurm and Taxis.

1464—Post first established in France by Louis XI.

1483—English post first established.

1653—Aug, 16., "Post-paid," put on all letters in Paris.

1676—Post established in Massachusetts by John Hayward.

1740—Turkish posts established.

- 1776—De l'Épinard prepared a post for Brussels. Refused, on account of nationality, by Attorney-General of Brobant.
- 1782—Feb. 2, James Chalmers inventor of the Adhesive Postage Stamp, born at Arbroath.
- 1806—Post at Cape of Good Hope established.
- 1819—Stamped envelopes used at Sardinia.
- 1834—August, James Chalmers invented the adhesive Postage stamp.
- 1839—December 26. The adhesive Stamp of James Chalmers adopted.
- 1840—May 29. Stamped envelopes first used in England.
- 1843—March 1. Canton of Zurich adopted stamps.
- “ July 1. Brazil is third to use stamps.
- “ September 30. Georgia is fourth to use stamps.
- 1845—Jan. 1. Finland adopts the use of postage stamps.
- “ July 1. Basel adopts stamps.
- “ December 1. Russia adopts stamps.
- 1847—July 1. United States adopts stamps. The eighth country in doing so.
- “ October 1. Thurn and Taxis issue envelopes for local use.
- 1849—France adopts stamps.
- 1849—May 15. Hanover adopts stamps
- 1849—October 1. Belgium adopts stamps.
- “ November 1. Bavaria adopts stamps.
- 1850—Posts first established in Honolulu.
- 1853—Aug., James Chalmers died.
- 1857—First news band issued in U. S.
- 1861—First telegraph stamps in Canada.
- 1862—First catalogue of postage stamps issued by Portugal and France.
- “ First illustrated catalogue appears.
- “ December 15. First Philatelic journal, Monthly Advertiser, appeared.
- “ First Postage Stamp Album issued, Paris, J. Lallier.
- 1863—February 15. Le Timbre Postique first issued.
- “ First German catalogue.
- 1864—“ Italian “
- 1867—Suppression of the posts Thurn and Taxis.
- 1869—Oct. 1. First postal cards issued by Austria-Hungary.
- 1870—Reay Envelopes issued for U. S. War Department.
- 1873—United States issues postal cards.
- 1879—August 27. Rowland Hill died. Not the inventor of the adhesive Postage stamp.

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**The Postage Stamps of New Foundland. By Felix.**

New Foundland is an island, situated to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, sixty miles N. E. of Cape Breton, and separated by the strait of Belle Isle, from Labrador. This is the only British province in British North America not under the supervision of the Dominion of Canada. The capital is St. Johns; its area is 40,200 square miles. Since 1713 it has been under the British flag.

In 1857 its first stamps were issued, five in number, unperforated, printed in colors on white paper. The design of this issue is as follows: 1 penny, brown, square stamp, with a crown in the centre, surrounded by two roses, a thistle and a shamrock. "St. Johns New Foundland," at the top and sides; "One Penny" at the bottom, above which in small letters, "Postage;" the numeral "1" in the four corners. The 2 pence, is the same as this stamp, being printed in a violet brown. 2 pence, rectangular in shape, carmine, in the centre a bunch of thistles and shamrocks on a white background, above this is a circular border, "St. Johns New Foundland;" "Postage" and "twopence" in two lines at the bottom of the stamp and the numeral "2" in the four corners. 3 pence, green, triangular, in a trefoil on white ground in the centre, a rose, thistle and shamrock; the inscription "St. Johns" on the left, "New Foundland" at the right, "Postage" and "Three Pence"

at the bottom of the stamp, and the numeral "3" in each of the three corners.

The 4 pence, 6 pence, 6 1-2 pence, 8 pence and 1 shilling, all rectangular, vermilion, and of similar design to the 2 pence stamp.

In 1860-3 a new set of six stamps was issued, printed on tough, white paper. The designs were the same as those of the first issue and the colors as follows: 1d, and 5d, redish brown, 2d, 4d, 6d, and 1s, orange vermilion.

In 1863 on white, thin woven paper, printed in lilac, were issued 2d., 4d., 6d., 6 1-2d., 8d., and 1s. These stamps vary a good deal in color and some are found on a thick paper. The 8d., it is said, never came into actual use. This issue was also unperforated.

In 1866 seven new stamps were issued, perforated, printed in colors, on white wove paper. 1 cent, lilac, rectangular, full face portrait of the Prince of Wales, in Highland costume, surrounded by an oval frame pointed at the top, with the words, "New Foundland" at the bottom and the letters "N" and "F," below "One Cent," in a scroll at the top. The 2 cent green, oblong, design, a codfish with head to the left in the centre, surrounded by an oval frame with the words "New Foundland," at the top, "Two Cents," at the bottom, and "Two" at each side. The numeral in each corner of the frame.

5 cents, oblong, blue; a seal on a block of ice, head to right, in two lines

at the top, "New Foundland," and "5 Five 5 Five 5."

10 cent, black, rectangular, full face head of Prince of Whales. "New Foundland" at top, "Ten Cents" at the bottom.

12 cents, pink, square, head of the Queen to the left, in an oval frame, containing "New Foundland Twelve Cents," 13 cents, oblong, orange, a schooner, under full sail, "New Foundland" at the top. "Thirteen Cents" at the bottom, numerals, right and left of the schooner in small circles.

24 cents, blue, rectangular, full face of Queen Victoria wearing a crown, with neck-face and ear-rings, in an octagon frame, "New Foundland" at the top in a scroll, "cents" below and the numerals right and left in oval frames at the bottom of the stamp.

A 5 cent stamp, perforated, printed on white paper in black, was issued in 1869.

[Continued next month.]

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# The Essex County Philatelist.

DEVOTED TO STAMP COLLECTING.

LAWRENCE, MASS., AUGUST 15, 1890.

No 11.

Postage Stamp of New Foundland. BY FELIX.

[Continued from last month.]

In 1870 two new stamps were issued, one cent, vermilion and 6 cent rose, both perforated and of the following design: three quarters face of the queen to the left, wearing a widow's cap; the value, and "New Foundland" in two curved lines above; numeral in two upper corners; value in a curved border at the bottom of the stamp; a star is in each corner at the bottom.

The 1 cent stamp was re-engraved in 1871 and was printed in mauve, with ornaments somewhat changed.

In 1876, 1, 3 and 5 cent stamps were issued, rouletted, with designs as in the above stamps, in the following colors: 1c. violet-brown, 3 and 5c. in

In 1880 four stamps were issued. These were perforated and of the following designs: 1c. rectangular, full face of the Prince of Wales in High-Land costumes, surrounded by an oval border containing, "one cent" at the top and "New Foundland" at the bottom; the numeral in the two lower corners, and the letters "N" and "F" in the two upper corners. The color of the stamp is a lilac-brown.

Two cent oblong, green, a codfish with head to the left in the centre; "New Foundland" above, "Two cents" below; numeral in the two lower corners.

Three cent, rectangular, blue, head of the Queen in a widow's cap, to the right, "New Foundland" at the top and "Three cents" at the bottom.

Five cents, oblong, blue, a seal on a block of ice in the centre, with head to the right, the words, "New Foundland" at the top, and "Five cents" at the bottom, numerals in the two lower corners. In 1887 a new set of 5 appeared. The first of this series was a 1-2 cent stamp, vermilion, on white paper, perforated and small. Head of a New Foundland dog, full face, surrounded by a round frame containing the inscription "New Foundland," "Half cent."

The 1, 2 and 3 cent stamps were issued in designs similar to those of the 1866 issue and in colors, green, orange and brown respectively.

The 10c. black, is similar to the 13 cent stamp of this same issue.

We are requested to state that Mr. Martin Walley, Jr., whose name appeared in our lists of frauds last month has made a full and satisfactory settlement of his account.



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EDITORIAL.

As we take our vacation this month our paper is small.

With this issue we change the date of our publication to the 15th.

In an editorial last month, mention was made of a Dr. Marcham, it should have read Dr. Moschkam.

Beginning with our second volume in October, our subscription price as well as our advertising rates, will be considerable larger than at present. Take advantage of this at once.

Mr. C. W. Pearl of this city has left the ranks of Philately.

NOTICE.

The following owe us and an immediate settlement is needed: J. Handford, Lincoln Park, N. J.; Golden Stamp Co., Lake View, Mich.

The A. P. A election last week sulted as follows: Pres., J. K. fany. Vice Pres., C. B. Corv Sec'y, Milard F. Walton. Tre Chas. Gregory.

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LAWRENCE, MASS. SEPTEMBER 15, 1890

No 12

## Queer Postmen and Letters.

In some parts of Hindoostan the letters are very queer. The letter is written on a piece of green palm leaf, cut and tied up with a piece of stout cord. The instrument used in writing the letter is a queer shape of a stick which is their pen. In some respects it resembles the Chinese pen.

These letters are carried by a man, dressed in very tight pants, a long blue coat, and a very peculiar turban. He is armed with a sharp iron pointed stick, to be used in case of being attacked by wild beasts. Near the point of the stick, six bells are fastened, so, when he jingles them the snakes will crawl away. The letters are carried at the end of a stick, which is slung over his shoulder.

There is another kind of postman in Hindoostan called the "Camel Express Messenger." This messenger wears a red uniform, a green turban and carries a sabre. His camel is dressed with a gay robe, trimmed with brass. Brass bells are around its neck to tell the people of his coming. The letters he carries are in mail bags slung on either side of the camel. On the back of his saddle one person can ride. In China the postmen and mail-carriers move slowly. In Japan quickly.

The Japanese postal service is something of our own style, and also in China, but as to fast transportation China is at the foot. In many parts of Russia, the postmen ride in two wheeled carts drawn by large buffaloes. Others, in the colder climates of this country ride in sledges drawn by dogs or horses. In some parts of Canada the mode of delivery is very queer. The mail being carried by trains of sleighs drawn by three dogs harnessed in single file.

Years ago a pony express was used to carry the mail between San Francisco and the East. The time required by a pony from San Francisco to New York was fourteen days.

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#### Philatelic Dates.

To the list published in the July number the following may be added:

- 1850—Saxony first issues stamps.  
 1851—Tuscany " " "  
 " Wurttemberg " " "  
 1852—Hawaiian Islands first issues stamps.  
 1857—Russia first issues stamps.  
 1861—Greece " " "  
 1862—Hong Kong first issues stamps.  
 " Nicaragua " " "  
 1866—Servia " " "  
 1867—Virgin Islands " " "  
 1868—Porto Rico " " "  
 " Orange Free States first issues stamps.  
 1871—Persia first issues stamps.  
 1874—Montenegro first issues stamps.  
 1877—San Marino " " "  
 1881—Hayti " " "

#### A New Plan.

Sir J. Henniker Heaton, member of parliament for the premier constituency of Canterbury, England, is in this country at present, trying to induce the U. S. postal authorities to accept a two-cent rate on letters between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Sir Heaton is an enthusiast subject of cheap postal rates, wishes to have the cheapest rate between Great Britain, her colonies and the United States.

He thinks the 5 cent postage too much for such rich countries, seeing the cost of transporting mails is much less than the income is doing his best to bring the two tries to a low rate regarding this.

He finds it hard to persuade master General Wanamaker, such a change, as his. Wanamaker says that the matter can wait gets the one-cent postage established in this country.

We hope the time will be very when, for only two cents a letter reach foreign countries across the Atlantic.

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During the past year this society not done much in the way of philately, but, the year to come it promises a grand success. Meetings are held twice a month. A Library has been started and it will be greatly added to the present season.

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 timate that every mail brings in at least  
 twenty or thirty valuable stones, and  
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Wood

Joe

Mass.

This is now a familiar conundrum with the boys and reads thus:—Joe Underwood, Andover, Mass. Another direction, evidently writted by a colored man, with child-like faith:—"Please inquire of a colored man, for Mr. Henry —, of New York."

After leaving the Museum, I went to the Visitors' Gallery and looked down at the clerks who are tearing open letters with great rapidity and examining them solely to see if they contain valuables. This is done mostly by gentlemen, and the letters are then sent to the gallery above to be read by the lady clerks, with the view to finding their origin and returning them to the writers. Two ladies are equally expert in this branch of the business, but very unlike in their methods—one exemplifying the so-called 'masculine reason,' and the other the feminine 'intuition;' one can tell the *reason* for the faith that is in her; and the other *knows* that such and such is the correct address, but cannot tell why. 'She gets there just the same.'

## Philatelic Wafers.

BY EDWARD P. NEWCOMER.

J. Henniker Heaton, member of the Parliament from Canterbury, England, arrived recently in New York City. Mr. Heaton is a well-known advocate of the adoption of a universal penny postage, and his object in visiting the country at this time is to make inquiries concerning this scheme, looking forward to its eventual establishment. Speaking on the subject he said: "My scheme is to convey a letter weighing half an ounce from any place in the British empire to any point in the United States or throughout the empire, including all its remote colonies for one penny.

"I estimate the initial cost to England at only £60,000 a year. Not an extra train or steamship would have to be provided to carry out the reform, for the requisite machinery is now in full operation. A letter can be carried to the antipodes at a profit for one penny, and Sir Rowland Hill declares that a farthing profit on each letter would compensate the carrier. The postage on a letter from New York to Alaska—5,000 miles—is one penny. Surely if it pays the American Government to convey a letter by this expensive railway route, it should be possible to send one by sea from Liverpool to New York, which is only 3,000 miles for one penny." Mr. Heaton will visit Washington and confer with Postmaster General Wanamaker and other heads of the Postoffice Department as to the feasibility of the project. We understand

and Mr. Heaton will also try and have the United States Government establish a universal postage rate to all foreign countries.

A recent dispatch from Washington says: "Mr. Clarkson, First Assistant Postmaster General, practically concluded his service in the Postoffice Department today. He said to a reporter tonight: "I accepted this office willingly, and for a term of months, not years, and I lay it down gladly. My relations with the President and the Postmaster General have never been else than cordial and pleasant. But I have no liking for officeholding, and, while the postal service is one that will absorb the interest and command the pride of any one connected with it, I very much prefer private life and its independence. The reports that I have given up Iowa as my home are incorrect. It is stated that Mr. Clarkson assumed the office in March, 1888, only at the strong persuasion of the President, the republican national committee, and the leading men of the party, and that he has remained in it since against his own wishes. Mr. Clarkson will very soon assume the presidency of the Judson Pneumatic Railway company, which applies new principles to locomotion and to motive power in cities, and which is now building a railway in Washington city. In his nearly eighteen months in office, Mr. Clarkson has appointed 26,675 fourth-class postmasters and established 5,660 new post offices. In the residential offices 2,217 appointments have been made during Mr. Clarkson's

official time, leaving only 400 of this class of offices unchanged. This is the largest record in changes and establishments of post offices ever made in the same length of time. A striking feature is the number of new offices established.

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### Notes.

Afghanistan has issued thirty-six new stamps.

The 10 p. f. Bavaria stamp is now a red-brown instead of red.

Quite a number of the current 2 cent red (U. S.) stamps, have been found without gum.

Uruguay has issued a set of seven new stamps, much prettier than former issues.

The Canada 6 pence perforated, is now worth \$25.

The third issue of the Canada bill stamps were printed on thick wave and and pelure papers, although some have been found on laid paper.

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We favor Mr. Hailey's idea of an Editors Association and will do all in our power to make it a success.

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Mr. E. P. Newcomer has written the manuscript for a work entitled "Ten Days with a Modern Stamp Dealer" which we understand is to appear about Nov. 15th. Mr. W. W. Jewett, 50 Congress St., Portland, Me., is to publish the work and promises something fine. The book will contain about ten thousand words, and will be illustrated. It will relate in a pleasing manner what was seen and heard during a ten day visit with a metropolitan stamp collector of renown.

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## REVIEW.

The *Stamp Collectors Journal*, though all, is a very interesting monthly.

The *Southern Philatelist* is not what might be.

The *Post Card* is as regular as clock work and is very interesting. We are going to have a Post Card department on, Bro. Watson.

Where is the *American Stamp Journal*?

The *Empire State Stamp Journal* is going along in great shape, but we are sorry it cannot obtain 2nd class rates. We see the *Philatelic Era* after a long absence. Let us see you every month.

*Philately* has given up the ghost. All it ought not to have gone so far.

The *Stamp Advertiser* for September reached us Oct. 1. Come Bro. Parker brace up and come out on time. Your paper for September is very good, but for our sake come out when you see to.

The *Eastern Philatelist* is to increase in size. This paper is a fine one and read with interest each month.

The *Dominion Philatelist* is well gotten up and is the only lively thing in the Dominion.

We wonder if the *Beacon, American Journal of Philately, Plain Talk* and a few other papers will exchange with us now.

## Lawrence Philatelic Society.

President F. E. Higgins, Vice President E. S. Ketchum, Secretary and Treasurer W. M. Stuart, Librarian Geo. B. King.

The eighteenth regular meeting was held at the residence of Mr. W. M. Stuart Wednesday evening, Sept. 24, 1890. President Higgins called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, and six members responded to the roll called by the secretary. The minutes of the

last meeting were read and approved, also the report of the treasurer. For the present, meetings are to be held twice a month at Mr. Stuart's residence. The treasurer appointed as an executive committee, Treasurer Geo. B. King, W. M. Stuart and G. C. Stuart. After a talk on how to obtain new members, the meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock. W. M. STUART, Sec.

## Librarian's Report.

The following have been received since the last report, from Wm. M. Stuart:—

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Essex County Philatelist, Vol. 1 complete.	12
Eastern Philatelist, Vol. 5, nos. 2, 3, 5	3
Empire State stamp Journal, Vol. 1, No. 5	1
Nebraska Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 9	1
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Quaker City Philatelist, Vol. 5, No. 54	1
Stamp Collectors Journal, Vol. 1, Nos. 6, 7	2
Ye Booodle Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 6	1
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## The Postal Cards of the United States.

BY ESSEX.

Our country did not issue cards till 1873, and then, after it had seen how the use of them took effect in other countries. The description of the first card is as follows: In a scalloped oval to the left is the profile of liberty, in a curved band the inscription "U. S. postage" above, "One cent" below in the right hand upper corner; in the upper left hand part of the card appears "United States" in large shaded letters, after which, "Postal Card" and the instruction in one line "Write the address only on this side—The message on the other." There are three lines under this inscription for the address. Around the card in a frame 4 3-4 x 2 3-4 inches. The color of the card is buff, and its size 5 1-8 x 3 inches. It is watermarked with the letters "U. S. P. O. D." in a simple monogram. The value of the card one cent. During the year, two cards were issued of a reddish-brown color, watermarked with large and small letters. The next card appeared in 1875. The profile of Liberty to the left between factors' Fances. The inscription on a curved border above and below the name as on the card of the 1873 issue. The letters "U. S." quite large, appear in the upper centre of the card, behind a fancy scroll with the inscription, "Postal Card."

There is no frame on the card.

The color is buff and its size 5 1-8 x 3 inches. The value 1 cent.

In 1881 a card similar to this one appeared. The instructions differed to this effect. "Nothing but the address can be placed on this side."

The color of this card was buff with a value of 1 cent in black.

The next card appeared in 1879.

To the left in an oval is seen the profile of Liberty. The letters "U. S." are in the centre of the card above and between "Postal" and "Card," "Two cents" is below. A figure "2" is at each side, in the upper right hand corner.

In the upper centre of the card are inscriptions of the Postal Union, in English and in French. A fancy frame surrounds the card, of the size 4 7-8 x 2 3-4 inches. The color is buff and the size of the card is 5 1-8 x 3 inches, with a value of 2 cents and the printing is done in blue.

In 1885 a new card appeared.

A portrait of Jefferson in an oval between "One—1—cent" in a fancy scroll below, in the right hand upper corner, "United States," in an arched scroll, after which the words "Postal Card" in a fancy label, with the instruction "Nothing but the address to be on this side"; this is in a fancy type, all is to be found in the upper centre of the card.

There is no frame, size 5 1-8 x 3 inches, bluff card, 1 cent value, and of a reddish-brown color.

The next card appeared in 1887. To the right of the card is the profile of Jefferson. In a circular band is the inscription "One Cent" below, in the upper centre of the card; "United States" on a scroll above; "Postal" is seen on the left; "Card" at the right; the instruction the same as the card of 1885. The card, impression, size the same as before. Printed in black with a value of 1 cent.

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### CHEAP POSTAGE

We think that the rate of postage in this country for a single letter is very small, but let us look to Japan. For only two sen, equivalent to about one-third of a cent, will carry a letter to any part of the empire of Japan. India is also noted for its cheap postal rates. Letters are sent for one-half penny each, newspapers under an ounce and a quarter, for one-sixteenth of a penny, postal cards cost one farthing each, and books, papers and the like go for three farthings for four ounces, or six cents per pound.

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### REVIEWS.

The *Post Card* seems to be more and more interesting.

The *Nebraska Stamp News* has gone under.

The *Record and Review* appeared in October for the first time. It is a first class paper in every respect. A. R. Rogers is its Editor.

The *Effort* is a neat but small paper.

The *Yankee Philatelist*, if it gets its full price for its ads., must pay a good profit to its owners.

The *Independent Philatelist* is announced to appear in November, with Dr. Wm. H. Mitchell as Editor.

Mr F. M. Davis of Madison Wis. is soon to issue the *Philatelic Century*.

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### NOTES.

Postal cards are almost entirely made from rags.

Some of the early Japanese postal cards are found counterfeited.

A company has been formed in London with a capital of £20,000 for the purpose of purchasing the stamp business of Stanley, Gibbons & Co.

Heligoland stamps are going up in prices. The German dealers have purchased many thousands of these stamps.

The 1s. 9d., Ceylon has been found counterfeited.

Beware of some 10c green stamps with false Chilean arms surcharge.

A stamp trust with a capital of 500,000 marks has been formed in Germany.

One Dollar, U. S. money is equal to 5 shillings; 7 Francs; 7 Lira; 3 Marks; 3 Rubles; 5 Kroner; 5 Milreis; 5 Pesos, Havana; 1-2 Pistoles, Spain; 5 Drachmen, Greece; 30 Piastres, Turkey; 5 Rupees, India; 2 yen Japan.

## NEW ISSUES.

Under this head we record the new issues of stamps, cards, etc., issued in North, South, or Central America, and the West Indies only.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC:—Two new stamps, 25c. violet with portrait of Gen. Belgrano; 50c. orange, portrait of Gen. Mitre. Also two new postal cards, 5c. red on blue card for the Justice Dept., and 4c. brown on white for the Vice-President's use.

BRAZIL:—A new series. "Correio," "Jouraes," and "E. V. do Brazil," on three scrolls. 10r. pale blue; 20r. green; 50r. olive green; 100r. carmine; 200r. violet; 300r. blue; 500r. red; 700r. violet; 1,000r. yellow.

BRITISH GUIANA:—The 1, 2, and 3 dollar inland revenue stamps, green on black have been surcharged in red "One Cent."

COLOMBIA:—A set of three unpaid letter stamps. An eagle in an oval, and inscribed with "Franco de Porte-Provisional." 1c. black on blue; 2c. black on rose; 5c. black on yellow; they are perforated. A 70c. cubrieta, blue on white, a 20c. stamp, violet, similar to the recent 2c. The design same as the above.

COSTA RICA:—New envelope stamps 5c. orange, 10c. brown violet, both on white paper. Arms in an oval frame inscribed "Correos de Costa Rica" above, and value below. Wrappers, 2c. green on yellowish grey paper.

The stamp contains a large figure of value in circle. Two new cards, design similar to wrapper, 2c. green and 3c. carmine, both on buff cards.

URAGUAY:—The 5c. violet, surcharged "Provisorio" in red.

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**EDITORIAL.**

Our paper, in its new form seems to be liked wherever it goes. We have received numerous letters congratulating us of our success. We have lots of good things in store for our readers and all had better send in their 25 cents for a year's subscription.

Mr. C. B. Corwin's "Anti-Surcharged Association" does not boom as much as it did a few months ago.

Its object is, that the members will not "collect, buy, sell, or exchange locally surcharged stamps issued on or after Jan. 1, 1890.

We have received a copy of Jewett's Philatelic Library, No. 2. which is on Counterfeits. The book is the best of its kind we have seen and its appearance is that which is a credit to its publisher. Every Philatelist should have one.

There seems to be a great deal of trouble in the A. P. A. over the actions done at the August convention. We think a vote of each member the correct thing. If the *American Philatelist* is restored it seems as if it could be published at a less expense than heretofore. There is nothing wrong with the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, but the way the A. P. A. paper was put out of the way is what seems to cause the trouble.

Judge Tyner, assistant attorney for the post office department has declared that no lottery article shall go through the mails. Neither foreign or domestic newspapers containing lottery advertisements, or if they contain articles of an advertising nature of church raffles or fairs, they are unavailable.



## The Provisional Issues of the United States.

The Provisional stamps of our country were issued by the postmasters of the town by which the stamps are known, and at their expense. They were used before our government made use of the postage stamp and they were acknowledged by the government. The stamps of this variety are very rare and bring such prices as \$5, \$20, \$50, \$100 and some as high as \$200, and even \$300 and \$500 each.

There are numerous reprints of these stamps and they bring a fair price when marked as reprints, and often some collector, not familiar with philately's details, pay the genuine stamp price.

The year 1846 first brought out the provisionals. Baltimore, Md., can be the boaster of having been the place where the rare of the rarest United States stamp was issued. The description of the stamp is as follows:

A fac-simile of the autograph of "James M. Buchanan" in a straight line across the stamp, "5 cents," below, the whole enclosed in a frame of single lines. The stamp is unperforated, printed in black on a thin, bluish paper, and oblong.

FIVE CENTS, BLACK.

This stamp was issued in 1847, on a thick, white paper, printed in black.

FIVE CENTS, BLACK.

In the Baltimore 1847 issue, some ten species are to be found. They differ simply by the letters of the autograph and the value, some being larger and some smaller. This may have been

caused by each stamp being separately engraved. On the stamps of the 1846 print, the value and "Cents" are under the same letters of the autograph on each stamp, while the 1847 issue is far from being the same on each stamp in this case.

A stamped envelope was also issued in 1846. A fac-simile autograph of "James M. Buchanan"; "Paid" below and in an oval under this a large figure "5". Each line was stamped by hand separately. The envelope is of a buff color.

The James M. Buchanan was postmaster of Baltimore for four years, from 1845 to 1849.

This same year Brattleboro, Vt., stamps began to appear. In an oblong, with a back ground of vertical line, are the fac-simile initials, "F. N. P." Above this the words "Brattleboro, Vt.," below the oblong, "5 cents," and at the left of it "P.," while at right "O."

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### Personal.

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Mr. R. M. Spencer of Nordoff is our California agent.

Mr. F. H. Pinkham of the Eastern Philatelist is now the secretary of the National Stamp Dealers Association.

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5 CENTS, RED.

The stamp was printed from brass plates, made by F. P. Gorham, on the envelopes as they came into the post

office. The postmaster, E. A. Mitchell signed his name to each stamp in red and blue inks. In 1845 New York, sent out a Provisional stamp, by its postmaster R. H. Morris. In a shaded oval, looking to the left, is Washington's portrait. In curved lines above this, "Post Office," and the value "FIVE CENTS," below. In the four corners ornaments are seen, and on the ornaments in the upper left and right corners appear "New," in the left and "York" in the right. Rect., printed in black.

5 CENTS, BLACK.

The stamps unperforated are printed on white paper, and were engraved by Rawdon, Wright and Hatch. Providence postmaster issued two stamps in 1846. In an oval the inscription "Post Office, Prov., R. I. (value in) Cents," in three lines, the first and last curving as the oval. In the corners ornaments of a fancy nature. The stamp is oblong in shape, unperforated, printed in black.

5 CENTS, BLACK.

10 " "

H. B. Sayles was postmaster at this time. The stamps were engraved by a Mr. Hidden. There are said to be some four varieties of the 5 cent stamp, but they are rare.

In 1845, J. H. Hymer, postmaster of St. Louis issued two Provisional stamps. The designs are as follows: In the centre of the stamp, the arms of Missouri "Saint Louis" above and

"Post Office" below. All this enclosed in a frame of two lines. Rectangular in shape, printed in black on blue paper and unperforated.

The design of the other stamps, for three were issued, were similar to this with "St. Louis" in different type and forms.

5 CENTS BLACK.

10 " "

20 " "

The postmaster had the plates engraved by J. M. Kershaw. There are some two varieties of power that were used for the 5 and 10 cent stamps.

Thus closes the history of the Provisional Stamps, and though it lacks many small points, it may stand as a test for any of such stamps as we collectors of this day may come across.

### THE PHILATELIC PAPERS.

One of the greatest helps to our "hobby" are philatelic magazines, when properly filled with interesting matter, capable of throwing light on any and all branches of the science. The chronicle of "new issues" is a very instructive feature if rightly used; but too many of the worthless sheets now published which style themselves "philatelic papers," in order to fill up space, very often copy some state chronicle found in a not very recent issue of some well-to-do journal. The few that read it must acquire a prejudice against anything in a respectable magazine, headed "new issues."

It we had no stamp paper, how difficult and uninteresting the study of stamps would become, and if a good paper should start up in that state of affairs, how much it would be appreciated! Now a good paper is

valued just as much today, but the difference is to find a really good one. The reason is that too large a number are published already, and new ones are constantly springing up. But as there is much to be learned from the journals we have, we should give them our hearty support, one at least — [Fig. in 1888 Eastern.

Moral: Subscribe to the **ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST.**

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### POST OFFICES IN AFRICA.

The British East African Company has opened post offices of its own in East Africa, under arrangements with the postmaster-general and the government of India. The British company enters the postal union under the wing of the British and Indian governments. Mails are sent from London to Mombasa and Lamu and return. Also from Bombay and Aden to Mombasa and Lamu and return. Money orders are exchanged with England and India. The British company issues its own stamps, both postage and revenue.

Everyone send in your 25 Cents for a year's subscription to this paper and receive a **VALUABLE PREMIUM.** Closes Feb. 1, 1891, so be quick.



### THE CONNELL STAMP.

A certain New Brunswick stamp has a curious but interesting history. After the introduction of decimal currency in 1861 into the province, Hon. Chas. Connell, the postmaster, was authorized to prepare a new series of stamps as the new coins were contradictory to the stamps then in use. He had a set engraved and on one stamp, the 5 cent value, he had his own portrait. When the government heard of this, they ordered the 5 cent stamp suppressed, greatly to the anger of Connell, and he resigned. This stamp is very rare and only a few are known to have been used and only were used only one day.

### One Cent Letter Postage

[THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON]

Washington, Nov. 30, 1890.—Postmaster General Wanamaker's report will show that he does not believe that penny letter postage can become an accomplished fact for several years. Even among the strongest advocates of penny postage there exists a feeling that the Post Office Department should be made as nearly as possible self-sustaining. The present regular annual deficiency ought to be largely reduced before the rates for letter postage are cut down. The present receipts from letter postage are about \$38,000,000 a year. Penny postage would not quite cut this in two because there would be a partial recovery of receipts through the increase in letter writing, but it is thought that many years would elapse before this increase would amount to half the decrease of \$19,000,000 a year caused by a penny postage. The Post Office Department already loses about \$12,000,000 a year though the cheap transmission of printed matter, while the deadhead matter from the Federal Government would bring in receipts if it were paid for of \$8,000,000 a year. These two items alone would more than make up the loss caused by the adoption of penny postage, but any

change from these systems of cheap transmission of printed matter and the franking of public documents would be unpopular. Mr. Wanamaker's report will also show that he has been perfecting arrangements with England, Germany and France to establish sea Post Offices on the interocean ships, so that all foreign mails may be made up on shipboard ready for forwarding as soon as it is received at any port.

### Post Card Department.

Conducted by Essex.

#### NOTES.

Great Britain delivers some 217,000-000 post cards every year.

Ceylon surcharges post cards to order. After Jan. 1., 1891, Azores will abolish her surcharge cards and use those of Portugal.

Our New Issue column has been left out this month, but, hereafter, it will be one of the features of this department.

Our correspondence column is open to all who may wish to ask such questions relating to cards, as they desire.

We hope all will take an interest, if they have not, and those who have more, in the collections of post cards. This branch of Philately is an important one and one that is intensely interesting.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. W. L.—The 7 kopeck letter card of Russia was issued April 23rd.

G. C. S.—We intend to publish the new issues of cards every month hereafter.

W. N. Y.—A. Lohmeyer, (see ad.,) in this number, deals in post cards and in that he is well supplied.

S. M. W.—See number 82, volume 3, of the Post Card.



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**EDITORIAL.**

The Anti Lottery law forbids the publication of any advertisement pertaining to lotteries, as watch clubs, etc., from the mails if sent in any paper or even letter. One of the very small papers has a "Stamp Club" ad. and we warn him

The law-suit between the J. W. Scott Co., and the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., has been settled in the former's favor. The Scott Stamp and Coin Co, brought suit on J. W. Scott Co., to try and have the name Scott stopped being used, claiming that their customers were being misled.

The present Official Organ of the Massachusetts Philatelic Association is in very poor condition for such a society. Its contents are very poor. Now Philatelists who take any interest in this Society, don't you think that Massachusetts ought to be better represented in a paper. If that editor can not improve we think it is high time that something was done.

At last the A. P. A. matter is settled. By a vote of each member, the *American Philatelist* has been restored. *American Philatelist* 381; *Metropolitan Philatelist* 35.

**LIVE ANIMALS BY POST.**

German post offices are zoological gardens on a small scale. In the course of a year some 40,000 live animals are sent through the mails, and if you should count bees, crabs, frogs and small insects, the number would reach near the millions. The post office authorities have the right to exclude any animal they may think dangerous and within a period of six months only thirty-nine packages of animals were refused the mails. One of the packages was refused on account of the box being fragile. The contents was a small alligator. A lot of dogs were refused because they made such a howling. Cub bears, monkeys, serpents, a leopard and a crocodile went through the posts recently.

## NEW ISSUES.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC:—A new 10 c. stamp; head of Avellanda. At top in a circle, figure "10," and "Correos y Telégrafos," to left "Republica," and "Argentina" at right; below in two lines "Cantavas." Perforated, printed brown.

COLUMBIA:—5c. blue printed on paper. "Correos de la Republica de Colombia" in an oval band; in oval, name of country; "Cinco Centavas," in two lines below; Value in upper corners; perforated. A 5 centavas stamped envelopes; stamp in centre; value in a circular band, with "República de Colombia." Value in two lines below, and in upper corners. "Servicio Postal Terro" in a curve line below. Printed on paper, black impression.

### The Post Card Society of America.

The above is the name of a proposed society for the collection of and the means of encouraging the preservation of the postal card.

This branch of Philately is not as old as that one of the Stamp, but we hope to form this society while it is in its infancy, and while the Society's interest will grow the more. We call those who wish to join this society to send in their name to the Secretary, at once.

In our next month's paper we will publish those names together with nominations for the first election. We need all help on this society. It will be the first of its kind in America.

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The following law passed June 18, 1891, explains itself:

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Later it was directed that every postmaster should keep at least two horses for the conveyance of government letters, and to forward such letters within a quarter of an hour of their receipt and that the posts should travel not less than seven miles an hour in summer and five miles in winter.

James Stanhope, first Lord Stanhope of Harrington, and his son Charles, were granted in 1607 by the king, the postmastership of England and to be followed out by their family, under title of "Master of the Posts and Messengers," with a salary of 100 marks a year, together with the profits of the office.

New letter patents were granted in 1619 to Matthew de Questeror (De l'Equester) and his son Matthew who became "Postmaster-general of England for foreign parts."

Charles, Lord Stanhope, the postmaster-general, regarded this appointment as an infringement of his own letter patents and a long dispute ensued in the King's Bench and before the Lords of the Council. These disputes were much exasperated by the jealousies of the English against Foreign Merchants. It was not till 1626 that the dispute was at an end. This year the council granted liberty to all companies of merchants, including merchants adventurers, to send their letters and despatches by their own messengers. For one year this liberty was enforced, when it was revoked, except to the Merchants Adventurers, but Lord Stanhope, however continued to carry letters abroad by his agents and obtained a warrant prohibiting the De Questers from interfering.

During these years of postal difficulties the system was not aided in the least. It was in a very bad state at the close of 1628, when it was found that since 1621 the postmaster had received no payment and there was a debt of £22,000.

In 1632 the foreign postmastership was assigned by the De Questers to William Frizell and Thomas Witherings. Their letter patents were granted March 15, 1663. Witherings was the foremost and may be ranked as the first of the postal reformers in the history of the British post office.

Richard Poole obtained a special postmastership for the service of the court under his guidance. A petition of the House of Lords shows how jealous many of his friends were of him. His first great reform was a more complete Continental mail service. To carry out this reform new patents were issued and a contract was made with the Count of Thurn and Taxis, who was the postmaster of the Spanish Empire. At this time there was but one weekly mail between London, Antwerp and Brussels, and the transit occupied nearly five days, but with the contract made with the Count of Thurn, two weekly mails were secured and the transit made in two days.

In June 1635, Witherings sent a proposal to the king, "for settling of stoffets or pacquet-posts betwixt London and all parts of His Majesty's dominions, for the carrying and re-carrying of his subjects' letters," which contained some very curious notices of the state of the internal communication of the kingdom at that time. The existing posts cost the crown about £3,400 per annum. Letters "being now carried by carriers or footposts 16 or 18 miles a day, it is full two months before any answer can be received from Scotland or Ireland to London. If any of His Majesty's subjects shall write to Madrid in Spain, he shall receive answer sooner and surer than he shall out of Scotland or Ireland."

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## EGYPTIAN POSTAL CARDS AND ANCIENT HISTORY.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

In the northeastern part of the dark continent, Africa, there is situated an ancient country called Egypt. Long before the Christian time, the old Egyptians almost ruled the whole world, known at that early time.

Memorable battles were fought on Egyptian soil, in ancient as well as in modern times. Under the reign of the "Pharaohs," was Egypt on her highest point of power and importance, art and science.

Your numerous subscribers of the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST did you perhaps read in the Holy Bible, or did you learn in school the history about the "Jews living in slavery in Egypt, who were flying from there, and all went through the deep river Nile, who went behind his shores to clear the way for the Jews so that they could go through dry, and after they had passed through, the river Nile closed again." Or did you read perhaps in "modern times," from Napoleon I, the great emperor of France, who conquered Egypt and was in possession of it many years! Or, did you read about the "Suez Canal" opened in 1869, which connects the Red sea in Egypt with the Mediterranean sea in Europe! But, certainly reader, you remember as Great Britain some years ago entered Egypt with an army, and assisted by the Egyptian army, they both fought against the Soudan rebels!

Egypt is under the sovereignty of Turkey, and pays a yearly tribute, also is a military assistance to Turkey. But, Egypt is independent, and the vice-king (Khedive) is Mohammed Tewfik, ruler since 1879.

France and Great Britain are "supervising" Egyptian affairs, and the big Egyptian debt, and the country is controlled by them. In 1886 10,000,000 of mail matter went through the Egyptian postoffices, as is estimated by the European post office officials, who are employed in the leading post offices in Egypt. The post cards of Egypt I will describe as follows:

Issue 1879, value 20 paras, brown and on a buff cardboard. In the right hand upper corner is a stamp, showing a sphinx and a pyramid. On the top of the stamp in a scroll, are the French words "Postes Egyptiennes," and on the right side of the stamp in French, "Vingt Paras" (20 Paras.) At the bottom of the stamp in a scroll, and on the right side of the stamp, is the Turkish translation of these inscriptions. In the left bottom corner of the stamp is the number 20. In the left top corner are the French words "Union Postale Universelle, Egypte, Carte Postale," in a brown color, and there is also a Turkish translation of this inscription. The border of the post card is brown, and on top of the card, inside the border, are the French words, "L'Adresse reale doit etre ecrete de ce cote," and a Turkish translation of the same.

In 1884 was issued a double card, for reply, value 20 paras, carmine, which is on top perforated. The style and description is the same as above, but at the bottom of the card, inside the border are the French words "La carte cjointe est destinee a la neponse," and the Turkish translation. All the printing is in carmine color. Issue 1888, value 5 milliemes, brown, description same as the 20 paras brown, of 1879. A double reply card was issued in 1888, value 5 milliemes, brown. The style and the inscription of this card is the same as the 20 paras, carmine, issue of 1884.

Those double reply cards, for reply are used in the international correspondence.

## NOTES.

Some thirty reprints have been made from the New Haven die.

Antioquia has issued a new set of provincials.

The 40 reis, carmine, of Angola is an error.

Over 3,000,000,000 envelopes are made in the United States every year.

About \$12,000 worth of stamps are sold every day in Chicago.

In 1888, 124 stamps were issued as surcharges, and in 1889, 234.

The free delivery system was introduced in 1825, registry in 1854, and money order in 1865.

The first Philatelic paper appeared in 1865.

Dr. Emanuel Herman, of Vienna, invented the postal card in 1869.

A new 3 cent, slate stamp has been issued by Newfoundland.

It may be said that about one-half of the stamps used in the world, are made in New York city.

## POST CARD NOTES.

In our chronicle of new issues for this month you will notice there has been added two new countries to issue cards, viz: Hyderbad and Leeward Islands.

Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, has just issued a price-list of cards. It only contains the cards he has in stock. A quick glance over his prices shows they are very reasonable, in fact in some cases we consider them *dirt* cheap. Every collector should have a copy of this price-list, it is only 10 cents.

The little sheet called *The Post Card* has been discontinued after issuing 90 numbers, owing to the editor not having time to devote to it.

The new cards of Servia in two colors, are among the handsomest cards issued.

One of the rarest letter cards is the 10 cent rose on pink paper, reverse white, of Belgium, issued in December, 1888.

## THE POST CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

Since our last issue several have signified their intention to become a member of the above named society. During the past few years the collection of Post Cards has increased extensively and in order to make it more interesting and profitable the above society is trying to gain a footing; with the aid of the best known Card collectors Mr. Geo. H. Watson, Mr. A. Lohmeyer and Mr. J. R. Morse and several others, it will be gained and a society to be ranked with America's largest Society will be recognized. Every card collector should do his best to keep on this course and he should send in his name to the Secretary *pro tem*, at once. In our next months issue we will give a more detailed account of the society, with a list of names and a ballot for the first election. For further particulars address the secretary *pro tem* WILLIAM M. STUART, LAWRENCE, MASS.

## POST CARD CHRONICLE.

Under this head all new issues in abbreviated form will be given each month.

AUSTRIA.—We have received the following cards from Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore. 2 kr. brown, RUTH. 2 kr. brown, ITAL. 2 and 2 kr. brown, BOHM. 2 and 2 kr. brown, RUTH. 2 and 2 brown, POLN. 20 para on 5 kr. rose. Also, the following letter cards with new stamps: 3 kr. green, BOHM. 5 kr. rose, ITAL. 1 piaster on 10 kr. blue, ITAL-FRANZ.

DENMARK.—The 4 ore letter cards now come with note at foot beginning MAN AABNER.

GERMANY.—The 5 Pfg. cards dated 890i, 990b, 990c, 1090a, 1090c, 1090g, 1090i, 1190b, 1190f.

The 5 and 5 Pfg reply cards come dated 690, 890, 890f, 990f.

HYDERABAD.—The Monthly Journal announces a card from this Indian province, 4a, orange on buff.

ITALY.—The 7 1-2 and 7 1-2c, carmine on rose cards, now come with half a 5c adhesive added to each card to make up the international rate.

LEEWARD ISLAND.—New cards have been received as follows: 1 penny carmine, 1 and 1 penny carmine, 1 1-2 penny brown, 1 1-2 and 1 1-2 penny brown.

PORTO RICO.—New 5c de peso, green with head of baby king.

RUSSIA.—The 3 and 3k card now comes with inscription frame stamp etc., all in red.

SPAIN.—The 10c card with head of baby king now comes, so we are told, with stamp in upper left corner.

SWITZERLAND.—The 5 and 5c reply card comes with LATO RISER etc., unpunctuated. The 10c card has VII 90 720,000 in corner.

## NEW ISSUES.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A new 1-4c stamp, head in a circle, "Correos y Telegrafos" above, and "Centavo 1-4-Centavo" below. To the left, "Republico" and "Argentina," at the right, perforated. Color, green.

BOLIVIA.—Two new stamps have put in an appearance. 5c blue and 10c, orange. Printed from an old plate and differing slightly from the 1887 issue.

BRAZIL.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* records a new stamp, with the constellation of the Southern Cross at the top in an oval with "Correio" above and "E. U. do Brazil" below. Across the stamp below is "Jornes" and the value "10-Reis-10" at the bottom perforated, on a yellow paper, 10 reis, blue.

BRITISH GUIANA.—1c green, 5c blue, and 8c mauve and gray stamps have been issued.

COLUMBIA.—A new 1c stamp, arms in an oval, a band with "Republica de Columbia," the value in figures in the upper corners, and "Un Centavo" below, green paper, perforated.

MEXICO.—An unpaid stamp, 20c red on blue, a type set frame 22 x 26 mm., the letter "T" in the centre, above which is "Falta de Porte" and below "20 cents."

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A 3 cent slate stamp, in the centre a bust of the Queen, "Newfoundland" in a circular band above, value in figures in upper corners, "Three-3-Three" below.

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# THE ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST.

A MONTHLY PHILATELIC MAGAZINE.

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## EDITORIAL.

We would ask you to please send us 25 cents for a years subscription to this paper,

We hope many will join the proposed Post Card Society, as we think it will help the card collecting and also the collectors.

The best catalogue we have seen is the Scott Stamp & Coin Co's, 51st edition. It is of more than 325 pages, with some 3,000 illustrations, and every stamp issued is catalogued up to the date of going to press. Every collector should have a copy of it. See there advertisement elsewhere.

The Literary Board of the A. P. A., is composed of the following well known gentlemen; S. B. Bradt, Samuel Leland, of Chicago, Robt. S. Hatcher, of Lafayette, Ind., E. F. Gambs, of San Francisco, Cal., and Wm. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass. A better selection of philatelists could not be agreed upon, as the above named are all well known writers, earnest in all their efforts to uphold the cause of philately. We congratulate them and wish them a successful career.

It is strange that some people will try to hurt the person of another by publishing strange things that are not true, but such is the case. The worthy secretary of the A. P. A., is the best one that the association has had, and he is sure to do his duty only, and heed not to the roaring vollys of words out of a certain New Yorker's mouth. He has plenty of men to stand up for him and he will not be forced to resign as the New Yorker supposed. The QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST states the case plainly, and we think that philately would be better if those in "glass houses would not throw stones."

During the year 1891, we propose to make the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST a paper worthy of the patronage of all honest dealers and collectors. For this year we have received some very fine philatelic articles, by the best writers and which will be read with interest with the cry "for more." Some may think that it requires no little time or experience in publishing a magazine, but let us say here, that it is not a very easy task. There are a great many trials and tribulations to be met with, and the editor who thinks one afternoon will do the work, will be very much mistaken. But, even if it does require time and money the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST is going to use a good share of it, so we wish all to give us subscriptions or advertisements as you will be well paid.

## "LOOKING BACKWARD."

About 1830 much interest was aroused in regard to postal questions in both England and Scotland. James Chalmers, a Dundee printer, had been very much interested in matters pertaining to postal reform, and in 1834 he experimentally made some adhesive postage stamps. These he showed to his neighbors, but it was not until December, 1837, that he made public mention of his invention. In February of the same year however, Sir Rowland Hill had brought an adhesive postage stamp of his own invention to the notice of the postoffice commissioners.

In 1840 the United Kingdom issued the first adhesive postage stamps. The plate from which these stamps were produced was capable of striking off 240 stamps at each impression. To give some idea of the enormous amount of postage stamps issued, it has been estimated that from 1840 to the present date about forty billions has been issued by Great Britain alone. In 1853 the admirable improvement of perforating stamp sheets was introduced.

Other countries soon followed Great Britain in the use of postage stamps. Brazil started to use them in 1843. It was not until 1847 that the United States adopted them, although tentative issues were made by the post offices of New York and St. Louis in 1845, and by Rhode Island the following year. France, Belgium, Bavaria and New South Wales next adopted them in 1849. The Austrian Empire, Prussia, Spain, Switzerland, Hanover, British Guiana and Victoria, in 1850. By 1858 adhesive postage stamps were almost universally used and at the present date there are at least 5,000 varieties of postage stamps in use by the different nations of the world.

The collection and sale of specimen stamps has already attained enormous dimensions. It is estimated that in America alone there are about 350,000 collectors.

The designs upon the various stamps are very interesting. While the United States, Great Britain and a few other countries use fac-similes of their famous men, quite a number of European nations use numerals or coats of arms. Taking into consideration the vast number of postage stamps that have been issued it is not surprising that Philately is such an amusing as well as instructive pastime to the thousands interested in it.

GEO. N. ROBERTS.

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## REVIEW.

The *Eastern Philatelist* is one of our best exchanges. Each month it brings to its readers new and interesting articles pertaining to philately.

The *Western Philatelic Empire*, published by the Gate City Stamp Co., of Omaha, Neb., is announced for this month.

We are told that the Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., are going to issue *The Standard Philatelist*.

The *American Stamp* is very good what there is of it.

We would like to be put on the exchange list of the *Beacon, Philatelic Journal of America*, and others. One or two copies is all we ask for.

A weekly Philatelic newspaper is soon to be published by the C. H. Mekeel Publishing Co. We wish this enterprise great success.



### My Railroad Acquaintance.

By Guy W. Green.

We met and we conversed together,  
He a stranger, I the same;  
Talked of stocks and bonds, the  
weather;

Wondered if 'twas going to rain;  
Saw the porter domineer,  
Watched him swagger through  
the aisle,

Heard him curse the engineer,  
And exchanged amus-ed smiles.

My companion silent grew  
And, in recreation's need,  
From his coat a paper drew  
And began its news to read:

As in silence I observed  
Scowling came his brows together,  
As colliding clouds may serve  
For a sign of stormy weather.

I looked on in mute surprise  
While his color came and went,  
And the anger in his eyes  
Showed a state of discontent;  
When I drew a little near,  
Whispered: "What's upon your  
mind?"

As he turned a listening ear  
To my accents from behind.

"Really friend, well, since you care,  
To this paper by my side  
Glance a moment, pray look there."  
And the sheet he opened wide.

"See that stamp news, foolish stuff,  
Ther's a column, more or less;  
Journalist's don't know enough  
To exclude it from the press.

Interested I became.

Quickly glanced the paper o'er:  
Saw a noted author's name;  
Read his stamp collector's lore.  
My companion all the while  
Looked at me with puzzled eyes,  
While an evil looking smile  
Chased away his first surprise.

"In this foreign postage mess  
Do you dabble sir?" he said;  
And I feebly murmured: "Yes."  
As I turned away my head.  
Then, with eyes that looked away,  
Far from me he fixed his look;  
Never other word would say;  
Close his mouth like seal-ed book.

Never more we talked together,  
He a stranger, I the same;  
Never spoke of stocks or weather,  
Or the ever present rain;  
And the porter's domineer  
As he swaggered through the  
aisles  
With a diabolic leer  
Woke no glad exchange of smiles.

### Answer to Correspondents.

A. F. S. Prov.—We had no reference to your ad. It was a small paper devoted to stamp collecting.

S. A., Phila.—We have sent you your Guide.

L. W. C., Phila.—Your subscription reached our office before we began the premium offer.

J. E. M.—Find out the price and we will advise you what to do.

L. C., Boston.—See the ad. in our November issue.

P. O. K.—A complete file of Vol. I, of this journal will cost 95 cents post paid.

A. M.—The new cards will be put on sale in about six months.

G. A.—The U. S. have issued seven cards.

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A CONTROVERSY.

The CHALMER--HILL controversy has now become rather tedious, but as no paper has yet published each side of the case clearly, we will publish two articles on JAMES CHALMER and SIR ROWLAND HILL. We will not try to tell what other articles we are to publish, but ask all to subscribe and see.

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19b			" Sept., 2 kr., brown (Head).....		4
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6	4	4a	" 2 kr., yellow, " " " ".....	3	
7		4b	" 2 kr., orange, " " " ".....	2	
8			" 2 kr., ochre (c c 16) " " " ".....	5	
9	5	5	1876, 2 kr., brown (Head).....	4	
10	6	6	1880, 2x2 kr., " T 3.....	8	
11	7	7b	" 5 kr., red.....	8	
12	8	8b	" 5x5 kr., red, T 3.....	12	5
13	9	9	1883, 2 kr., brown (Eagle).....	4	1
14	10	10	" 2x2 kr., brown, T 3.....	8	
15	11	11a	" 5 kr., red.....	8	
16		11c	" 5 kr., " " " ".....	8	
17	12	12a	" 5x5 kr., red T 3.....	12	
18			1890, 2 kr., brown, with Greek border.....	8	
19			" 2x2 kr., " " " T 3.....	15	
19a			" 5 kr., red, " " " ".....	15	
19b			" Sept. 2 kr., brown (Head).....	4	
19c			" " 2x2 kr., brown, (Head) T 3.....	8	
19d			" " 5 kr., rose, " " " ".....	8	
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Bahamas, 1862, 6d, lilac	.10	Great Britain, 1854, 6d, lilac	15
" 1883, 4d, or 6d, lilac	1.50	Hayti, 1883, 20c, fistre	08
Barbados, 1861, 4d, rose	.20	" 1887, 4 var.,	12
" " 6d. red	.15	*India, 1883, 9 pies, carmine	04
" " 6d, vermilion	.15	*Mauritius, 1878, 38c, on 9d, violet	50
Belgium, 1878, 5f, brown	.60	*New South Wales, reg. envelope,	
Bosnia, 1879, set complete, 8 var	.20	4d, rose.	15
*Bolivia, 1869, 100c, orange	.75	Persia, 1885, 5k, violet	15
*Brazil, 1889, newspaper 10r, to		Portugal, 1875, 300 reis, violet	07
1000r, 9 var	4.50	*St. Lucia, 1863, 4d, blue	1.00
Brit. Guiana, '89, 1c mauve and bl'k	.20	* " " " 6d, green	1.00
" " " 3c "	.20	* " " 1881, 2 1-2c, scarlet	16
" " " 4c "	.20	* " " 1883, 6d, violet	35
" " " 6c "	.22	* " " 1887, 3d, lilac & green	12
" " '90 1c on \$1, \$2, and		* " " 1sh, lilac & car-	
\$3 each	.20	mine	45
Brit. Hond. 1874, 1sh green	45	* St. Vincent, 1884, 1st, vermilion	45
* " " '88 2c on 50c on 1sh	1.25	* " " 1888, 6d, lilac	20
*Bulgaria, '84 3c on 10c rose	30	*Siam, 1887, 3a on green & blue	05
* " " 5c on 30c fawn & blue	30	* " 1889, 1 on 2 green & car-	
* " " 15c on 25c blue	30	mine	05
" " 50c on 1fr bl'k & red	35	*Spain, 1865, 19c, brown and pink	1.60
" unpaid '87, 3 var	35	*Tobago, 1882, 1sh, ochre	50
*Ceylon, '86, 25c br and 28c blue		* " 1883, 2 1-2d, blue	08
each	20	* " " 6d, orange	20
*Cuba, '66, 1-4p black	20	* " 1887, 1d, on 2 1-2d, blue	30
* " '71, 1p brown	22	* Tolima 1887, 5c, red	10
* " '74, 1p carmine	40	* " " 10c green	18
* " '75, 1p brown	50	* Turks Islands, 1882, 2 1-2d, red	
* " '76, 1p black	25	brown	08
" '80, 1p brown	20	* " " 1887, 6d, yellow	20
*Dominico '86, 1/2d on 6d green	10	* " " " 1sh, brown	45
* " " 1d on 1sh, lake	15	* Turkey, 1865, 25 orange red	90
Ecuador, '87, 80c gray	30	Tonga, set complete 4 var	60
Finland, '85, 5 marks, green & red	60	* U. S. Columbia, 1883, 1p, claret	45
Gold Coast, '84, 4d, mauve	07	* " " 1887, 20c violet	50
Grenada, '60, 6d rose	12		
" '66, 6d vermilion	08		
" '81, 4d blue	60		
" '90, 1-2 on 2sh orange	25		

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would offer clothing or jewelry, and once a woman offered a silver spoon to keep until she raised the required money to pay for the letter. A man received 6d. per day at laboring. The lowest rate was 8d., and frequently they would be years without a word from their relatives and probably their family. A letter weighing an ounce can now be sent to Canada or the United States from England for 2 1-2d., but in 1837 the charge was 8 shillings and 8d., or about \$2.10, with a further charge on delivery. A package of manuscript weighing 2 3-4 pounds can now be sent to the United States or Canada from Great Britain for 8d., but in 1837 it was even at the *reduced postage rate only* £5 or \$24.00! Nothing heavier than 3 pounds could be sent at this *special (!) rate*, and if the packet weighed 3 1-4 pounds it was charged full letter postage which would be just £22, 10s. and 8d. or \$108.26. The mails to all places beyond the seas, then were carried in sailing vessels and those to New York by gun-brigs once a month. Such was only one-hundredth of the many things that Rowland Hill saw. Mr. Dockura who in the time of the Commonwealth instituted the town and local "penny posts;" Mr. Allen, who in 1750 established cross posts, and Mr. Palmer, who in 1784 effected the substitution of mail coaches for horse and foot posts, with Rowland Hill, were "outsiders" or unofficial persons who saw the defects. In 1836 Rowland Hill while preparing plans, asked permission to see the workings of the London postoffice. This was refused him. Speaking of the various claimants for honors in connection with the postal work of Mr. Gladstone, who yet remembers back in the '30's said: "If they ever really devised anything they never published their ideas; valuable suggestions never published are worth no more to the public than good advice never given, and any claims founded thereon are too absurd to deserve attention." Sir Rowland Hill was buried beside the great steam inventor James Watt, and *Punch* in a 40 verse prose says:

"What if wings be made so strong and wide  
Bear burdens with their blessings? Own that all  
For which his bold thought we oft hear descried  
Of laden bog, too frequent, postman's call."

CANADENSIS.

## PHILATELIC NOTES.

It is said that the Zanzibar stamps are frauds.

The smallest stamps ever issued are the Westown locals. They measure 1-4 x 1-2 inches.

Philately is derived from the two Greek words meaning, dear and exemption from tax.

All the post offices in Italy receive money on deposit, allowing interest at the rate of 3 1-2 per cent.



In the United States there is one post office for every thousand people.

The postal savings bank in Japan has become a great success. They were established in 1875, and at the end of that year the deposits amounted to only \$15,320. In 1880 the amount reached \$1,058,000, while in 1889, \$20,450,000.

There seems to be a great demand for the new Victorian postage stamps. The two and one-half pence stamp bears a medallion head of the Queen, to the right some ferns make a scroll labelled "stamp duty," to the left "Victoria" is above and the words "twopence half-penny" below the medallion. The five pence stamp has the Queen's head in the centre, surrounded by an oval frame of laurel leaves, "Victoria" is above and "Fivepence" below.

The sale of the collection of J. R. Hooper of Ottawa, will take place the last of the month in New York City. In it will be found great bargains and all should try to secure some of them. Mr. A. R. Rogers, the S. P. A. Purchasing Agent will receive bids for this sale. It will undoubtedly be the best sale of the season. Among the stamps we may mention, the famous *unique* Newfoundland Provisional found in no other collection.

## POST CARD CHRONICLE.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Letter card 5c blue, has been issued for the Department of the Treasury for the Interior.

AUSTRIA.—The new cards with head and frame, have been issued for all the Provinces except Italian Provinces; also the 3kr and 5kr letter cards.

BARBADOES.—The 1 1-2 + 1 1-2d, lilac reply card comes with 27 holes of perforation along the fold and with 32 holes.

GERMANY.—The 5pfg card comes dated 1090b; 1190g; 1190i; also a card similar to the 5pfg green, but without stamp, and with c154a in the lower right corner.

HYDERABAD.—An error having been discovered in the plate of the card lately issued from this Indian state, it is likely a new plate will be issued.

MONACO.—New cards may be expected from this principality soon with head of Albert I.

MEXICO.—A 2c carmine stamp and 3c scarlet stamp on buff cards with E. U. M. in blue, crossed by a scroll, are the latest cards from this Republic.

PARAGUAY.—Letter cards are expected.

SPAIN.—New cards are looked for of the following values: 15 + 15c brown for Postal Union, and 15 + 15c for the Interior.

TUNIS.—The reply card now comes with and without accent over first E in REPOSE.

## The Post Office of Great Britain.

EARLY HISTORY, 1635--1659.

### PART II.

Withering's proposal allowed that all letters for the north should be put in separate "portmantles," and directed to Edinburgh, with separate bags for the postmasters of the towns en route. The journey from London to Edinburgh took three days. Withering's proposal took effect July 31, 1635, and by it, was established eight main postal lines,—namely, the great northern road, to Ireland by Bristol, to the marshes of Wales by Shewsbury, to Plymouth to Dover, to Harwich, and to Yarmouth. The rate of postage for a single letter was fixed at 2d. if under 80 miles, 4d. between 80 and 140 miles, 6d. if above 140 miles, and 8d. if to Scotland.

When Witherings was given control of these roads, it was proclaimed that no footposts or any messenger, should be sent with any letter over the mail roads, named above. If any one should disobey the above order, he should be punished by the court.

February 1638 brought another royal proclamation to view. It was between Witherings and DeNoveau, postmaster to the French king, and allowed the conveyance of the mails to France by way of Calais, Boulogne, Abbeville and Amiens.

In 1640 the active postmaster was accused of divers abuses and misdemeanors and his office was given to Phillip Burlamachi of London.

Witherings then assigned his patent to Robert Rich, Earl of Warwick, and a contest ensued in both houses of Parliament about this. This dispute gave employment to both sides from 1641 to 1647, and the system was changed several times, in which violent hands were laid upon the mails. In 1643 the postoffice yielded only £5,000 a year. Both houses of Parliament, in 1644, appointed Edmund Prideaux "to be master of the Posts, messengers and couriers."

An opinion upon the case of Witherings was reached by the Judges, in 1646, and his assignment to Lord Warwick was made legal, and they pronounced "that the clauses of restraint in the said patent are void, and not good in law. that notwithstanding these clauses be void the patent is good for the rest." It will now be seen that any prohibition to carry letters must be made by an Act of Parliament, to become legal.

In 1650, the common council of London made an attempt to organize a new postal system on the leading mail roads. This was temporarily done and twice a week the mails went over the roads under the new management. Prideaux at once obtained the intervention of the council of state. He said, that, if the new system was allowed, besides intrrenching on the rights of Par-

liament some other measures would have to be devised for the payment of postmasters. Both Houses resolved (1) that the offices of postmaster, inland and foreign, were, and ought to be, in the sole power and disposal of the Parliament, and, (2) that it should be referred to the council of state to take into consideration all existing claims in relation thereto. The management of the post-office was then entrusted to John Thurlow by patents under the seal of the Commonwealth. Thurlow was to give as security for the payment of rent, £10,000.

In 1653 an agreement was made that John Manly should look after the foreign and inland posts, for £10,000, a year.

During these years, John Hill, an attorney at York made a great step in postal reform. He placed extra horses on the mail lines between London and York, and took letters at half regular rates. He established offices in various parts of England and Scotland, and he aimed for a penny postage system for England, a two-penny postage for Scotland, and four penny postage for Ireland. These new letter carriers were tramped out of existence by Cromwell and his soldiers. Hill had a narrow escape from severe punishment.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

## OUR LIBRARY.

The Philatelic story in the *Rhode Island Philatelist* entitled, "Isaac M. Line, (crank,)" by Geo. F. Heath, is very interesting.

The *Philatelic Beacon* for January is a very good number. The autobiography of John R. Hooper is the most interesting feature.

The "Reviews of Philatelic Publications" in the *Metropolitan Philatelist* could be somewhat improved. We see HE is at it again.

The *Stamp Collector* has taken up the *Figaro*. It is a neat magazine and we wish it success.

An interesting article on "The Post Cards of Italy" is to be found in the December issue of the *Southern Philatelist*.

E. T. Parker's Monthly Price List ought to be in the hands of every collector in the land. See ad. page 45.

The *American Philatelist* has again its place in our library. We hope it will be better than ever before. Mr. W. C. Stone is its chief editor.

Numerous small Philatelic publications have reached us the past month. Some will perhaps grow, while the rest will soon be out of sight,—lost forever.

Fletcher M. Noes' catalogue of Curiosity and Natural History for 1891, is a neat list. All persons interested in these branches should not fail to obtain a copy. See ad. in this issue.

We wish Mr. Willard F. Walton success in his new field of journalism. We will expect to see the *Quaker City Philatelist* greatly improved.

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## EDITORIAL.

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In a recent number of the *Southern Philatelist* we notice an editorial notice relative to DEAD BEATS. In it it states that many of the well known philatelists are in debt for advertising and after having sent them several notices reminding them of their error, they are still dumb to the appeal. A person that will not pay his advertising bills is one that cannot be trusted in anything. After publishers have been so kind to you as to let you pay when you receive "unmarked copy," and you fail to do so, you need some strictly free advertising. The DEAD BEATS must be made to pay. Let all the Philatelic papers do their best to run out of Philately ranks the black sheep, but do not publish a man as being a Dead Beat until you have given him a fair chance to save his name. We have several names on our books and we would ask them to kindly remit or we will advertise them as being ADVERTISING DEAD BEATS.

Our country is well supplied with *real* stamp dealers, not taking into consideration the hundreds of persons who call themselves dealers. Each large dealer issues a catalogue and he says in his boastful way it is the Standard Catalogue. The young collector is going to be confused with the prices of stamps as he may be the possessor of several of the large dealer's catalogues, and we cannot tell which to go by. It seems that in our land, with such a great Philatelic Association, that this association the ruling power in the Philatelic America, that, this body should appoint a number of gentlemen, all of whom should represent the leading dealers, to bring in consideration the publishing of a catalogue to be known as the Standard Catalogue. We feel sure that all dealers would agree to it as it would help them rather than hurt them.

The young of to-day are soon to step into our places and unless something is done in this line, anyone may fix the price of a stamp. If he had

several thousand of one variety he may price them at ten cents while some other dealer, who has about a tenth of his number, prices them at twenty five cents. If ever our Philatelic World needed something it is a Standard Catalogue.

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There are under consideration in the minds of our great postal men, two very important questions; One Cent Letter Postage and The Postal Telegraph Scheme. If either or both of these great questions meet with the approval of our representatives, the Post Office Department of the United States will be greatly benefited. By the first question coming into use the government will be affected by some \$19,000,000, but then, our country is a free country and a matter of saving should not trouble any one as it would take only a short time for the debt to be erased. If our worthy Postmaster General can save many hundreds of thousands of dollars on contracts for post cards, envelopes and stamps, he surely can plan some way of clearing this. By all means, let us have one cent letter postage but, in order to keep the department from going under water, do not tax us newspaper etc., the sum of one cent for each paper. If this was to be done, well, no fear, for the Representative who declared such a thing would soon be shut up with many others, by American newspapers. One cent postage let us have, but newspaper rates, let them remain the same. The Telegraph Question is also important. We see no reason why our government should not run the telegraph lines as they run the post office. This is as important as the other and should be controlled by the same parties. For our government to control the Telegraph Companies means million of dollars. It will be the means of a more centralization of things and as the general public are in its favor the Telegraph system will be used to better advantage, that is, more used, as the rates would be cheaper and all would be under the supervision of one department. This question is one that needs attention at once and the sooner our government buys out the telegraph companies the better satisfied will the public be.

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### TO POST CARD COLLECTORS.

It is proposed by Mr. William M. Stuart, of Lawrence, Mass., to form a Society of Post Card Collectors, and I think all collectors and lovers of cards should at once send their names to him and be enrolled as members.

This branch of Philately has been, I am sorry to say, very much neglected in this country, and it is only within the last three years that there has been any interest aroused in cards. In Europe it is quite different, for there are any number of card collectors, and they are steadily on the increase. For the last two years I published a small paper which was devoted entirely to cards, but finding that I did not have time to properly attend to it, I was with great reluc-



tance oblige to give it up for a time at least, however, my love for cards has not decreased in the least, in fact I may say that as each week passes my infatuation for cards steadily increases.

The object of this society so far as I have been informed, is to promote the collecting of cards, bring collectors of this branch of Philately more closely together, to exchange duplicates and in every way to further our hobby and increase each others collection.

It is not intended that this society shall interfere in any way with other societies or clubs, and I am sure will be a benefit to all who join. The dues will be nominal if any, for a time at least, and it will be the means of increasing the value of our collections, for the more collectors there are the greater will be the demand for cards.

Send in your name to Mr. Stuart, box 274, Lawrence, Mass., who is secretary *pro tem* and become a charter member.

New York, Jan. 14, 1890.

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BY C. E. RANGE.

[Written for the Essex County Philatelist.]

Philately is derived from two Greek words meaning the love of stamps. A philatelist is one who collects stamps.

It has been as a mist over the minds of many of our prominent philatelists as to who might be properly called the first philatelist, and has caused a great deal of deep study as to the origin of stamp collecting.

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Older persons looked on with satisfaction at their children gathering together these bright pieces of paper, encouraging them now and then till finally they themselves became interested and took hold of it as a matter of recreation which finally developed as a mania, and we now see to what a great extent it has grown. Men have to be educated to the duties of a retail stamp department, just as much as a railroad officer or any other like situation.

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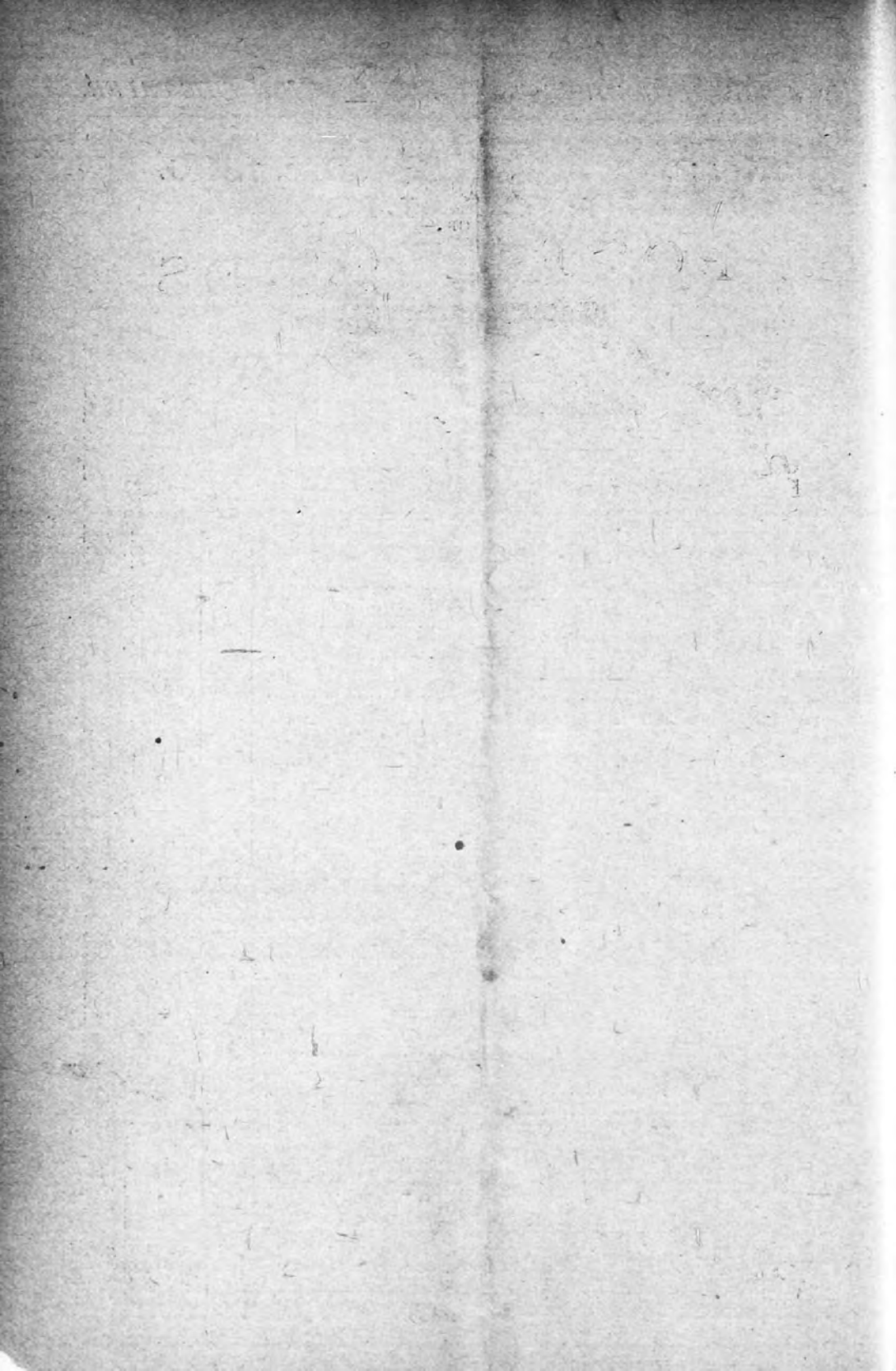
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The Duke of York now obtained possession of the post office, and a London penny post was established by William Dockwa and Robert Murray, both of whom were in the employ of the King. In 1680 Murray lost his interest in the plan and Dockwa carried it on alone. London at that time was small. Dockwa carried, registered and insured for a penny both letters and parcels up to a pound in weight and £10 in value. His chief office was the home of Sir Robert Abdy in Lime street, and seven district officers were established in various parts of the city. In the central part of the city ten deliveries were made daily, while in the suburbs six. In the villages around London four deliveries were made. But, as Dockwa's plan was going along smoothly, the Duke of York brought suit against him for infringing his plans. After some court proceedings the penny post was made a branch of the general post.

In 1688 Dockwa was granted a pension of £500 pounds a year for a certain time for losses in connection with his penny post. In 1697 he was appointed comptroller of the London post office. About twelve years later a man named Charles Pavey, who had made himself known by trying to improve the coinage, tried to establish a "half-penny carriage." He established receiving offices, and employed several persons to collect and deliver letters in London, Westminster and Southwark, "to the great prejudice of the revenue." Pavey was at last compelled to withdraw his plans.

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## REPRINTS.

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"Did you ever find letters in your husband's pockets?" "Only those I gave him to post."—[*Spare Moments.*]

### AFFIXING STAMPS.

Since it has been suggested that stamps can be kept from sticking together by passing them over the hair, it becomes worth while to know how to avoid touching them with the tongue. Moisten the envelope instead.—[*Cor. Writer.*]

### A WARNING TO POSTMASTERS.

A postmaster in a small Arkansas town had been annoyed by a citizen coming in the post office, armed with a Winchester rifle, and pointing it at him in a threatening manner. He wrote to the post office department concerning this citizen, and he received the following: "Johnny, get your gun."—[*Star.*]

### A LETTER ON A SHELL.

A rather novel letter on exhibition in Washington is in the form of a pretty pink shell, on which is inscribed a tender message. There was twenty-one cents postage due when it reached its owner, but she declined to pay that much, even for the novelty in the way of a letter, and it had to be sent to the dead letter office.



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 QUEER THINGS IN THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

A bootblack's outfit, a wood saw, a hat box, a gold headed cane, snuff boxes, gold, silver and bronze medals, coins of all kinds, countries and ages are among the curiosities collected. The metal basis for a set of false teeth is in one of the cases. It was unclaimed, and came to the dead letter office several years ago. A short time since an old gentleman who visited the museum recognized the remains of his former set of false teeth. He had sent them to a dentist, he said, for repairs. but lost sight of them entirely. As he had bought a new pair, he said he had no use for the old ones, so they remain in the dead letter office.

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 NEW ISSUES. POST CARDS.
 

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BAVARIA—New cards dated '91, 3 pfg. brown, 5 pfg. green, 10 pfg. and 10-| 10 pfg. carmine.

DENMARK—The 10-| 10 ore card has different inscriptions at top.

EGYPT—The 5 mil. single and reply cards are now surcharged 3 millimes.

FRANCE—Three minor varieties of the 25c. letter card have been found.

GERMANY—New dates: 5 pfg., 990 k, 1290 b, 1290 c, 1290 k, 1290 h, 1290 i, 10 pfg., 990 f, 1290 f.

HAYTI—New cards without stamp, carmine on white.

JAMAICA—The 1 penny blue card is now surcharged 1-2 penny.

NEWFOUNDLAND—The 1c. and 2c. cards now come on white card.

ROUMANIA—We may expect letter cards from here soon.

SALVADOR—New cards just out for 1891 are 1c., 2c., 3c. and 2-| 2c, 3-| 3c.

SPAIN—10c. red on buff, stamp head of baby King in upper right hand corner.

SWITZERLAND—The 5c. card has IX 90, 2808000 in corner.

VENEZUELA—The 10-| 10c. card now comes with background of horizontal lines.

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 PHILATELIC NOTES.
 

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The 5c. Cuba, baby King stamp, has been counterfeited.

The \$20 state department sold for \$14.50 at a recent auction sale.

Germany has decided not to issue any more stamped envelopes.

We may expect to see new stamps from the Hawaiian Islands on account of the death of King Kálakua.

Mr. J. W. Palmer, the famous stamp merchant of the Strand, has the Brattleboro 1846 stamp, which he values at £250.

We need a standard catalogue. Compare the prices of a 1843 3c. blue, glazed paper, New York. J. W. Scott asks \$7.50; Henry Gremmel, \$9; C. H. Mekeel, \$10; Scott Stamp and Coin Co., \$12. This surely should have some effect.

The present 2c. stamps are very poor. The color comes off, the cancellation can be removed, and a stamp can be taken from an envelope and stuck on again. It would not be out of place to have such stamps embossed.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION AND OTHER PATRONS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST:—

It is with considerable regret that I announce to you the fact that the publication of the Fitchburg Philatelist has been discontinued. After having published it for more than two years I was obliged to give it up, owing to a change of business. I could not devote the proper time to it, and presume it was noticed by most all the philatelists that my last three months were not up to the standard and were also considerably delayed.

After giving the matter the proper consideration, I decided to transfer all advertisements, etc., to some well-to-do publisher.

Therefore, I have made a deal with the Essex County Philatelic publisher to fill my subscription list and insert all advertisements in the *Essex County Philatelist*. During my two years in the field of philatelic journalism I have met with success on all sides, and now trust that all patrons of the Fitchburg Philatelist will show their good will and give Mr. Stuart their hearty support, as, by so doing, the *Essex County Philatelist* can be made the best all around philatelic publication in the United States.

Yours Very Respectfully,

C. H. WHITCOMB, M. P. A. No. 1.

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The above will be considered elected after April 20, 1891, if no objection is made. A constitution has been drawn up and will be published in a future number. The dues shall at present be fifty cents a year. The following are charter members:

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## HOW MAIL CARS ARE MANNED.

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Nearly every railroad in the United States carries, at least once a day, one or more men whose business it is to receive, sort and deliver the mail gathered at the towns along or near that road.

If there is little work to be done, one man does it alone, in a small room built in a part of the baggage car or smoking car. As the business increases, two or more men work together, having a whole car for their accommodation. This car is drawn directly behind the engine, so that there shall be no occasion for any passing through it. A line of railroad between two cities, used in this way for sorting the mail, is called "R. P. O.," i. e., "Railway Post Office," and there is an immense number of such in the country, taking their names from the chief offices on the line.

The runs vary greatly in length, ranging from twenty miles to as high as a thousand miles. The extremely long runs, with the exception of the "New York and Chicago," are found only in the West, where there are great distances between the cities. On such a run there will be two or more men, one crew sleeping while the other works.

On all the mere important lines there are two sets of men, one for day, one for night service. If the run is a short one, with but little mail, one man does the work alone, running every day, and usually having several hours to rest at one end of the road or the other. Where the run is long enough, so that the trip takes all day, there will be four sets of men. One man, or set of men, starts at one end of the run and covers the entire line, meeting the other somewhere on the route, and returning the next day. Such is the arduous nature of the work, the strain to mind and body, and particularly to eyesight, from working all day long in the constant jar and rattle, that few men would be able to retain a place were it not for these periods of rest.

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## EDITORIAL.

The New England Philatelic Association, A. F. Sweet, secretary, Providence, R. I., is one which would benefit many collectors, especially the younger class.

All those who had advertisements in the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST will find them in this magazine, and if they advertise in this magazine now their advertisements will be continued until the Fitchburg Philatelist contract expires.

Just as we go to press we have purchased the FITCHBURG PHILATELIST, and hence the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST is the official organ of the Massachusetts association. In assuming this important position, we hope all will be in favor with us, and do all in their power to uphold our cause through the columns of this paper. May the M. P. A. prosper from this time henceforth.

The Philatelic world is at last at peace. No personal battles are being fought. All A. P. A. members seem to be busily engaged attending to their own business and not that of their neighbor. The large magazines are more strictly philatelic than before, and all personal items are excluded from them. Let this peace remain, and let none indulge in political philately, as it is not only hurtful to one party but to all.

We would call your attention to the Postal Card Society of America. Every person who is interested in this branch of collecting should join. Mr. George H. Watson has consented to give every person who joins at once a copy of his Post Card Catalogue of Europe. This work needs no introduction, and is given simply to encourage the society and its object, and that all who may wish to begin to collect now may have a something to go by. The charter closes April 20, 1891.

Several new philatelic magazines have appeared. Some of them are from eight to twenty pages, filled with interesting matter. It seems the papers that launch out with such a large number live only a month or two. Since we have published this magazine we have seen a large number die after one month of publication, and several after three. Why not begin at the bottom and work up, and do not strive to get at the top with one bound, for you will surely fall.

At present the stamp business in the large cities is very brisk. In a recent letter from New York's largest stamp house we read that business is so good that they cannot attend to it all, and several advertisements have been withheld until the rush is over. This is indeed encouraging, and the dealer who does a very little business now has all the chance in the world of doing a large business in the future. His motto must be "Honesty," for the dealer who fails to keep up to that mark will soon fail to do business.

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### M. P. A. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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A sum having been appropriated for the use of the library, I have decided to start a circulating library, and so have subscribed for the *Philatelic Journal of America*.

Every month, as soon as the magazine comes, it will be sent to the person whose name is first on the circuit list (which will be printed and pasted on the the inside of the cover). The person who first receives the magazine will, after three days, send it, postage prepaid, to the person whose name is second on the list, and so on until it has completed the circuit, when it will be returned to me and placed in the library with the other magazines. The only conditions are:

First—No one shall keep the magazine over three days. Anyone doing so shall be subject to a fine of ten cents a day for each day the magazine is kept over time.

Second—Postage must be prepaid in all cases.

I wish that all who are not subscribers to the P. J. of A. would send me their names and addresses at once, in order that I may have as large a circuit for the March number as possible.

All members who take advantage of this department get the benefit of a 50 cent paper for 12 cents per year.

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### THE ORIGIN OF THE UNPAID LETTER STAMPS OF TUNIS.

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BY PH. HEINSBERGER.

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Tunis, a small strip of land on the Mediterranean sea, is situated in Africa. The inhabitants formerly carried on the business of "Sea Pirates." The country was at one time one of the barbarous states, nominally ruled by a native chief called Bey, But, since the year 1881, France, French cannons and French money, combined, are the "power behind the throne." In short, that Tunis of today is the protected child of France (but against her own will).



The government is administered by a French minister, President and two secretaries, and the native ruler, the Bey of Tunis, plays the part of a dummy. The area of Tunis is 42,000 square miles (the size of the state of Ohio), and has an estimated population of 2,400,000. The capital is also called Tunis, and has a population of about 150,000. The principal commerce of the country is in the hands of the French and Italians. The name of the country and city of Tunis is given in honor of a native prominent chief with the name Tunis, who, in early times, was ruler over all the native tribes. It was in the year 1888 that the Bey of Tunis expressed the desire to have postage stamps, and as a matter of courtesy, France granted the desire of her protected child. The stamps of Tunis were manufactured in Paris, and are paid for with French money. But the protector of Tunis would not yet let the cat out of the sack, and therefore the stamps bear as a design the arms of Tunis. As long as the stamps are in circulation, the business has increased, and sometimes letters have arrived not prepared or insufficiently paid for. For this purpose were "Unpaid Letter Stamps" issued.

But, as the demand is a small one, the French post officials in the Tunis capital (where there is a French and an Italian post office), used the regular postage stamps of Tunis and surcharges them with the letter "T," perforated in points and placed in the centre, but only as many as were required for the moment. Therefore the readers of the *ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST* have seldom seen a genuine cancelled unpaid letter stamp of Tunis (or, perhaps such are cancelled to order in New York). But stamp collectors will get them for their collections, and, to meet the demand, a stamp dealer in Paris wrote to the post officials at Tunis and ordered a large lot of unpaid stamps. That French post official wrote back that he had no time to surcharge so many stamps (to make them unpaid letter stamps), and that the dealer had better buy them at the store of the official manufacturer, who lived in Paris; or he (the stamp dealer) should surcharge the stamps himself with the letter "T." The result of this incident is that the international stamp market is over-flooded with "Unpaid Letter Stamps," having as surcharge the letter "T" in large type and small type, on the top and on the bottom of the stamp, head up and head down.

It's the French style, you know! Shall we collect such "stuff?" Look over the stamps of the French colonies and notice her colors surcharged in all the varieties of a rainbow, and do not forget that "error" is the technical word.

Those unpaid letter stamps, and I may add the surcharge stamps of the French colonies, are a shame to philately and a disgrace to the rich country of France. Every moment we are surprised with such a surcharge, and, Philatelists, what are you going to do about it?



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## THE POST OFFICE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

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SCOTTISH AND COLONIAL POSTS, AND FROM 1700. TO 1711.

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### PART IV.

At this time the postal systems of Scotland and England were separate. Charles II. had, in 1662, appointed Patrick Grahame of Inchbrakie, postmaster-general of Scotland for life at a salary of £500. Soon after Graham had been appointed, the Scottish Privy Council made Robert Mein merchant and keeper of the letter office in Edinburgh, and directed him to establish posts between Scotland and Ireland, and that stoppings should be made at Linlithgow, Kilsyth, Glasgow, Kilmarnock, Dumboag, Ballantrae and Portpatrick. They also gave him the power to build a packet boat to convey the mails from Portpatrick to Donaghadee, at a cost of £200. It seems then, that the Scottish Privy Council seemed to doubt the right of Charles II. as to his appointment. At this time the English had founded colonies in the new world. One of the earliest, if not the earliest, records of any colonial post of English rule in American colonies is the following paragraph from the records of the General Court of Massachusetts in 1639: "It is ordered that notice be given that Richard Fairbanks, his house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent thither to be left with him; and he is to take care that they are to be delivered or sent according to the directions; and he is to allow for every letter a penny, and must answer all miscarriages through his own neglect in this kind." For a time this system was well carried out, but in 1667 the General Court was petitioned to make better arrangements, as the merchants and others had lost a great many valuable letters. In the colony of Virginia every planter was, by a law made in 1657, made to provide a messenger to carry letters from his plantation to the one next adjoining. If, in any way, he defaulted this law, he had to pay a fine of a hogs-head of the best tobacco.

In 1672 the government established a post to Boston, to go every month. From the old records we take the following: "Those that bee disposed to send



letters, to bring them to the secretary's office, where, in a lockt box, they shall be preserved till the messenger calls for them, all persons paying the post before the bagg be sealed up." In the *Boston News Letter*, 1692, this post had been changed to a fortnightly one by the following paragraph: "By order of the postmaster-general of North America. These are to give notice, That on Monday night, the 6th of December, the Western Post between Boston and New York sets out once a fortnight, the three winter months of December, January and February, and to go alternately from Boston to Saybrook and Hartford, to exchange the mayle of letters with the New York Ryder; the first turn for Saybrook, to meet the New York Ryder on Saturday the 11th currant; and the second turn he sets out for Boston on Monday night the 20th currant, to meet the New York Ryder at Hartford, on Saturday night the 25th currant, to exchange Mayles; and all persons that sends letters from Boston to Connecticut from and after the 13th inst. are hereby notified to pay the Postage on the same." The postmaster-generalship had been created this year.

Up to this time (1700) no complete establishment had been made of the post office. It had, as we have seen, been in close connection with the crown, but had not, as yet, any real connection with it. Most anyone could establish a post, to go where he liked with it, and it was only jealousy that stopped him from keeping it up. But now Queen Anne had ordered an act to be made by which the post office organization of the British empire was firmly established in connection with the crown, and remained as such until the day of the great postal reforms in 1838-50.

This act of Queen Anne increased the powers of the postmaster-general. The chief letter offices were at Edinburgh, Dublin, New York and London, with other lesser offices in nearly all the towns of the kingdom, and in America and the West Indies. The offices in America and the West Indies were new under this new act. New rates of postage for single letters were established. The most important rates were in England—under 80 miles, 3d., and if above, 4d.; to Edinburgh and Dublin, 6d.

Perhaps one of the most important clauses in this act was the one with respect to the secretaries of state in regard to the opening of letters. This clause is as follows: "From and after the first day of June, 1711, no person or persons shall presume \* \* \* \* to open, detain or delay \* \* \* \* any letter or letters \* \* \* \* after the same is or shall be delivered into the general or other post office, \* \* \* \* and before delivery to the persons to whom they are directed, or for their use, *except by an express warrant in writing under the hand of one of the principal secretaries of state, for every such opening, detaining or delaying.*"

About ten years after these acts had gone into effect Ralph Allen, "the lover of peace and humanity," invented the cross roads postal system. These improvements were very successful, and in the next forty years the average profits of these roads were something like £12,000 a year.

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## HOW I BECAME A COLLECTOR.

BY W. H. BRUCE.

Reminiscences are not always cheerful subjects, but, in recalling the days of my amateur passion for the miniature historical labels, there is but little of regret to intermingle with the pleasant memories of those years. I began young and grew up to the study. My first interest was excited at school, not one of those common schools that adorn our most substantial avenues now-a-days, but one of the kind which Whittier had in mind when he penned the well known lines :

“Still sits the schoolhouse, by its shade a ragged beggar sunning;  
Around it still the sumac’s grow, and blackberry vines are running.”

Most of us boys of a score of years ago took tuition by the quarter, and paterfamilias paid for it by the quarter, and we were expected to learn as much in three months as the average scholar of the present can master in twelve. I say “we were expected.” Well, in common with the majority of the class in which my daily lot was cast, I got the stamp collecting fever. It was not intermittent, and it did not break out in spots. It was of more importance than the lessons, so it got more attention than did the lines of Homer. This remark, by the way, recalls one of the most exciting experiences I ever had since I gummed in my first 3-cent blue U. S. Myself and a companion in misery were locked up in the school room one afternoon to study lapsed lessons. It was not a good afternoon for study, and so we went on an exploring expedition.

The only place to explore was an old closet leading off the room, but it proved a veritable bonanza for us. In one corner stood a large hemp bag. We opened it. Thirty seconds later it was turned upside down on the floor of the school room, and before us lay some two hundred letters from nearly every quarter of the globe. They had been written by a son of the old lady who raised welts on the palms of our hands for a living, and had been treasured by her as first love letters are supposed to be. Not a stamp had been removed from one of them. Inside of thirty minutes we had the corner off of every envelope. We then compared treasures. I had the most, and my companion grabbed for them. I grabbed him. We rolled together into the closet, and in another second had rolled on to a dumb waiter which had at some time previous been in use there. Down we went, fully twelve feet, into a closet on the lower floor, opening into the dining room, where our teacher and several friends sat at tea. It was, no doubt, the greatest surprise party they ever had. We remembered the event quite vividly for several weeks. If this was not sufficient christening for a stamp collector, I must rise to a point of information.

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## EDITORIAL.

OUR MARCH number was very late, but we were not to blame. The forms were nearly ready to be put on the press, when the printer became somewhat angry and ordered us from the office.

A CERTAIN philatelic paper comes out with the cry of "a few more thousand subscribers." This is not strange in the least, as we would like that many. In course of time, while reading this paper, we come upon the remark: "In that space of time (two months) we gained nearly one thousand subscribers." On the cover of this paper we read, "Circulation 1000 copies." We should be pleased to know the number of sample copies sent out by this paper. It seems that these remarks do not hang very well together.

MR. A. LOHMEYER of Baltimore, Md., who in past years has been doing a very large business in postage stamps, has decided to sell out his stamp business and devote himself to the wants of the postal card collector. This is a grand move in the right direction. It shows that the increase of card collectors in the past three or four years has been very great, and now it takes a man to do nothing but supply them. We would call all postal card collectors to this fact, as by purchasing cards from him you know what you get, and that you get it as cheap as can be obtained for.

The Worcester Philatelic Association was organized Wednesday, April 15, 1891, with a membership of twelve, and with the following officers elected for three months: President, Mr. A. C. Woodward; vice president, Mr. T. B. Witherby; secretary and manager of exchange department, Mr. W. L. Brown. Meetings to be held bi-weekly. All persons interested and of good social standing, residing in Worcester county, are invited to join.

Up to the time of going to press no reports of the Massachusetts Philatelic Association had been received.

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**ITALY**—The 7-1-2-1-7 1-2c. carmine on rose reply card has (CENT 15) over arms instead of (CENT 7 1-2). An official card of 10c. carmine is out for use of the deputies.

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**PHILATELIC NOTES.**


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The first steps toward a postal union were taken at Paris in June, 1863, when fourteen countries were represented, with M. Vandal, postmaster-general of France, as their president.

The collection of the late G. B. Mason, of Lyndhurst, N. J., was sold at a recent auction for over \$6500.

Very bad counterfeits are seen of the 1851 issue, Nova Scotia. They are made in Germany.

The 5 and 10 pesos, Paraguay, are counterfeits.

The 90c. present envelopes are to be done away with, as they are so seldom used in the mails.

## OUR LIBRARY.

Several new philatelic papers have come into our library the past month. We wish them success.

Guy W. Green's story, "The Strange Story of the Blue Book," which closed with this month's *Eastern Philatelist*, was very interesting.

We understand that E. P. Newcomer has been ill, and thus the delay of the pamphlet, "Ten Days with a Modern Stamp Dealer." We think the printer had better wake up, as Mr. N. seems to be O. K. now.

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All these plans and inventions were building up the system wonderfully.

This year (1784) a dead letter office was established. The number of employes were doubled, the revenue was largely increased and the whole system was growing more and more into perfection.

In England and Scotland this was the case, but in Ireland the old system was still in force, no improvements of any kind, none dared to suggest any for Ireland for she was England's hard pressed child and the postal system of the first was still used until the century in which we live had fairly begun.

At this time, in Ireland, only three mail roads were in use. The fastest coach went only about four miles an hour. The revenue was about £80,000 and three fourths and more were used for salaries and expenses.

While the reforms were going on in the British Isles, the English Colonies in America were also improving the postal system. Benjamin Franklin was at the head of the post office in America. In 1737 he first took hold of this department and for forty years he worked at it with all his strength. He travelled all over the thirteen colonies and across the sea to see the post offices and their workings. His whole administration cannot be summed up better than to use his own words; "The American post office had never paid anything to that of Britain. The *ie* (himself and his assistants) were to have £600 a year between us if we could make that sum out of the profits of the office. In the first four years the office became above £900 in debt to us, but it soon after began to repay us, and before I was displaced by a freak of the ministers, we had brought it to yield three times as much clear revenue to the crown as the post office of Ireland. Since that imprudent transaction, they have received from it—not one farthing.

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So much for North Atlantic. On the South Atlantic, and in our trade with the Pan American countries, the same thing is true. The subsidy law provides for four classes of mail-carrying steamers, with compensation graded thus, according to size and speed.

The first-class covers vessels intended only for the service between the United States and Europe. The second and third classes are intended to cover ships engaged in the service to China and Japan and to large southern ports like Colon, Rio Janeiro and Buenos Ayres. The fourth class is meant for ships on the smaller Southern routes where great size and speed would not be warranted. It is an interesting fact that the fourth or slowest class of American mail-carrying ships contemplated by the new law are faster than the majority of ships in the mail service of the European nations.

With a line of 16 knot 5000 ton steamers to Rio Janeiro and Buenos Ayres, our merchants would have swifter communication with those great seaports than their English rivals have. The Royal Mail, the English company which was established by a subsidy of \$1,300,000 a year, maintains only 14 and 15 knot vessels. Thirteen knots is a very moderate speed required of the Peninsular and Oriental, the great English line to the East Indies, that gets an annual subsidy of \$1,300,000. Our East India line, the Pacific Mail Company is to be required to build 5000 ton ships of 18 knots, and even then it will probably not receive more than a third or a half as much subsidy as its English competitor. The Norddeutscher Line (German) to the East Indies has a speed of 11 and 12 knots and gets a subsidy of \$1,100,000. The Spanish East India Line has a speed of 11 knots and a subsidy of \$1.43 per mile. The new German line to Africa has a speed of 10 or 11 knots and a subsidy of \$225,000. The Austrian Lloyds lines have a speed of from 10 to 13 knots, never over. The Canadian lines to the West Indies have a speed of 12 knots. Twelve knots is the speed of the Spanish lines to Cuba that have a subsidy of \$2.03 per mile. Eleven knots and eight knots are the speed of the Spanish lines to South America and Africa respectively that have a subsidy of \$1.08 per mile. Other advantages that are well known to practical shipping men, but are perhaps not so well understood by many of our people, are that the American vessels that the new law will call into existence for service on these routes will be built of better and stronger material, and more thoroughly and comfortably fitted than foreign vessels are.

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A MONTHLY PHILATELIC MAGAZINE.

WILLIAM M. STUART, - - - EDITOR.

Box 274 Lawrence, Mass., U. S. A.

## EDITORIAL.

AT PRESENT the Massachusetts Philatelic Association is in a very bad state. We have as yet received no reports from any of the officers, except the Librarian. We think this the month for the election and would be pleased to hear from the officers as to the real condition of affairs.

WILL THERE never be an end to this poohpooing of the term "science," as applied to philately? Science means knowledge, nothing more. The science of any subject is a knowledge of it. The knowledge of stamps is the science of philately. There is no possible chance to question the correctness of this expression.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

WE HOPE those who have questioned this will now resolve to question it no longer for the above is nothing but the truth.

THE LETTERS surcharged on the various South Australian stamps mean the government official from whence they come, as A. G., attorney general; G. S., government survey.

WE WOULD like several correspondents in various parts of the country to write for this magazine and would request any who desire to be such to write us at once.

A PLAN is under consideration in Boston, Mass., to place mail boxes in all the street cars entering the city from the suburbs, that are not under the free delivery system.

THE THIRD part of *Watson's Post Card Catalogue* has been received. It includes Denmark to Gold Coast.

THE \$100,000 collection of the late Mr. Tapling, M. P., is to be placed in the British Museum.

SOME 250,000 francs worth of old German stamps, obtained from the Alsace-Lorraine post offices, were burned recently at Strasburg.

## THE POSTAL CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

All those who have paid their dues are members. Their numbers will soon be sent. All those who desire new cards will please write Pres. Geo. H. Watson, 36 Broad Street, New York City, at once. Exchange Superintendent will soon be appointed. I would like to receive from members, the names of all card collectors known to them. Please send lists as soon as possible. For want of space this month, our new issues of cards was left out. WM. M. STUART, Sec'y.

### M. P. A. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Since my last report I have received papers as follows—From Mr. H. G. Parks.  
LIBRARY NO.

2. Stamp Advertiser (complete file.)
11. Eastern Philatelist, Vol. III, 4, 5, 6. Vol. IV, 1. Vol. V, 1.
12. Hoosier Philatelist, Vol. I, 4, 6.
15. Curiosity Collector, Vol. I, 4-11.
18. New York Philatelist, Vol. I, 1, 2, 3.
21. Rhode Island Philatelist, Vol. I, 5, 6, 7, 8.
24. Charleston Philatelist, Vol. I, 3.
34. Philatelic Herald, Vol. II, 1. Vol. III, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 6, 7. Vol. IV, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12.
35. Stamp and Coin Gazette, Vol. II, 23, 24, 28.
36. Philatelic Beacon, Vol. I, 12, Vol. I, 12, Vol. II, 1.
37. Nebraska Philatelist, Vol. 1, 1, 2.
28. Collector and Exchange, Vol. I, 1, 2, 3.
39. Capital City Philatelist, Vol. I, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12. Vol. II, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10.
40. Buffalo Philatelist, Vol. I, 2, 4, 5.
41. Philatelic Press, Vol. I, 6, 7, 8.
42. Ohio Philatelist, Vol. I, 2, 4, 5, 6.
43. Philatelic Journal of Ohio, Vol. II, 2, 3.
44. Buckeye State Collector, Vol. I, 2, 5.
45. National Philatelist, Vol. I, 11, \*12.
46. Philatelic Advertiser, Vol. I, \*2.
47. Canada Stamp and Coin Journal, Vol. I, 2, 3.
48. International Philatelic Advertiser, Vol. III, 1.
49. Park City Collector, Vol. I, 5.
50. Eureka Philatelist, Vol. II, 3. Vol. III, 1, 2, 3. Vol. IV, 1.
51. Philatelic Messenger, Vol. I, 4.
52. Mohawk Standard, Vol. II, 7.
53. Dominion Philatelist, Vol. I, 8.
54. Badger State Philatelist, Vol. II, 9. From C. H. Mekeel Co.
55. Weekly Stamp News, Vol. I, 10, 13.
27. Philatelic Journal of America, No. 75, 76.

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## THE PHILATELIST'S SCRAP BOOK.

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She—"How changed Mr. Blank is. He is so moody and dreamy and he used to pride himself on being so practical and businesslike, and couldn't tolerate anybody who wasn't.

He—"Yes. He wrote and proposed to a young lady the other day on his office paper, and she declined him on a postal card."

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### A QUEER USE FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

THE FOLLOWING FROM THE "TID BITS" IN A NOTE THAT IS SOMEWHAT CURIOUS.

WE HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT BE USED VERY MUCH FOR SOON ALL THE OLD STAMPS WOULD BE WHAT WE MIGHT TERM PETREFIED.

At last a plan has been discovered for using old postage stamps to some advantage. The first thing is to soak them, so that they no longer adhere to the paper, and the best way is to immerse them in water for some time. You then have them ready for the mosaic work. The more diverse the coloring the better and in the collection for use there should be blue, red, green—in fact, every color that can be found. Then proceed to arrange them in geometrical patterns, cutting some diagonally across where the design needs it, or in halves.

The chief point to aim at is to select a good pattern, to keep it uniform, and to blend the colorings well. When these have been mastered it is very ornamental work, applied to the tops of tables, small cabinets, boxes, frames, letter cases, etc. It requires to be sized and varnished with clear crystal varnish.

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### OBJECTIONAL MAIL MATTER.

Of the law excluding lottery business from the mails the report says: "The two months that it has been in operation are too short a time to produce results, but there is satisfactory progress." Considerable space is given to an explanation of the act for the exclusion of indecent publications from the mails, and the Postmaster General says; "It does not matter whether or not a given publication presented for mailing, appears, by complaint or otherwise, to a Postmaster to be 'obscene, lewd or lascivious' if it does appear to be 'indecent'. He is obliged, in order not to become a law breaker, to refer the questionable point to the proper department official. It does not matter when the referee considers the question, whether the given publication is merely 'obscene, lewd or lascivious.' If it is simply indecent, he must exclude it or break the law."

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### LAW ON COUNTERFEITING.

The revised statutes of the United States, Title LXX, Chapter v, Section 5465, is as follows: "Any person who shall forge or counterfeit, or knowingly utter or use any forged or counterfeited postage stamp of any foreign government, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor of not less than two nor more than ten years."

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3			" 2 kr., ochre (c c 13) "An" at left.....	8	
4	2	2b	1871, 2 kr., orange, "Adresse" at left.....	3	
5	3	3b	1872, 2 kr., " ".....	3	
6	4	4a	" 2 kr., yellow, " ".....	3	
7		4b	" 2 kr., orange, " ".....	2	
8			" 2 kr., ochre (c c 16) " ".....	5	
9	5	5	1876, 2 kr., brown (Head).....	4	1
10	6	6	1880, 2x2 kr., " T 3.....	8	
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19c			" " 2x2 kr., brown, (Head) T 3.....	8	
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## PROOFS.

Comparatively few collectors pay any attention to proofs of either postage or revenue stamps. There seems to be a general impression that they are outside the domain of philately. They are rarely offered for sale by dealers and the auction sale affords about the only apparent chance to obtain them. They are, of course, not stamps, yet they are so closely related to them that they very properly and naturally attract the attention of a very intelligent class of collectors. They should by no means take the place of the real stamp which has a character peculiarly its own and for which there can be no substitute so long as we collect stamps as philatelists, but as a fitting accompaniment of a stamp collection nothing, it seems to us can be more beautiful or appropriate than proofs of the stamps we value so highly. The proofs are their phototypes, their ancestors, and as such deserve recognition. The prices usually obtained for them at auction sales are mostly such as to place them within the reach of the ordinary collector, though a general demand for them would no doubt cause an advance.

The most valuable, of course, are those on India paper, yet the prices for these at recent sales averaged about ten cents for the most of the U. S. postage and department stamps, excepting the higher values of State, while for proofs of newspaper stamps ranged from twenty cents to \$2.00, the latter being for the highest value. Proofs on thin card board are less desirable and can usually be had for a little more than half the price of the others, yet they are very beautiful. They are generally printed in different colors, including the proper color of the stamp, but the kind of paper on which these impressions are taken prevent their use in payment of postage and from being mistaken for the stamps themselves. Perhaps the most interesting are those not in the color of the stamp, as it enables us to see our old friends in a new and fancy dress.

As between proofs and reprints, except such of the latter as are valid for postage, we should have little hesitation in choosing, though neither of them should find a place among real stamps, but as a correlative branch of a good collection of stamps we regard as worthy of consideration.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—During the summer our paper will be in this form. To all who subscribe now only twenty cents will be asked.

—There seems to be a great deal of talk about the duty on postage stamps. We think that the coming A. P. A. convention in New York would investigate this and have it settled best they can. *Mekel's Weekly* seems to be the only paper well posted on this controversy.

—Greece has again begun to perforate her stamps after a let up of about three years. At that time the perforating machine broke but now is ready for its work.

—The new postal cards have at last been seen by a few. They are somewhat like cards and yet the people have begun to "kick" so soon. Our government, as rich and prosperous as it is, has perhaps the poorest cards and stamps of any country in the world.

—The U. S. due stamps have been changed from a brown to claret.

—A U. S. 5c. 1868 has been found grilled all over. There were only two other stamps supposed to be grilled all over.

—A scheme is talked of to have an international stamp, receivable for postage in all countries.

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3			" 2 kr., ochre (c c 13) "An" at left.....	8	
4	2	2b	1871, 2 kr., orange, "Adresse" at left.....	3	
5	3	3b	1872, 2 kr., " " ".....	3	
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## IMPORTANT MATTERS.

### POSTAL TELEGRAPH AND ONE CENT POSTAGE.

Postmaster General Wanamaker says the following relative to a Postal Telegraph.

The postal service, with all its long distance and unprofitable service, burdened with the cost of doing without charge the mailing business of all the other branches of the Government, loaded down with the newspaper and book mail, which it carries at about one-sixth of the actual cost, is nevertheless nearly self-supporting. It has therefore proved itself able to manage successfully the telegraph business in connection with the postal system and as a part of it. In one form or another the public imperatively demands cheaper telegraphy and the Post Office Department can supply it at less cost than any corporation unless the latter has rent, light and fuel free, and carriers and clerks without pay. An objection urged against the assumption of any telegraph business by the Government is that the telegraph would be in the hands of the party in power and liable to corrupt use in times of political excitement. This is more specious than sound. The postal service is in the hands of the party in power and liable to the same abuse. Stringent laws and penalties hedge around the postal system, jealous eyes watch it and it is ever open to public observation and inquiry. The telegraph business in the hands of private individuals is not so hedged about and is much more likely to be used for corrupt purposes.

The Postmaster General does not seem to favor one cent postage as he thinks the deficiency will be so largely increased.

One cent postage is favored, and the Postmaster General thinks that the deficit of \$23,000,000 or more which would be caused by it might be reduced; first, by the natural increase of business; second, by the stimulus of a low rate of postage, and third, by the completion of the pending legislation to collect proper postages from sample copies of so-called newspapers and from paper covered books. It is estimated that by the sample copy and paper covered book a revenue of over 2,000,000 is annually lost. Fully \$8,000,000 worth of postal work is also performed annually without pay for the executive departments.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A Philatelic Society has been formed at Galveston, Texas.

Several new papers have come to us of late, we wish them success.

Counterfeits of the Centennial U. S. envelope have been found, coming from France.

The 8 skill, 1855 Sweden, is found in a pale yellow, which variety is considered very rare.

Bolivar is to issue a set of six new department stamps, after the 1885 issue.

Mr. H. F. Ketcherson is going to publish a Canadian Postage and Revenue Stamp Album.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has been elected president of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

There is prospects of a five cent letter rate to all the Australian Colonies—shortly as a result of the Postal Congress recently held.

The Fraud List published by A. B. Merrill is a book that should be in the hands of all dealers, it is well worth the price asked for it.

The L'Amateur de la Timbrologie, from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is a new one, it is printed in French.

The penalty for removing the cancelation from a stamp and using the stamp again, is imprisonment for, from six months to three years, or a fine from \$100 to \$500

Thos. A. Leavitt, alias Squantum Stamp Co., alias Arthur T. Parker, South Boston Mass., was arrested recently for using the U. S. mails for the purpose of furthering a scheme to defraud.

The five cent U. S. 1868 grilled all over, is the rarest of American stamps, there being but two specimens. Ph. von Ferrary values his at 1,000 francs.

A man in Brooklyn, N. Y. was arrested recently for counterfeiting the thirty cent, present issue, U. S. stamp.

## A POSTAL CURIOSITY.

It may be interesting to stamp collectors to learn that a somewhat unique specimen of a postcard is at present on view at the German Exhibition at Earl's Court. It is a threepenny, now obsolete, English postcard, which was sent around the world in remembrance of the Post Office Jubilee. The card was posted at the Jubilee Conversazione at South Kensington Museum on July 2, 1890, and bears, apart from the large special Jubilee stamp, which was only used on that occasion, the following date impressions;—Gibraltar

July 8; Port Said, July 16; Suez, July 17; Suez, July 17; Aden July 24; Sea Post Office, July 29; Calcutta, Aug. 9; Hong Kong, Aug. 28; Shanghai, Sept 4; Shanghai, Sept. 5; Yokohama, Sept 11; San Francisco, Sept. 30; San Francisco, registered, 9 A. M., Oct. 1; Montreal, Canada, Oct. 7; London, O. S. Oct. 16; London E. C. Oct 17; Kentish Town, Oct. 17, 1890. This interesting postcard, which completed this remarkable voyage around the world in 107 days, can be seen in the central avenue of the German Exhibition. (Glasgow Weekly Mail.

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## AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION'S CONVENTION.

HELD IN NEW YORK CITY AUG. 17 18, 19, 1891.

The rooms numbers 3 and 4 of the New York Times was the place where the sixth annual convention of the A. P. A. was held. At 10 A. M., August 17, President Tiffany called the convention to order, and during the session some forty-nine members answered the roll call. During the forenoon committees were appointed. The afternoon session found that proxies amounted to 221, George H. Watson held the largest, 132. The President delivered his annual address, which was one of a great deal of force and eloquence. Reports of the officers were read. \$1,252 had been spent during the year and \$68.99 now is in the treasury. The total membership is 586, a decrease of 115 during the year. The international sales department was closed.

Tuesday, second day session resulted in the election of Niagara Falls, N. Y., as the place of the convention in 1892. President Tiffany says that he will resign, as other duties compel him to do thus. The laws of West Virginia are most favorable for incorporation and a committee will look into the matter.

On Wednesday a change in the by-laws was made, by which a member could not hold more than fifty proxies. The trustees are now to be elected instead of appointed. Several rules ruling the *American Philatelist* were made. These will doubtless help along the paper wonderfully, as yet it is not a second-class rate paper. The convention will make a strong effort to have a large exhibition at the World's Fair. The International Secretary was instructed to correspond with the foreign societies concerning this. President Tiffany was asked to reconsider his action as to his resigning the office of President. He has made up his mind to remain President some time longer.

The convention went along very smoothly and the last year's tactics doubtless will not be repeated. The A. P. A. should now increase and all who have left the ranks should go back. The editor of this paper is now out of it but will rejoin and do what he can to help it along. While peace prevails let it remain so, and none should cast a rock into the calm sea.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—We have received the *Internâtionale Post* from Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.

—The *Rhode Island Philatelist* has suspended owing to the lack of time of the editor.

—Dr. F. G. Clink, Houtzdale, Pa., is a fraud. He owes us \$1.20 worth of stamps.

—The great convention at Dresden is now over and more than 3500 collectors were represented. This is one of the largest societies of its kind in the world, their being 1,578 members.

—On July 1, 1892, international reply cards will be issued for use in all countries of the postal union.

—R. W. Padley of Rochester, N. Y., died the latter part of this month of typhoid-malaria. He was an ardent philatelist and his loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him.

—A young lady in Chicago goes to the post office and asks for a P. D. Q. stamp. We will have a chance to see Chicago and its people, and possibly those stamps during the World's Fair.

—The National Stamp Dealers Association held a three days session in New York, August 17-19. E. A. Holton is President, H. L. Calman, Treasurer and J. W. Scott, Secretary. Its next convention will be held in August, 1892, at Niagara Falls.

—British Honduras has issued a new set of stamps of the following values: 3c. brown; 6c. blue; 12c. purple and green; 24c. yellow and blue. A 1c. value is soon to be issued.

—The Brooklyn Philatelic Club tendered a banquet to the A. P. A. members in New York, at their rooms on Court street, August 19. We understand that all done justice to the elegant menu and also to such watering stocks as was there.

—The 1888 10c. surcharge "six" violet, British Honduras has been found counterfeited.

—A. Burmeister, alias A. B. Quigley, seems to have been a wholesale stamp fraud. The P. F. R. and several other papers have given him a good lot of free advertising.

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—More than 750,000 1c. and 2c. common U. S. stamps have left Lawrence, Mass., the past few weeks to go to an old woman who is sick.

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## HOW I BECAME A STAMP COLLECTOR.

BY W. H. BRUCE,

(PART II) (Continued from April Number.)

The unlooked-for incident referred to in our last article did not take long to circulate and naturally in its relating the part played by the stamps was a prominent feature of the story, leading, as they did, up to such a ludicrous denouement.

Inside of a week fully two-thirds of the small boys in the school had hunted up old copy books, or manufactured Impromptu Albums of the blank binding leaves cut from their books of study, and became enthusiasts, or otherwise, in the collecting of stamps, according to the trend of their dispositions, for it is an established fact that only a collector to the manner born can become, or rather becomes, a successful Philatelist, the others collect spasmodically for a limited period and then regulate the results of their ephemeral experience to some dingy crypt in the attic, to acquire value and cobwebs during a decade of forgetfulness. Dealers in stamps at that period that were at all known to the young collectors could be readily counted on the fingers. At home we knew of Scott on Liberty St., N. Y., of Durbin on South 10th Street, in Philadelphia, and of Wm. Brown in New York, and abroad we recollected hearing of Stanley, Gibbons & Co., of Plymouth, Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath, Van Rinsum of Amsterdam, and Edward Heim of Vienna. Then at Boston we also knew of Samuel Allen Taylor, and as he sold stamps cheaper and gave more for a nickle than any other dealer would send for a quarter, he usually caught a good many of our pennies, though occasionally Frank Trifet in his little room on Court Square was patronized to the extent of a dime or so. Of course the first ambition of the Juvenile Collector was in the line of quantity rather than quality, and for the matter of that the same holds good of the amateur of the present day, and therefore when the rather attractive and numerous Pseudo locals of Hamburg were temptingly displayed for a small consideration, it is not to be wondered at that practically the first acquisition in the stamp line consisted of these 116 labels. I notice, by the way, that of late years these labels seem to have passed entirely from the market. There were no hinges in use then and stamps of whatever value were gummed down to the page.

With our stock of these early Victoria's, and if I remember correctly we had some two hundred of them, nearly all six-pence's, we had in a very short time acquired a tolerably fair collection, both by inter-changing with older collectors, and by trading for continentals. This collection formed the nucleus of the fine one sold by the writer to J. W. Scott in 1874, and its gathering and compiling was unquestionably the means of leading into the ranks of Philately two of the best known Bostonian collectors of to-day, as well as incidentally establishing a taste for research, neatness, harmony in colors, and the study of the National History of different countries and periods that has proven invaluable in more recent years.



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### FOREIGN NOTES.

The French Colonies are to have their own postage stamps. The new stamps will be somewhat like the ones used at present in France. The various surcharges of the past have doubtless been a complete failure, and this perhaps is one reason of the change,

The Jubilee Stamps of Roumania were sold during the three days of the festival, and during that time some 526,000 were sold, together with 72,000 post cards.

The postal and telegraphic departments of Germany bring a net surplus of about \$7,000,000.

Henry Cecil Raikes, Postmaster-General of Great Britain and Ireland, was struck by lightning and killed on the 24th of August.

## EDITORIAL.

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Two years ago this month we sent forth our first number. Since that time we have come to light every month and will continue to do so, only, in a much improved form. During our two years of the journalistic life we have come in contact with many, who have indeed, proved friends, and to them we wish to express our thanks for the aid we have derived from their kind words, subscriptions and advertisements. We wish them to continue their friendship and we also wish others to join them. We would ask all to send for our prospectus of our next volume, and you will see why it is desirous you should subscribe to this paper.

We would call attention to the ad of Frank, Kiernan & Co., in this number, and would advise all to obtain a catalogue as you may find something in it that you are in want of.

THE RHODE ISLAND PHILATELIST is now consolidated with the PHILATELIC ERA of Portland, Me. The September number contains twenty-eight pages, thirteen of which are filled with interesting reading.

The Canadian Philatelic Association elected at its convention last month in Belleville, Ont., Dr. C. E. Cameron, of Montreal, President; H. L. Hart, Halifax, N. S., Vice-President; Secretary, T. S. Clark, Belleville, Ont.

The C. H. Mekeel Co., of St. Louis, Mo., have issued circulars stating their intention to increase the capital stock of the company to \$100,000.00.

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### Weekly News.

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The inscription "DAMUS PRIMUMQUE VICISSIM" found on the British Guiana Stamps, means "we give and take by turns."

The Western Philatelic Union is fast becoming a favorite society. Eight to twelve new members and as many applications nearly every month, it shows work equal to the A. P. A.

Mr. W. H. Bruce, the Hartford dealer took a run through Northern Maine last month, and visiting the old settlers in the remote villages, secured quite a number of valuable stamps, mostly early United States emissions.

The Conrath Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo., intend to issue on October 1, the initial number of the MISSOURI PHILATELIST. See advertisement in this number.

The S. B. Bradt Co., auction sale of July 25, resulted in the selling of over 1000 lots, and the realization of nearly seventeen hundred dollars.

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## THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

New Brunswick is a British colony, situated on the shores of the Atlantic just over the boundary of our country. Since 1763 this province has been under the British flag, and up to 1867, it had charge of its own affairs, but in that year it was made a province of the Dominion. Its area is a little more than 27,000 square miles, while its population will reach to nearly 350,000. Its coin is 12 pence—1 shilling; 100 cents—5 shillings—1 dollar. Its first stamps were issued in 1851 and were of three varieties. All were unperforated, square and printed on a blue tinted paper.



A

The 3-pence variety was printed in red and brings about \$4.00 unused and \$1.00 used. The 1-shilling, violet, worth about \$30.00, is one of the rarest of the New Brunswick stamps. This has been counterfeited quite extensively. The paper on which it is made is heavier than the original and a more yellow tint than blue. The letters are not quite as true as in the original.

These three varieties are as illustration A.

In 1860 the next issue appeared perforated and the value in cents instead of pence. The designs of this issue are different and will be found below.



B

The 1-cent stamps were issued, illustration B, in brown and violet. The brown variety is not so common as the other varieties of this issue. Both of these stamps were printed on white paper.



5-cent, green on white paper, as per illustration C. A 10-cent, same design, printed in vermillion on white, was also issued. The portrait of Queen Victoria adorns this variety.



D

12 1-2 cent, blue on white paper, as per illustration D.



E

17 cent, black on white paper, illustration E, with a portrait of the Prince of Wales when a mere boy.

In 1861 the next stamp was issued. This stamp was the cause of a great deal of trouble and the loss of office to the man who authorized it being issued. This stamp is known as the Connell stamp, and if not the rarest it is one of the rarest stamps in existence. The postmaster of Woodstock, Hon. Thomas Connell, being out of the 5-cent stamps, had made the stamp, as per illustration F, to supply his own need. Very few were used, for as soon as the news reached England of its existence, it was at once done away with, with serious results for Mr. Connell.



F

In 1863, a 2-cent orange stamp was issued, printed on white paper, and like the 5-cent, 1860, illustration C. This was the last stamp issued by New Brunswick, for in 1867 it became a part of the Dominion and began to use the stamps of Canada.

### FIRST POSTAGE STAMP.

The Italians claim to be the first who introduced postage stamps into the world of "letters," says *Galignani's Messenger*. Now, if you open any encyclopedia, whether Italian or foreign, you will see that the postage stamp was invented by Rowland Hill, and was introduced into use in 1840. But Italians now say that all this is wrong, and that the postage stamp is an Italian invention, and was introduced in Turin in 1818, under Victor Emanuel I., king of Sardina, the first stamp being an allegorical design of a genius on horseback, surrounded by a round frame, oval frame and octagon frame, of the worth of 15 cents, 25 cents and 50 cents. These first stamps, however, were rather postal cards than stamps, since the writing was on them, and not enclosed within any envelope. They could be folded, however, and sealed.

These remained in use until 1836. It was precisely this system, Italians now say, that Sir Rowland Hill adopted (though the encyclopedias say he invented it) twenty-two years later. Afterward Thomas Chalmers proposed the separate postage stamp, to be placed on any kind of letter or envelope to please the writer, and this soon became adopted by other countries. In 1857 the United States of America again robbed Italy of its invention by introducing postal cards. In 1882 Belgium robbed Italy of its original creation by introducing postal notes. All the fuss, therefore, that was made during the fifteenth anniversary of the postage stamps and which gave so much honor to England should have devolved on Italy, where it was first invented and introduced in 1818. At least, so say the Italians.



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The above are the new members admitted during the past month. If any of the above have not paid their dues, they will please send the same (50 cents) to the Secretary at once.

Let every member send in his list of wants, for sale and exchange. Every one send the letter in this issue from President Watson.

Join the P. C. S. of A. at once.

W. M. STUART, Sec'y.

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I have written to Europe to one of the largest dealers in Postal Cards, asking him to send me all the new cards which have been issued since the first of July last. I have ordered six of each kind to start with, and will increase the number as members of this department increase. So far the following named members have applied for the new issues: Geo. H. Watson, Wm. Rasmus, B. Neumoegen and Wm. P. Potter.

Expect to be able to send out the first lot about the middle of November or first of December.

Those who desire to join this department should send in their names without delay so that all the new issues will be sent them.

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**New Issues Postal Cards.**

- BOLIRIA:**—Reply Card. Similar to card of 1887. The stamp has nine stars. 2 x 2 centavos, blue.
- BRAZIL:**—40 reis card now measurer 126 x 87 m m., ground work deep blue instead of ultramarine. 40 reis, orange and blue on white.
- CUBA:**—A 3 centavos card, with "baby" stamp. 3 cent de peso rose.
- GERMANY:**—The latest varieties are 5 pfg. green, 491 b g., 591 a g., 691 a c d f i., 791 a g k., 5 x 5 pfg. green, 491 f., 591 f., 691 f., 10 pfg., carmine: 491 l.
- NEW ZEALAND:**—A new card like 1 penny with the new 5 penny stamp. 5 pence, black on white.
- SWEEDEN:**—Letter Cards now have directions printed on the top and side edge. 5 ore, green on blue. 10 ore, carmine on blue.
- UNITED STATES:**—Some 12,000,000 cards have been sent to the St. Louis post office agency, but will not be put on sale until the Chicago office has been supplied, and there is a stock on hand at the factory. A letter sheet with cross perforations at the left has been seen.

# The Essex County Philatelist,

WILLIAM M. STUART, Editor.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We begin our third volume with this number and we hope all will like it. In the future we will do our best to please our readers, and we wish all who receive this number as a sample copy to subscribe. When you send in your subscription send also an exchange notice, to be published free of charge.

Mr. C. E. Sebbens of Worcester, Mass., called on us recently and spent a few hours in stamps. He has been traveling around this part of New England in search of old U. S. While in this city he purchased a good number of the U. S. many of which were very rare.

We would call the attention of all card collectors and others to the importance of Mr. Geo. H. Watson's complete Postal Card Catalogue. See advertisement in this issue.

THE MISSOURI PHILATELIST AND THE STAMP COLLECTORS COMPANION, both hailing from St. Louis, are new ones. They present a very neat appearance and are both first-class in every respect.

The Chicago Philatelic Society has started a World's Fair Philatelic Fund.

Messrs. J. K. Tiffany, R. R. Bogert, and Rechert are engaged upon a work of U. S. envelopes. The work is looked for at an early date with much interest.

We favor 2 cent postage, for they say if 1 cent postage is favored the newspapers and all magazines will be compelled to pay postage at much higher rate to balance accounts.

The third sale of the Western Philatelic Union, will occur Oct. 24. They say that it will be the best sale yet held.

Four new varieties have made their appearance in Austria. Brazil has issued a new letter card of 80 reis value, in red, brown or green.

The large dealers of New York and Philadelphia are undergoing serious trouble by having their mail seized by the custom house agents, thinking they contain dutiable goods.

A 1861 U. S. 5 cent yellow Jefferson's portrait, catalogued at \$3.00 by Scott, was purchased in this city recently for a few cents.

At the Postal Congress held recently, the bill to provide for an International Postage Stamp was lost. A card will be issued but the former bill will lay over until 1896, when it meets again.

Postal Reforms are to the fore amongst our legislators. Mr. Henniker Heaton has able supporters in Mr. Blundell Maple—who wishes to reform Parcels Post, and abolish the office of Postmaster-General—and Mr. Shaw Lefevre, who has a desire to see a universal Penny Post.—*Great Britain.*

Netherlands will soon issue stamps bearing the portrait of the infant Queen Wilhelmina.

A new society has been formed in New York City called the United Philatelic Society. Albert Schiff is Secretary pro tem, and so far he reports some fifteen members. We do not see the need of this, as Societies seem to abound on every hand.

The October number of the AMERICAN PHILATELIST reports seventy-three members who have handed in their resignations, with only two new members and nine applications. This does not show well for the Association, and when that number of resignations are received in a month, something is wrong somewhere. The total membership October 1, was 562.

The French Post Office is about to organize a new system of making payment through the post, in which the great point is in sending the money due on a postal order direct to the house of the person to whom it is due. In the face of the recent wholesale Post Office robberies over in England, it is time some greater precautions were taken here as well. Such a *coup* as 2,289 letters, including cheques amounting in value to £20,000, and another small item of 500 unopened letters, should not be considered done with by sentencing the offender to seven years' penal servitude. If such gigantic swindles are possible, there should be something done without delay on the part of the authorities at St. Martins le Grand.—*Fisher's Monthly*

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We wish our advertisers and others to remit by postal note. Stamps get stuck together very easy and during the past few months we have lost a good many this way. Please bear this in mind and avoid any chances of making a loss at our end of the rope.

## POSTAL REFORM.

### POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER'S IDEAS.

During the past year he has been making experiments in one or two branches of the services, and he is likely to make a special point for their development. His postal telegraph scheme is not dead, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Wanamaker purposes asking a Democratic House to look into it and investigate the arguments and figures he is now preparing in its support. Much the same arguments will be used with the present Congress as those which proved ineffectual with the last. The same may be said of the postal savings bank. Mr. Wanamaker is thoroughly convinced that one of the most beneficial additions to the present postal service would be the establishment of savings banks at Post Offices. His experience and the reports from the country generally during the last year convince him more thoroughly than ever of its practicability. The demand for such instructions in farming districts and small villages where there are no regular banks has been growing steadily. He will recommend that there be no more than one bank for every ten miles of area, and that the interest paid on deposits be one-half of one per cent. lower than that paid by private bankers.

With regard to penny postage the Postmaster General is not so enthusiastic as he was. While in his recommendation he will not recede from the position taken in his former reports, he will not lay special stress on this radical change. The two principal points that will be dwelt on in Mr. Wanamaker's recommendations are the extension of the free delivery system and the improvement of the inspection service.—*Boston Journal*.

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The Philatelists of British North America have at last awoke from their sleep, and "The Philatelic Society of Canada" promises to become not only national, but will embrace nearly every collector in the Dominion. The organizing committee have started with a roll of one hundred, and three local branches, all of which promise to make stamp matter boom this coming winter. The committee have decided to enroll charter members for another month free, so no excuse can be given by any reputable collector that he had not an opportunity to join. The branches formed are in Ottawa, Montreal and London. Several other places are also organizing branches.

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## PHILATELY'S DETRIMENTS.

A short time ago, as I was opening a letter containing a lot of stamps on approval, a gentleman of considerable culture addressed me thus: "Haven't you gotten over this child's play yet." I was not surprised, for it has become quite a common thing to me to be addressed in this manner. So I replied, "No, not yet, and what is more, I don't think I shall very soon." I then tried to convince him that our pursuit was not all child's play and used as one of my arguments a copy of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, asking him to look it over and form his opinion from it. "Oh, yes," he said, "this is all right, but there are so many boys who collect stamps for a month, coins for another month, and then take up tobacco tags and after that trade the whole for a lot of bird's eggs." "You certainly don't class them as collectors," I said. "for they don't stick to one branch long enough to acquire any lasting interest in them." "No," he said, "but still it is by these little fellows that we, who are not collectors, judge the rest of you." Here, I say, is one of philately's detriments. There are too many of our boys collecting everything for a short time and then giving people the impression that they are collectors of that particular branch. This evil is hard to remedy and probably will continue so as long as collecting exists.

Another evil is the multiplicity of small and short lived stamp papers. Many a collector has left the ranks because of them and by them the world sees the rest of us in a very bad light. The trouble is that every collector with five dollars in his pocket conceives the idea of starting a paper. He has one printed with a few ads., mostly in exchange. The first number he figures should bring him in forty or fifty subscribers. He gets probably five, or at the most ten. He is somewhat discouraged but thinks that probably the collectors have overlooked sending him their subscription. He gets a couple of new ads. for his second number and it is issued. Five or ten more subscribers are obtained, usually through personal work.

He thinks now somewhat differently than he did at first. Then he thought the dealers would tumble over each other in their eagerness to patronize his columns. But now he learns that the sensible dealers believe in patronizing only papers which have been in existence for some time. He concludes, however, to try a third number. He finds this brings him about five more subscribers and a new ad. He now realizes that he has failed in his new venture and the paper which was to be

*the* paper of America has gone to an untimely grave. Whose fault is it? Undoubtedly the publishers. He started on too small a capital. It takes money to run a stamp paper and every collector is not qualified to edit one. And then collectors do not put in their subscriptions until they know that the paper is going to last. They have seen too many of these ventures and also seen so many failures as to be a little wary about putting anything into it. They will subscribe for such papers as yours, Mr. Editor, because it has become established. You have probably found this out.

Another detriment which I might mention, is one of the collector. It is concerning the distrust he instills in many of our dealers. But I have already written enough for this issue and at a future time may take up some others of the drawbacks to which philately is heir. Success to the ESSEX COUNTY PHILATELIST.

G. W. A.

## HOW MAIL IS CARRIED.

### PART I.

[ST. LOUIS GLOBE.]

Mr. Wanamaker's new postal museum will be organized as quickly as space can be cleared for it in the building of the postoffice department. In response to his requests, sent out some months ago, many foreign governments have already forwarded to Washington exhibits illustrating the methods they adopt for carrying the mails. Included in these consignments are costumes of letter carriers, which in Europe are very gorgeous and military, specimen letter boxes, miniature mail vehicles, superb photographs of foreign post-offices, statuettes representing people engaged in transporting mail after various fashions, and ever so many other interesting things. There is a set of exquisitely executed figures in papier mache from India, which now adorns the mantelpiece of the postmaster-general. One of them shows a postal runner in British India, carrying a bag of letters and clad only in a breech-clout, with a long spear in his hand, from which little bells dangle. The weapon is for his defense against the wild animals that invest the jungles through which he is obliged to pass, though one would think it a poor tool for coping with a striped tiger of Bengal, while the bells are intended to frighten the cobras, kraits and other venomous serpents. Another statuette presents the same runner in the act of paddling across a stream in his customary manner, on a raft made simply of four big corked jars of earthenware fastened together. Other mail carriers are seen riding on camels, which easily travel eighty miles a day, or in light carts drawn by Indian buffaloes over rough roads where horses could not go.

Austria has sent a particularly gorgeous exhibit, unboxed yesterday for the first time. It comprises everything imaginable that has to do with the business of carrying mails, even to post-mark stamps, ink pads, and the written music of the bugle calls by which the postmen in that country announce their arrival. England has promised costumes, but a full set of uniforms has already arrived from Canada. Letter carriers in the British possessions are all howling official swells, with winter caps and collars of real Astrachan fur, leather leggings, scarlet chamois skins under-waistcoats for cold weather and gold buttons. With each suit comes a bristle brush for keeping the buttons bright. Italy, Spain, Germany, France and Switzerland have sent contributions for the museum. So have Russia, Turkey and Persia, and others are expected from elsewhere. The South American republics are disposed

to secure representation in this permanent show of Mr. Wanamaker's. The postmaster-general wishes to respond in kind by supplying these nations with samples illustrating Uncle Sam's way of carrying mails, but no appropriate one for the purpose is at present available. It ought to be very useful for civilized countries to compare their postal methods. There is a very one fine post-office museum of this sort now in Berlin, on which a great deal of money has been spent.

In Mr. Wanamaker's museum will also be illustrated various primitive methods of carrying the mails, as practiced in different parts of the world now and in ancient times. For example, there will be shown a model of the negro postal runner of South Africa, who bears the letter intrusted to his care in a split stick, which he plants upright in the ground when he pauses to rest. He consumes little food, but much tobacco, and his endurance is wonderful. He wears no clothes, but covers his naked body with oil, rolling in the dust thereupon, so that the flies will find him too unpleasant to bite. He carries the letter in the manner described, so that it will not get greasy, and while swimming with one hand across a stream he holds the missive out of water with the other. The architect of the post office department building once said that he regretted not having placed a statue of this primitive mail carrier above the main door of that edifice.

Another type of postman shown will be the messenger of Scriptural times, frequently referred to in the Bible, who conveyed royal messages by word of mouth. It is incredible how swiftly information or orders could be transmitted in this way across the country, every man being obliged by law to immediately forsake his occupation and run and tell the next person along the line of communication. The Bedouins practice this method of conveying intelligence at the present day. If there is news for an individual, each one who hears it communicates it to all his neighbors, and they spread it in every direction until finally the man is found for whom it is meant.

[TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT NUMBER.]

### NEW ISSUES POSTAL CARDS.

**AUSTRIA.**—The current cards come in two varieties now, frames 129x81 mm., and 127x79 mm.

**BRAZIL, U. S. of.**—80 reis, letter cards, on white, comes in carmine and blue on pink.

**GERMANY.**—The following new varieties have been seen. 5 pfg., 791 g. k., 5x5 pfg., 561 f., 10 pfg., 291 f., M. O. 20 pfg. 791.

**NABHA.**—The 1-4 anna, brown, has been surcharged "service" in black for official use.

**NETHERLANDS.**—New cards have been received. They bear a portrait at the left of Queen Wilhelmine facing to the right. National arms at right. "Briefkaart—(Carte Postale)—Algemeene Postvereeniging—(Union Postale Universalle) Zijde voor het adres bestend—(Cote reserve a l'adresse)" is the inscription in four lines. Two dotted lines for address. Back of the card is white. 5 cent, blue on white.

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**RUSSIA.**—The 10 kopecs, blue and rose on gray, has instructions in Russian and French.

**TASMANIA.**—The 1 penny, which was announced a while ago has failed to come from England to Tasmania.

# The Essex County Philatelist,

WILLIAM M. STUART, Editor.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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In our last number we said that the total membership of the A. P. A. was 562. It is not so, but only 500. Resignation after resignation is coming in and at the rate of 50 to 70 each month, as now, a few months will lay it to the ground.

Philately is on the increase in California, and especially in San Francisco, where at present there are over 2,500 collectors. The *California Philatelist* for 1891-2, published by E. F. Gambs, reports that business never was better and it is now looked forward to as the largest season in the stamp business.

Canada's new society seems to boom up very lively. It has at present over 100 members and its membership list is on the increase. The C. P. A. also has a good outlook from reports and the new society comes out with many new philatelists.

A novel method of "beating" the post-office department has been detected at Los Angeles, Cal. A young man rented a box, taking two keys, one of which he gave to a lady friend, and they exchanged letters through the box. The letters have been held for postage and one key has been taken up.

The Consolidated Philatelic Society of New York have made us their official organ. This society started in October and now has about twenty members.

We received a part of a newspaper wrapper recently from Theodore Buhl & Co., of London. It was received at Boston with no contents.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Patrick Chalmers, son of James Chalmers, the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp. The notice will be found on another page.

At Bogert's auction sale, the last of October, some high prices were realized. St. Louis 10c. die B, used on letter, went for \$46; same 5c. die A, unused, sold

for \$65; 1869, 15c. with inverted medallion was sold to H. E. Deats for \$65; Confederate, Baton Rouge, 5c., used on envelope went for \$50; revenue, \$200, a strip of three, went to Mr. Bogert for \$39.

The Surcharge Society of C. B. Corwin is said to be too busy collecting surcharges to hold meetings, etc., so says an exchange,

The opening of the bids for government proposals by Postmaster General Wanamaker Oct. 26, under the Ocean Mail act, was a notable event. It is nineteen years since such a preceding has taken place. How much this will really mean for the extension of American shipping cannot be told until the bids are accepted and the lines put into operation. It will probably result, however, in the establishment of a regular steam service with Montevideo and Buenos Ayres under the American flag. It will probably bring about a closer service with Mexico and the Central American States. It will also result in the increase of the fleet of the Pacific Mail Company.

At the present time all the important fortresses in France and Germany have their homing or carrier pigeons that are well trained for 50 to 100 miles, so that they could be relied upon for holding communication with the fortress in case of war or a sudden attack.

### PATRICK CHALMERS DEAD.

PATRICK CHALMERS DIED OCT. 3d, 1891.

It is with unfeigned regret that we announce the death of Mr. Patrick Chalmers, who passed away on Saturday, Oct. 3d, at his residence in Wimbledon. He leaves a wife and two daughters, who have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. Although not a philatelist himself, his name is known to all from his strenuous and lifelong fight in support of his father's claim as inventor of the adhesive postage stamps. Whether he was right or wrong is not our province here to discuss, nor is this the fitting time; but we know all will unite with us in saying that Patrick Chalmers died as he had lived, a brave English gentleman, fighting to the last for what he believed to be right.—*Phil. Chronicle and Adv.*

### THE CONSOLIDATED PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

ORGANIZED OCT. 15, 1891.

President, F. Weidenbacher, Nashville, Tenn.; Sec'y and Treas., A. Schiff, 462 West 44th St., New York City; Librarian, Walter Thorne, N. Y.; Governing Committee, H. C. Herlitschek, Hartford, Ct., R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal., A. Deyhne, N. Y., Wm. E. Baitzell, Baltimore, Md., Chas. Brown, Nashville, Tenn.

Any philatelist desiring membership application blanks can have them sent postpaid, by addressing the Secretary. All members are entitled to vote, irrespective of age. The constitution is not quite ready yet. The society will benefit its members from fraud, theft, etc. Dues and initiation, free until Nov. 1, 1892, will be \$1, payable in advance. Our Librarian, Walter Thorne, will be pleased to receive reading matter pertaining to philately. We expect to have before long a room where our members can go to at any time. A sheet of stamps is now on a circuit of 12 members and before long we expect to have a manager for this department, but at present our Secretary will attend to it. Below will be found our members names: R. M. Spencer, Wm. E. Baitzell, Wm. V. D. Wettern, Jr., F. J. Carpenter, Walter Thorne, H. F. Dunkhorst, H. B. Bartholomew, F. J. Stanton, J. D. Bartlett, F. Weidenbacher, Chas. Brown, Henry McConnell, H. Braum, G. Wabruitz, Henry A. Fowler, J. P. Boyer, H. C. Herlitschek, R. A. Deghin. All philatelists send in their names.

A. SCHIFF, Sec'y.



### THE POSTAL CARD SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

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#### New Members.

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#### Application List No. 2.

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PROPOSED BY SECRETARY W. M. STUART.

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.  
 Ralph P. Spooner, 37 West 32d St., New York, N. Y.

The society this month is on the road of prosperity, with five new members and as many applications. The purchasing department, under President Watson, has now some thirteen members and new cards will soon be sent to all members of that department. The important thing this month is the election. Every member vote at once for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Committee of three members. It is desired that the members of the Executive Committee be within twenty-five miles of each other. Every vote must be in by the 23th of December. Applicants can send in their vote with the dues to the Treasurer, at once. The society will be in good running order January, 1892. The constitution will be printed and a complete list of Members up to Jan. 1, 1892, a copy of which will be sent to all members. WM. M. STUART, Sec'y, *pro tem.*

#### Treasurer's Report.

Nov. 19, 1891.	Received from Secretary,	\$4.15
" 19, "	Received dues, A. Lohmeyer,	.50
" 23, "	Received dues P. M. Wolsieffer,	50
	Balance on hand,	\$5.15

Respectfully submitted,

Baltimore, Nov. 23, 1891. ADOLPH LOHMEYER, Treasurer, *pro tem.*

#### A LATE LETTER.

A letter nine years on its travels is a rare occurrence nowadays. On September 6, 1882, Herr L., living in Prenzlau, sent a letter to his brother at the Wellington Hotel, Christchurch, New Zealand. The letter arrived safely, but never reach the hands of the persons to whom it was addressed; and now, after nine years' straying, has been through the post-office in Berlin, returned to the sender. Numerous German, English and French postmarks and remarks cover the envelope, and apparently it was for a long time unnoticed in the letter box of the Wellington Hotel. The envelope bears the English postmark October, 1882, the date of its arrival at the hotel. Another date is June 8, 1891, with the inscriptions "Non reclame" and "Not called for." It then went back to Germany. On August 18 it fell into the hands of the sender at Prenzlau. His brother, to whom it was sent, died long ago.

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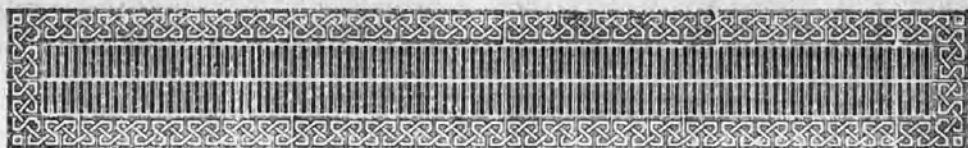
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## HOW MAIL IS CARRIED.

### PART II.

[ST. LOUIS GLOBE.]

Japan has now as good a postal system as that of the United States, but fifty years ago a letter addressed to anybody in that country usually bore only the name, with no address whatever. The missive reached the intended recipient from hand to hand, either directly or by a method similar to that just described.

Other models in the new museum will represent the wonderful postal couriers who carry royal messages in China. They are the most rapid riders in the world and have been known to make the entire distance of 3,000 miles from L'hasa, the capital of Thibet, to Peking in twenty-five days. They have a right to seize, by imperial requisition, any horses on their routes, no matter to whom the animals belong. One hundred miles a day is about their average rate of travel. They eat and sleep but little, dismounting once in a while to smoke a little opium. Before leaving his point of departure each such courier has his despatches placed in the lining of his robe, which is sealed upon his person, so that he can not open the garment during his journey.

The work of these Chinese couriers reminds one somewhat of the famous pony express that used to make the distance of 2,000 miles in ten days from St. Joseph to San Francisco, over the roughest sort of country. Daring riders, each traversing his allotted distance between two stations, simply transferred the mail bags from saddle to saddle, so that the entire journey was one continuous gallop. There was great danger from bandits and wild Indians. To illustrate this, a story which the writer knows to be true, is told of the famous Wild Bill, who was employed for a time as one of these pony mail-carriers. As he was dashing up to a lonely station on the plains he saw several men standing about the entrance of the "store," which was almost the only building there. His practiced eye perceived in the fraction of a second that he was going to be attacked. Leaping from his horse, he ran into the side entrance of the store, which led to the dwelling quarters overhead. The men followed him with drawn weapons, and while he retreated up the stairs he killed all seven of them one after another.

Other interesting methods for carrying the mails will be illustrated in the museum by miniature reindeer sledges, such as the Russians use en route to Siberia; by dog teams, sleds, snow-shoes and skatés, all of which are employed for the same purpose in the frozen Arctic; also by canoes, in which the people of the South Sea Islands, who have no kind of writing, carry the news. The Esquimaux have no postal system at all, and for lack of mutual communication whole villages sometimes perish. On one occasion about ten years ago, a trader left two barrels of New England rum on St. Lawrence island, just south of Behring strait, in payment for some furs. The native residents proceeded to get drunk and stay so. Consequently, they did not do any hunting, and when winter came they died of starvation. The explorer, Wilson, landed upon the island about a year later, and found 700 or 800 dead, the entire population having been wiped out. Looking in through the chimney holes in the roofs of their dwellings he saw in every house only corpses lying about all perished of hunger.

### WHIMS OF COLLECTORS.

Have you ever noticed the peculiarities of collectors regarding certain points in Philately? Some of them are very interesting and amusing, so I will endeavor in the space allotted me to remark on a few personal experiences in my resolutions with fellow-collectors.

To begin, I was once making some exchanges with a young man of my city and every stamp we came to in our duplicates, no matter how authentic it seemed he persistently said, "It is genuine." He seemed so determined to obtain none but genuine stamps and preferred to rely on my judgment rather than on his own. And still this same collector purchased stamps in sets from firms of the S. Allan Taylor stamp and always thought he was getting the genuine article. I believe he bought from some person by the name of Drisler (or something similar) hailing from Salem, and although several of us pointed out to him how foolish he was to expect to purchase a stamp worth three or four dollars for ten cents, yet he couldn't see it in our light. But whenever purchasing or exchanging with the rest of us, he thought he was getting the worst of it.

Another class of collectors, who to my notion are not imbued with the proper spirit are those who refuse to collect *Revenues used postally* of certain countries. Take for instance those of Ecuador and Chili. These stamps were actually used postally, but two of my friends refuse them and take those of England, Ceylon, etc., simply because the latter have the words "Postage and Revenue" printed across their face along with the rest of the stamp. Can these men tell absolutely whether the latter were used postally or as revenues? No, but still they collect them and decoy the former. Does not this look very much as though they were straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel? Why not collect both varieties? These same gentlemen do not look with favor upon the Esculos issues of Venezuela, because as they say, the money received for these stamps goes to the Educational Bureau or Department. Well! what if it does? Does that destroy their postal

value and use? Certainly not. Then why not collect them? They have done postal service. Akin to these collectors, are those who refuse a Postal Service envelope, or an officially sealed stamp, because there is no value expressed. This also, to my mind, seems foolishness.

One more class and I am through, we have those who will only collect unused stamps. Looking at this from a monetary standpoint, such a sort of collecting can hardly be countenanced, for how many varieties, there are which are unobtainable in an unused condition and then they come so very high that even a Vanderbilt or a Jay Gould would open his eyes good and wide at least a couple of times before investing. What I have said in regard to these unused specimens applies with equal force to the collection of only used stamps. The fallacy here may not be so apparent, but it exists nevertheless. In this connection, I wish to relate a rather amusing incident. I was once exchanging some stamps and had an unused specimen which was catalogued at \$1.25 while a used stamp of a similar kind only brought 15 cents. The collector with whom I was making the trade wanted me to exchange my unused stamp at its used value, which needless to say I did not do.

But I have dwelt at a sufficient length on this subject and will close, hoping my article may prove not only interesting but in a certain sense instructive to your readers.

G. W. A.

### FOREIGN PHILATELIC NOTES.

A Philatelic Society has been organized in Ireland, for Irishmen only, by the Rev. W. Bell of St. Luke's, Cork. This is the first of its kind in Ireland.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* have completed their first volume and it has proved very successful.

More stamp robberies and frauds have been committed within the last six months than ever before. We wonder why this is and can think of nothing, save, that the business is so great new dealers wish to make money, by starting without capital, therefore stealing and counterfeiting.

The London Philatelists are to form a social club, which will provide a café, billiard, reading and smoking rooms. The younger Philatelists of London are talking of forming a Junior Philatelic club.

It is now a crime to forge a postmark or imitate a surcharge, in the countries of France and Germany.

The French Post Office Saving Bank's report for the past year shows that the deposits at the end of the year amounted to 413, 000 000 francs, an increase of 81,000,000 francs on the deposits of the previous year.

The International Philatelic Union now numbers 245 members, and new ones join every month. What if the A. P. A. were as this society?

The London Philatelic Society will publish a journal of its own soon, so we are told.

Arthur E. Witherick has purchased the stamp collector at Forest Gate, England.



# The Essex County Philatelist.

WILLIAM M. STEWART, Editor.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our paper is very late, but it cannot be helped owing to some serious misfortune with our printers and others, but we hope to get up with Father Time very soon. This month we hope to be greatly aided by advertisers and philatelists as we have a larger circulation and offer a great stamp offer to all new subscribers. The year upon us, will give our readers some very fine, entertaining and instructive articles, notes etc., and our paper will be more welcome than ever before.

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The following are some new counterfeits that have been found. Hanover, 10 gr. green, made from 2 gr., and heavily postmarked over the value, South Australia, 3d, on 4d, with black surcharge changed to red, 4d., old type, with the star watermark obliterated and crown and S. A., stamped in its place. Trinidad, 1851, without value; the red, purple, brown and blue stamps made from the Mauritius stamps of similar type.

The postage of the U. S. A. for the year ending June 20, 1870, amounted to \$681,864, June 30, 1880, \$3,068,797, June 30, 1891, \$11,174,754. In 1870 the number of pieces of mail handled was 245,267,549, in 1880, 932,121,843, and 1891, 3,606,354,820.

The new U. S. postal cards have at last come out and are not very beautiful. We have seen two sizes, the ladies size, 75x118 mm, printed in blue on white card and the business size 96x157mm, printed in black on a stiff brown paper. They bear a poor likeness of General Grant.

The government has commenced to enforce some of its new laws, by ordering Scott Stamp and Coin Co., to abolish the illustrations of coins and stamps on cards etc., used to advertise their business.

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CANADA.—We have received from Mr A. Lohmeyer, the new 1 cent card. It is in a lighter blue than the former ones, and there is no scroll work around the numerals at the side. The small star shaped figure is seen below the numerals only. The inscription is same as former ones, but not so heavy in type or color.

JAMAICA.—We have received a 1 penny blue on buff card. "Union Postale Universelle, Jamaica, (Jamaïque.) Post (*arms of Jamaica*) card, the address only to be written on this side," in three lines to left of stamp. No frame.

VICTORIA.—A new surcharge has reached us. The 2 pence on which is 1½ is the surcharge in red. It is the 1889 card, violet on dark buff, "By the long sea route," this together with "For the United Kingdom" is blotted with a heavy red line, above which in red is "Universal Postal Union." The 1883 reply card is surcharged 1½d. Universal Postal Union, in red. Under the 1½d two heavy red lines appear, on both cards.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* is as usual good but its Holiday number is very fine

Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News* has completed its first volume of 52 numbers. It has been successful and we hope in the future it will be as in the past, a good, newsy periodical.

The *Post Office* contains some interesting matter for December and it seems to be well patronized by the looks of its pages.

Several new philatelic publications have been received. We hope they will live long but, we do not see how some of them can,

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The *Spy Glass* for November contains some very good articles on Philately.

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he was accumulating. Mr. Nelson, who by the way is the remarkable juggler now appearing with Zera Semon's great show was, however, fully equal to his word, and paid \$20 cash for the first shilling stamp, and not only honorably explained the value of such varieties as were not damaged, but offered a fair wholesale price on the lot, which Mr. S. happily accepted, as he had intended to have the whole lot destroyed as worthless. "What shall I do with 'em?" said the fortunate purchaser while displaying his recently acquired treasures along with numerous other quaint looking stamps, neatly arranged and classified according to the country and time of use; "well, I shall not sell at all, for I would break the market in New York or Chicago, but shall first embellish my collection with the last specimens and then exchange with other collectors and shall not forget the friends of my school-boy days who gave me the coveted stamps to start the collection when I was too poor to buy.

It is remarkable that a stranger should make such a "find" during almost his first day in town in the very midst of a city where there are a number of large collectors of postage stamps always on the alert for varieties to say nothing of the initiated who have long been securing the old ones.

### GERMANY.

The first postage stamp used in Germany were issued in Bavaria in 1849. In design it is very plain and unlike the arts of a people so artistic. The first stamp bore the name of the kingdom and the value, and it was not until the year 1866 when the royal arms of Germany were embossed on stamps.

In November 1850 Prussia issued its first stamps, bearing an effigy of the King. In 1861, for this effigy, the Prussian eagle adorned its stamps. Several small duchies used the Prussian stamps and became subject to Prussia.

Hanover in December 1850, issued its first stamps, three weeks after those of Prussia, bearing the name of the kingdom with the royal arms. The first stamp having the royal effigy is an envelope of 1857. The earliest Saxon stamp (1850) shows only the postal tariff, but the second issue, of the same year bears the king's head. The envelope stamps of October 1858, bear the head of the grand duke of Baden, issued the same year as Saxony, stamps of a similar nature.

Within the Thurn and Taxis district, Hesse, Saxe-Weimar, Saxe-Altenburg, Lippe, Schwarzburg and Reuss, stamps were first used in 1852, and continued until 1866.

The earliest stamp of Schleswig-Holstein is that of an insurrectional Government patronized by Prussia and bears the national arms, in 1850. In 1864 separate stamps appear for Schleswig and Holstein, which is under Denmark, and in 1865 a common stamp is again used.

In 1868 the postage stamps of Prussia, Hanover, Saxony, Oldenburg, of the two Mecklenburgs, Brunswick, Schleswig-Holstein, and of free cities of Bremen, Hamburg, and Lubeck disappear and are replaced by the new stamp of the North

German Confederation. For some time several of the above states used envelopes of their stamp, but in addition the stamps of the Confederation were attached on the envelope.

On December 15, 1871, the imperial stamp of Germany appeared. Bavaria and Wurtemberg retained their special postage stamps and their separate administration. Certain stamps used for tariff, merely for fiscal purposes, continue to be used in Saxony, Saxe-Colburg-Gotha, Brunswick, Oldenburg, Hesse, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Schaumburg-Lippe, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, and the city of Bremen.

The above brief sketch of the first issue of stamps of the German states, shows to PHILATELISTS the courses, both geographical and political, that great nations take.

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### NEW ISSUES POSTAL CARDS.

CURACAO.—The reply paid card now has the stamp of the numeral type, says the *Revue Philatelique*. 5x5, carmine on rose.

DENMARK.—A reply card with small numerals on card for answer. 5x5 ore, green.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 10 cent black is now printed on a buff card.

ECUADOR.—Two new cards have appeared of similar likeness. An adhesive stamp is in the right upper corner, and in opposite corner another stamp, with a large numeral in oval, and smaller numerals in each angle. Inscription in oval, also between the two stamps. 2 centavos, brown on white and 3 c. blue on white.

GERMANY.—Mr. Watson records the 5 pfg. green of 4 types., 5x5 pfg. green; 1091 f, 1191 f., 10 pfg. carmine, 1091 c f i m, 1191 d m., 10x10 pfg. carmine, 1191 m., M. O. 20 pfg. blue. 1091, 1191.

LIBERIA.—The portrait on the last cards of this country was that of the President and a bad looking portrait it was. Cards have been received with large marks through the portrait, as if the people were not satisfied with his picture and ashamed of it.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—New values have been made by erasing the value by a bar, on the centennial 1 penny die, and replacing the view of Sydney with 1 1-2 D, 1 1-2 p, on 1 p; blue on primrose and 1 1-2x1 1-2 p, on 1x1 p., blue on primrose.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Philatelic Record* records two new cards for official use, without stamp or value.

NICARAGUA.—A new series. of a design similar to preceding issues. Stamp same as adhesives, 2 c. blue., 2x2 c. blue., 3 c. red., 3x3 red.

SALVADOR.—New cards of 1 c. blue on amber., 2 c. and 2x2 brown on blue., 3 and 3x3, green on white. Usual inscription and stamps same as adhesives, a background of a chart of the Atlantic ocean, with Columbus' route from Palos to San Salvador marked with dotted line; in right lower corner in a banner, "Primero Viage de Christobal Colon Agosto 3 de 1492."

SWITZERLAND.—The *Illustrirte Briefmarken Zeitung* records 5 new varieties, 5 c. black and 4, ten c. carmine.

# The Essex County Philatelist.

WILLIAM M. STUART, Editor.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

OUR paper is a month behind hand, owing to mistakes of printers and others. We see nothing else to do than skip a month. By so doing, we gain our month and will be prompt hereafter and all subscribers will be credited with a month so we will be the only losers.

We wish to call every Dealers attention to the adv. on our cover. It will be well for him to make a note of the changes at once. Our FREE OFFER to new subscribers is still open and we hope hundreds will avail themselves of it at once.

The highest priced postage stamp in existence is the famous Dundee stamp, worth \$2,500, and not purchasable at that price. James Chalmers, of Dundee, was the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp in 1834. The stamp is in the possession of Sigmund Friedl, an extensive postage stamp merchant of Unter Dolberg, Vienna. It was exhibited at the Vienna Jubilee Stamp exhibition. The postage stamp museum, held on May 25, 1891, at Vienna, displayed this gem as the greatest attraction among 3,000,000 stamps and other objects exhibited there.

A new kind of stamp will soon be introduced in the postal telegraph service of Russia with a view to securing the inviolability of the privacy of letters. The new stamp is printed on very thin paper, and cannot be used again if it is once put upon a letter. When used wet and taken off the envelope it leaves an indelible impression upon the spot where it was attached, so that if a new stamp is put upon the same spot the impression of the first stamp can be seen through it.

The reason that the postmarks on letters become more dim in winter, as noticed by many people, is that the cold weather hardens the ink used on the stamping pads, and the marking stamps being of iron, become chilled.

Nearly all the South and Central American countries are to have new issues of stamps this year, to commemorate the discovery of America by Columbus, 400 years ago. Will the U. S. of America do likewise?

Mr. Geo. H. Watson will soon resume publishing his *Post Card*. It will be undoubtedly the official organ of the Postal Card Society of America. Mr. Lohmeier will be its Editor.

We wish every one who owes us anything to settle at once as we will draw on them very soon.



To reduce letter postage to a uniform rate of 1 cent, means exactly that the Department will lose one-half of the receipts, which would be \$20,716,064.75.—Postmaster Wannamakers Report.

Several new papers have come to us of late, The *United Asso. Philatelist.*, *Eastern Stamp.*, *Michigan Philatelist.* We wish them good luck in their new departure.

The total receipt of letters at 1 and 2 cents during 1890, was \$41,432,129.51, and the number of letters was 2,090,010,102.

The Philatelic Society of Canada, has been incorporated. It has about 300 members and fourteen branches.

The American Philatelic Association has been incorporated under the Laws of the State of West Virginia.

Mr. John Crosby of Massachusetts, has introduced a bill in Congress, to place stamps on the free list.

The February *Plain Talk* contained a fine likeness of Mr. R. R. Bogert of the Bogert & Durbin Co.

The Mound City Stamp Co., of St. Louis, have failed up. The entire stock of \$20,000, is lost.

### THE SONS OF PHILATELIA.

A new board of officers has been elected to govern the Sons of Philatelia for 1892: President, J. D. Bartlett, South Amboy, N. J., vice-president, C. W. Pengh, Kossuth, Ind., secretary, R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa., treasurer, Wm. M. Stuart, Lawrence Mass. Librarian, P. M. Bailey, Troy, Pa., exchange superintendent, W. H. Emmert, New Oxford, Pa., trustees, Walter Thorne, and R. P. Spooner of New York City., F. H. Borgman, Detroit, Mich.

This society is only one year old and has nearly 175 members. All the departments are in a good condition and all members take much interest in them. All honest collectors are invited to join. The initiation fee is five cents, and yearly dues 25 cents, so it is in reach of all. It will help you. Write to the secretary or any officer for application blanks and circulars.

### TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING.

It is curious to observe at this day the complicated geometrical patterns in which some of the ancient Roman seals are designed, unmistakably for the purpose of defeating the ingenious counterfeiter, as the engravers at the bureau of engraving and printing try by similar means to multiply the forger's difficulties. The usefulness of this art is shown by the fact that the coins of the civilized world are cameos multiplied to any extent by dies.—*Jewelers' Weekly.*

**POSTAL MATTERS.****An Explanation About the Use of Stamps--Postal Card Information.**

WASHINGTON, FEB. 19.—Inquire at the Post Office Department why ordinary postage stamps cannot be used in lieu of the special delivery stamps has developed the substantial reason that such a use is prohibited because the immediate delivery of letters can only be secured by some device calling the special attention of postal clerks and Postmasters. Ordinary postage stamps cannot, of themselves, convey this special indication, and if the words "special delivery" were permissible and could in every instance be plainly written under the additional stamps, common experience shows that, without doubt, many letters would have the necessary amount of postage stamps affixed without the explanatory words beneath them, and if these words were essential immediate delivery would not be secured. Then, too, railway mail clerks are required by order of September 17, 1885, to observe special instructions in the handling of special delivery letters. As these clerks are compelled to dispose of mail matter with great rapidity, these important special delivery letters have to bear distinguishing marks differing as far as possible from all ordinary postage stamps.

**Postal Cards.**

The new postal cards seem to be popular already. The old card still in use is in size a medium between the new ones recently introduced, the small, medium and large being respectively designated A, B and C. The new sizes A and C were first issued on departmental order of December 16, 1891, to all Post Offices of the first class, and the shipments of these cards were so timed that all the offices received their supplies on the 22d of December, when a little over 6,000,000 cards of size A, and nearly 13,000,000 of size C, were given out. The total issues up to and including February 10, 1892, amount to 13,144,000 cards of size A and 44,982,500 of size C. The issues during the first ten days of the present month were as follows: Size A, 1,549,000; B, 5,981,000; C, 12,241,500.

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| " 32.   | M. A. Swanbeck,           | 31 N. First St., Kansas City, Kan.  |
| " 33.   | Albert Schindler,         | 131 East 117th St., New York, N. Y. |

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did, but before his arrival the poor fellow died, watching and waiting for his loved ones. His father and sweetheart came together and the grief and self-reproach of the girl was pitiful to see. They took him home and some time after Mr. H— found the envelope in his pocket with the three Confederate stamps. He had put them away and as years passed had almost forgotten them. He gave me one, after considerable coaxing upon my part, and when I returned to college that fall this sad little souvenir became the nucleus of my future collection of stamps, for I showed it to some companions, who first suggested to me the idea of a collection. As none of us knew the value of stamps, this one seemed a rare gem and was cherished by me accordingly and is yet, but now more for its story than its rarity.

GENEO.

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[N. A. Lindsey in Printer's Ink.]

The new postal card is evidence that the difficulties of the English tongue still engage the attention of the post office authorities at Washington. To state in one lucid line that the face of a postal card is reserved for the address has baffled the skill of each successive administration from the time of the first postal card up to date. Those first cards faltered:

*Address only on this side—the message on the other.*

This bungle was so much scoffed at, that it was soon changed to something that narrowly escaped success.

*Nothing but the address can be placed on this side.*

But the falsity of that assertion was plain and almost comic, for it was just as easy to write upon one side of the card as upon the other.

The next political genius who harnessed himself to the task achieved this verbless phrase:

*Nothing but the address to be on this side.*

To consider so weak-kneed and tottering an ellipsis an English sentence is too much even for patriotism. Small wonder that it could not stand.

Again the feat has been essayed. The legend now runneth:

*This side is for address only.*

Alas! That also falls short of the mark. It lacks the precision of the definite article, and more. It can hardly be deemed acceptable.

I rise therefore, to remark that as Uncle Samuel finds the language so hard and so inflexible after 20 years of practice upon one short line, it is not to be wondered at that the average advertiser flounders helplessly in its toils.

Nor is it surprising that the voice of the "expert" is heard in our land.

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We received a letter from Northampton, England, postmarked as such, with five U. S. 1 cent stamps on it. Is it often that U. S. stamps can be used in that English port?

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**THE FIRST LETTER ENVELOPE.**

[Horatio King in Washington Post.]

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—We wish to call every dealers attention to the adv. on our cover. It will be well for him to make a note of the changes at once. Our FREE OFFER to new subscribers is still open and we hope hundreds will avail themselves of it at once.

—The first number of the London Philatelic Society's Paper, contains a whole page engraving of the Duke of Edinburgh, the President of the society.

—The Philatelic Society of America is booming. The latest reports in the Curio, show some ten applications and several new members.

—It will be a great help to us if all who answer the advertisements in our paper will mention this paper when so doing. The advertiser as well as the publishers will appreciate this act.

—The New York agent of Corea says that the stamps of Corea are a humbug. The publishers of stamp albums should investigate thoroughly the genuineness of stamps of certain Asiatic countries.

—What is a subscriber? This question has been asked by the leading publishers of the country. The post office department has its hands full at present, in regard to this question and it looks as if some new newspaper postage rules would be made.

—The fine collection of U. S. and foreign postage stamps of Mr. W. V. Mathews of London England, will be sold by S. B. Bradt Co., at auction on March 23 and 24.

—John K. Tiffany is the most popular Philatelist by the recent vote in the *American Philatelist and Collector*. Its choice was correct.

—Mexico has issued a new official stamp.

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—The Sons of Philatelia seem to be very popular. It is not strange that it should be, for it promises to be one of *the* societies in a very short time. Every stamp collector, young or old, should join at once.

—The German Philatelic Association of New York seems to be doing good work among collectors in the Metropolis. Mr. Heinsberger sent us a copy of the New York Daily, giving a large account of this society's doings.

—At a recent auction sale held by Scott Stamp & Coin Co., a Tasmania, unsevered strip of 4, 1853, 1d, blue, brought \$44., complete set of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, 1864, \$30.30., 90 cent purple Justice Dept., \$7.

—A. B. Quigly, alias Frankford Stamp Co., of Philadelphia Pa., alias A. Burmester of Newark N. J., is held in \$1000.00 bail. His case will be tried by the U. S. district court, at Trenton N. J., on April 21.

—Several bogus sixpense Novia Scotia, 1857, are offered for sale to collectors and dealers. It is very hard to detect them and great care should be taken by those who intend to purchase them.

### PERSONAL NOTES.

John H. Larson, of Chicago Ill., member of the Western Philatelic Union died of typhoid fever January 11, 1892. Philately loses an earnest supporter.

Under the Incorporated Body of A. P. A. we see W. C. Van Derlip of Boston Mass., vice-president instead of C. B. Corwin of New York.

Mr. John N. Morse of Boston Mass., has a collection of some 3000 postal cards. He is an ardent collector and admirer of cards.

C. W. Woodworth of Malden Mass., lately arrested for a serious charge has seen dropped from S. P. membership.

Mr. F. A. Nast has been elected President of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club which was vacated by Mr. J. W. Scott.

Mr. G. W. Archard has become a regular contributor to this Journal.

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By W. L. B.

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Essex County Philatelist, eight, ten or twelve page sheet,  
Silently it goes its rounds, philatelic friends to greet,  
So when you have read its pages through,  
Each offer noticed given for you,  
X, plain to others, and tell them 'tis true.

Come join in the rush, and send your name,  
Or send your subscription, and receive the same;  
Usually, dealers we're a help to you,  
Now in this age, when papers have it all to do:  
Then send in your "ads" without delay,  
You soon will see "advertising does pay."

Philatelic news will be our aim,  
Helping collectors and dealers to fame;  
In these pages we hope you will find,  
Learning that is good for all mankind,  
All about philately—stamps rare and old,  
The stamps to exchange, where stamps are sold.  
Engage in philately, you will find it a pleasure,  
Later in years your stamps you will treasure;  
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## THE PHILATELIC OCTOPUS.

By C. E. RANGE. P. C.

No time during our Philatelic career has there been manifested so great a hatred against the "Stamp Fraud," as there has been during the last few months. It seems that dealers have failed in bringing to earth these detested schemers which tend to depopularize stamp collecting, so that as a last resort, our more energetic and wide awake Philatelists have taken the matter in hand, and are doing everything in their power to expose the methods by which unscrupulous parties are resorting to "Skin Approval Sheets," and obtain packets of stamps without putting up the necessary "wherewithal."

It seems that the world is becoming more wicked every day, not only boys and children are indulging in these games to swindle, but even old and gray haired men have been exposed time and time again in the columns of our Philatelic papers. They not only persist in defrauding the unsuspecting collector and exchanges, but even attack the dealers who are backed by capital and a firm basis, knowing at the time they are but putting their foot in the fire, which generally ends in their getting a little free advertising much to their discredit, but our collectors do not intend to stop at this; all over the country papers are published for the express purpose of publishing the names and addresses of these cunning people, together with their aliases and purport of fraud.

But a few days since I received a circular from a collective agency in Minnesota, which merited an approval. Yet this is not what we desire, what we must have is a society to prohibit anyone but responsible people engaging in stamp traffic; a matter very easily accomplished, provided our dealers will all take hold (and their is no doubt they will not) and culminate the arrangement. To properly introduce a society of this kind, it must receive the support and influence of every paper published in the interest of stamp collecting in this country.

The plan is to publish an official list of the "dead beats," and circulate this among all the dealers of postage stamps on the globe; thus closing up every avenue of resource to enrich their collections, making it a finable offence for any dealer to sell to any address found on this "black list," by so doing the dead beat will find this a hard world in which to get along, his troubles in procuring stamps will be so many that his career in the stamp field will so flog, and will eventually give it up entirely. This suggestion should meet with the approval of every advanced thinker in the Philatelic field.

We have received from Hon. M. T. Stevens, Congressman of the Eighth District, Massachusetts, the Congressional Directory of the 1st Session, 52d Congress. It is a very fine volume and gives full information of all government offices at Washington, with an history of all our Congressmen and chief executives. Maps of all the districts of our country are also to be found in this book, together with a census of 1890, and various other interesting items.

Be sure and send us 25 cents for a subscription to this Magazine.



## FROM DIXEY'S PEN.

The editor of the *Long Island Philatelist* wants to know the proper pronunciation of the word Philately. I believe the 400, I beg pardon the 150 of Philatelists pronounce it "Filla-telly." All that I ever met did, but possibly they were mistaken. A pronouncing dictionary of philatelic terms would meet with a ready sale. Who is the unfortunate who dares to publish one.

The May number of the *American Philatelist* contains the Auction Epitome from Straits Settlements through the United States of America. We are informed that Mr. H. C. Beardsley of St. Joseph, Mo., is already at work on the 1891-92 (Aug. 1st to Aug. 1st) edition. It is a work of which the compiler may well be proud, and for which he deserves the thanks of the philatelic world in general.

Much is being said about the location of the A. P. A. Library, but nothing is being done. For the sake of Philately and the A. P. A. in particular, do, gentlemen of the A. P. A. official board, hurry up with your decision in the matter. We philatelists who have to use the library should like to have it somewhere, not on the edge of nowhere, as it is now.

By the way, talking of A. P. A. matters reminds me that nothing has been heard of the Literary Exchange Department for some time. I sent a list to Mr. Thiele when he was first appointed. He has it yet, I presume, for I have never laid eyes on it since, or heard one word from Mr. T.

Senor Torres, alias Fernandez, who was arrested at St. Louis, Mo., for swindling, has left that place for Cuba it is believed. It was a good thing he was caught, for what a shower of counterfeits there would have been.

The *La Alianza Filatelica* from Barcelona, contains an advertisement of R. de Torres of Barcelona, presumably the same Senor Torres.

The late trials of the London forgers has created quite a sensation among philatelists, more so across the pond than on this side, and several of the English Journals devote nearly their whole space to them. It is to be hoped that the sentence which was imposed upon Bernhardt Assmus of three years imprisonment, will be an example to some others of his stripe, and that it will have the tendency to reduce the number of forgeries which are being turned out, particularly in London and Germany, which is the birth place of most of this rubbish.

Mr. Casey of New York, announces that he will resurrect the old *Stamp Journal* soon. The S. J. was at one time the philatelists paper, but I believe that Mr. Casey dabbled too much in politics and had to give it up. He is now president of a young Democratic Club of New York.

Why can't we have a Philatelic Press Association? Almost all other class papers have an association, and why shouldn't we? It has been started several times but it never seemed to go through just right, and would probably run a few months and then "go up the flume." Why not try again?

Much is being said at present about the consolidation of all the National Philately Societies, and it is to be hoped that such a consolidation will be effected, but from present indications I am inclined to doubt that such a thing will ever occur. The smaller and cheaper societies are draining the very life out of the A. P. A. and something must be done at once before it is too late.

*BUSINESS CENTRALIZATION IN THE BRITISH POST OFFICE.*

The British Post Office is something wonderful. Besides the transacting of mails, transmission of telegrams, the use of the telephone, delivery of parcels, obtaining money by postal orders, receipts of one's savings, it receives money for investment in government stocks, issues inland revenue stamps and licenses, recruits soldiers for the army, grants annuities and will insure one's life.

Thus, the above will come under the head of the Post Office, though they represent Savings Banks, Insurance Companies and Bankers. We cannot say here that the British Government is at the head of the world in the postal service. It is in a very prosperous condition, and has many forms unknown to other Countries, but still, parts of its workings is not up to those of other countries in the world.

It issues money orders from 1s (25 cents) to £10 (\$50), at rates varying from 2d (4 cents) to 1s. The money order system is on the same plan as the one in use in our own country. The annual business in this line of the Post Office represents far above one hundred and fifty million dollars.

Postal notes are also issued from 1s to £1, (\$5), at a rate from 1-2d (1 cent) to 1 1-2d (3 cents). If an odd amount is to be sent, the sender may affix stamps for the amount on the back of the postal note. The note can be cashed at any post office.

The savings bank is the largest and most popular branch of the department. The public may invest their savings at interest in sums of 1s to £150 (\$750), but not more than £30 (\$150), may be deposited in any one year. Blanks are furnished the people containing twelve squares, on which unused 1-d (2 cent) postage stamps may be affixed, and when the blank is filled it can be deposited at any post office for 1s. A person can withdraw all his money at a day's notice from any office in the United Kingdom.

A person can invest from £10 to £100 in Government Stocks at any post office, at the current prices of the stocks. A small commission varying from 9d (18 cents) to 2s 3d (56 cents) is charged.

The post office will insure one's life, between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five, for sums of £5 to £100. The premiums may be paid annually, semi-annually, quarterly, monthly or weekly, and at any post office near which the insured may be located when the premiums are due.

The post office grants immediate or deferred annuities of from £5 to £100 per annum, under certain conditions, payable either in one sum or by instalments. Persons whose lives are insured or to whom annuities are granted by the departments, have direct government security for the payment of the money.

At all of the important and large post offices, bill stamps, fee stamps, are issued, also dog, carriage, game, and other licenses are issued.

Telegrams are sent at a low fee, to any part of the Kingdom. The greatest part of the telephone business is carried on by private firms, who pay a royalty of a \$100,000 per annum. These companies are in direct obedience to the post office laws regarding the telephone.

Thus it is, the British rule the communication, and transportation in a large part of its mighty kingdom. It is done in a business way, quick, correct, and without trouble. The postage stamp plays the most important part of this great service. It is used for postage, money, or a license fee.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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—Removals seems to be in order just now. The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., have removed from 12 E. 23d street to 18 East 23d street, New York, while the S. B. Bradt Co., have gone from 91 and 93 Wabash avenue to 132 Wabash avenue, Chicago. These large concerns found that larger quarters were needed for their business. Stamp business must be good.

—Counterfeits are seen of the Columbia 1862 issue, 10 centavos, and also of the 1861 2 1-2 centavos,

—*Mekeel's Weekly News* informs us of a dangerous counterfeit of the U. S. 3 cent, "grilled all over." Several New York dealers were the victims of these bogus stamps.

—The Postal Card Society of America held an election recently. Out of thirty-four members, thirty-two voted. The following were elected as officers: President, Geo. H. Watson, New York; Vice-President, Aug. Dejonge, Staten Island; Secretary, Adolph Lohmeyer, Baltimore; Treasurer, Wm. M. Stuart, Lawrence, Mass; Executive Committee: Wm. Rasmus, C. Witt, of New York, and H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J. The *Postal Card* is the official organ.

—Mr. P. M. Wolsreffer has resigned as president of the Chicago Philatelic Society, as he has become connected with S. B. Bradt Co.

—We received the following circular the other day. We think that one cent postage is the thing and it is only the question of a few years.

"The Hon. P. S. Post, of Illinois, has introduced a bill into Congress to reduce letter postage from two to one cent an ounce, and it will speedily become a law if we will all do our duty without delay. Please write a letter to your member of Congress by *first mail* and ask him to give prompt and cordial support to this measure. It is believed the time has arrived when this change can be made in letter postage without in the least affecting the efficiency of the postal service, and if we are ever to have it, *let it come now!* The Republican party promised to give it to us in its platform adopted by the convention which nominated President Harrison, and bills were introduced into the last Congress by both Republicans and Democrats to effect it, but upon Mr. Wanamaker's request none of them were reported to the House, his reason being that he had other reforms and improvements he desired introduced into the service before we had *penny postage*. This proposed reduction in postage is beneficial to every class of the community, to the poor man as well as to the rich, *and we can have it at once if you will instruct your Congressman how to vote*. One hundred and four Congressmen have thus far promised to vote for this bill. Please send the answer to your letter to LOCK BOX 258, WASHINGTON, D. C."

—The May 18th edition of the *Weekly Stamp News* contains a large cut of Mr. H. E. Deats, in his philatelic room, at his home in Flemington, N. J. Mr. Deats possesses one of the best philatelic libraries in the country, as well as the finest all-round collection of U. S. stamps in the world.

—Mr. William Rasmus of New York, well known in philatelic circles, sailed for Europe the 17 inst.

—Senf Brothers of Leipzig, Saxony, have lately issued their new catalogue of postage stamps, fiscal stamps, postally used, envelopes, postal and letter cards, wrappers, receipts, etc. It is of 560 pages, 2400 engravings in miniature, and gives complete lists of errors, types and reprints, all varieties of watermarks, perforations, etc. The price is only 50 cents.

—A "Connell" New Brunswick stamp sold at a London auction sale recently for £21. At Scott Stamp & Coin Co's., sale May 5th, the same stamp brought \$100.05.

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### THE MAIL DOG.

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The May 18th *Weekly Stamp News* gave an interesting account of "Ownie" the mail dog so well known to Railway Mail Service Clerks. We publish below an account of this same "Ownie," which was handed to us some time ago.

The little daughter of a United States mail inspector tells of a favorite dog, a terrier that seems to have been foreordained to travel in a postal car and sit on piles of mail-bags. His name is Ownie—probably because nobody owns him—and his home is on the mail trains and in the post offices anywhere along the line of the Boston & Albany and the New London Northern Railroad.

He keeps watch of the mail-bags, and at whichever of the great termini of the roads he happens to be, he rides with the boys from the cars to the office and from the office to the cars. This is his business; during his four years of life he has never done any other. An idea of the kind of dog Ownie is may be gathered from this specimen incident:

One night, in Albany, after the unloading of the mail car, he started to ride, as usual, on the bags in the wagon, but when the post office was reached he was not on board. This was strange, for no temptation had ever been strong enough to lure him from his post.

The sacks were delivered, and as the men called them over, one was found to be missing. The wagon driver hurried back to look along the streets. After searching over a good part of his route he caught sight of Ownie in the gutter, wagging his stump of a tail and sneezing in his queer way to be recognized. The lost mail-bag was there, and he was sitting on it.

The treasury department seal of "Fidelity" is the picture of an iron safe and a watch-dog with his paw on the key. Somewhere in the post office department there ought to be a picture of Ownie sitting on a mail-bag.

## AUCTION SALES.

The first auction sale of Messrs. Albrecht & Witt of New York, took place at that city May 14th. Some thirty-six persons were present, a successful sale was the result. The sale was of U. S. stamps only, and a good number was disposed. 267 lots were sold at a price of \$1003.90. Some of the best stamps are as follows: 1847, 10c., pair \$6.40; 5c., (25) all shades \$12.50; 1868, 3c., grilled all over, reversed grilled \$13; 1869, sets of 10 complete at \$14 and \$14.50, 24c., 1869, inverted medallion \$63; 12c., very fine \$25; not quite so good \$18.50; 1851, carrier (Franklin), damaged \$15.50; 1879, 1, 2, 10c. postage due, unperf., \$4.50 each; Executive set 10c., unused \$15; Justice, \$13.50; State, 3c. unperf., \$4, \$2, and \$20, State sold for \$4.50 and \$12 respectively.

The S. B. Bradt Co., held a sale April 20th, and some 436 lots were sold in an hour and a half, the price realized being \$664.25. Several revenues brought good prices but none of the prices were very high.

The sale of Millard F. Walton's stock of U. S. stamps by Bogert & Durbin Co., took place April 29th. \$1600 was realized. Some of the prices are as follows: 1 Baton Rouge 4c., on original envelope, very good, \$16.50; 1868, 3c., grilled all over, unused, \$8.50; Letter Express and Pomeroy, used on envelope \$14; Revenue, \$1, blue and black with head inverted, \$6.70; Envelopes entire, Horner's 169 1-2, used, 3 at \$11.25 each.

The Boston Philatelic Society held an auction sale April 13th, and out of 60 lots a total of \$281.20 was realized.

Coming sales. May 31, by Albrecht & Witt, 90 Nassau street, New York, second sale of U. S. stamps of the collection of Mr. Henry Clotz. June 1, Bogert & Durbin Co., Philadelphia, Pa., lots of U. S. revenue and locals and early foreign issues. June 10, 6th sale of Sons of Philatelic by J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Pa. Some 500 lots will be sold. June 15, 2nd sale of stock of M. F. Walton, consisting of foreign stamps, by Bogert & Durbin Co. June 16, sale by Albrecht & Witt, New York.

The S. B. Bradt Co., will resume their sales in the fall, starting the season with one in September.

## POSTAL CARD NOTES.

The surcharge "Sokotri" on the cards, as well as stamps of Cyprus is a fraud, as no cards or stamps have been issued for use on this island.

The Dutch Colonies will soon issue new cards bearing the portrait of the little Queen of Holland.

It is said that the United States will soon issue a reply card for use in the International as well as the domestic mail.



## SONS OF PHILATELIA, ATTENTION.

In the May issue of the *New York Stamp* under the head of "Editorial," we read "\*\*\*\* On July 4th next, the first convention will be held at Gettysburg. \*\*\*\* To allow the Society a fresh start and the fiscal year to commence on the first of July, the present board of officers have decided to resign, and a full board is to be elected. There are now two or three vacant offices. Hereafter there will be an election at every convention."

It goes on with a ticket. In this ticket under the head "For Trustees" are the names of the publishers of the *New York Stamp*. This looks as if New York wanted to run this society, does it not? They say further, they will attend the convention and wish to receive proxies. The questions beside the ticket to be voted: "Is the constitution satisfactory? The date and place of following convention?" They say they will vote on the first question yes, "with additions which will appear in the June number of the official organ."

It was news to me when I found out that I, as treasurer of the S. of P. had decided to resign. I had not, and furthermore do not intend to. I was elected for one year and intend to stay as such one year. I wrote to the Editor of the *New York Stamp* for his information concerning that notice as far as the Treasurer's office is concerned. The reply is as follows:

New York, May 17th, 1892.

WM. M. STUART, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 15th received yesterday on my arrival home, and contents duly noted. I am extremely sorry that there should be any misunderstanding or dissension now in the ranks of the S. of P.

I am a great believer in giving all a chance. You now have the honor of holding an office, a high one too, in a growing society. There is the same office in another which I think should be held by some one who has not been so fortunate. Of course we fully expected some among the numerous members who would not agree with us and others to be nominated, but there is I believe an election at the fourth of July and at every convention, and all I have to say is, that I hope the *best men will win*.

Trusting you will look on the matter in the same manner as I do, I remain  
Very truly yours.

(Signed)

R. P. SPOONER.

P.S. Being New Yorkers we proposed New Yorkers for Trustees, but there are other cities who have three members, but it is for the interest of the society to have Trustees in *one* city.

In the above letter I do not find my answer. I hold the editors of the *New York Stamp* responsible for the remark in their paper concerning the Treasurer's office. The Secretary in a letter to me says, "some wish to change the fiscal year but not me." New York is still trying to do her ruling power.

I ask all the Sons of Philatelia members to read this with care and see for themselves just what is going on. If at the convention a new election is held, the present Treasurer will continue to be Treasurer during the remainder of the year 1892.

WILLIAM M. STUART, No. 34, Treasurer of S. of P.

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### AMONG THE SOCIETIES.

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The American Philatelic Association has at present a membership of 503. The members are few in joining although all the departments are in good working order. The annual convention and election is not very far off.

The Postal Card Society of America has now a membership of 41 active members and 10 corresponding members. This new society shows up well, and in a very short time all of its departments will be running full at time.

The Sons of Philatelia has a membership of about 250, and 40 applications. This society is enrolling members faster than any other society of its kind in the country. It should increase the dues and by so doing do more for its members.

The Philatelic Society of America and the Western Philatelic Union are also very prosperous. Four or five new members are admitted every month. The Quaker City Philatelist represents these societies.

The Michigan Philatelic Association has about 40 members. The several departments are being adjusted and all points well towards a prosperous society.

The International Philatelic Union, England, is about the most perfect society known. Its members are all well made collectors, and each uses the different departments of the society to advantage. Its exchange and sales departments are all well patronized, and in there the members prosper.

The Philatelic Society of Canada now has about 300 members, and a large number of branch societies. It seems to be doing good work among its members, and has prospered greatly since its organization in September, '91. *The Canadian Philatelist* represents it as official organ.

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### SEVEN ADVANTAGES OF COLLECTING.

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(From the May number Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.)

1. It is a pleasurable and instructive occupation for dull days and winter evenings.
2. It awakens new geographical interest, and encourages a research into minute details, respecting the countries from which the stamps emanate.
3. It teaches the science of classification.
4. It reveals minute objects of interest oftentimes overlooked.
5. It is the companion of education.
6. It teaches us "patience is a virtue," and "practice makes perfect."
7. It provides many with a purpose in life which they might otherwise lack.

# The Essex County Philatelist.

WILLIAM M. STUART, Editor.

## EDITORIAL.

WITH this month's issue we appear in somewhat of a new form, as our management has been changed to some extent. We propose to send forth 18 to 30 pages, more if possible each month, filled with the best articles and notes of interest to philately. We are to publish this magazine for the benefit of Philatelists, and consequently our columns will be well versed in such. We are to treat all alike and shall not run down any paper, as that is not our purpose; for the paper that does has a lie on the face of it. You cannot publish a paper in the interest of philately and fill two or more pages of it, trying to injure your neighbor.

THE price of our magazine will be the same, 25 cents per year. For the next 60 days we offer a premium to new subscribers. All who receive this number as a sample copy, read page 54. We wish to increase our subscription list greatly the next two months, and hope all will subscribe who have not yet done so. Use our exchange column often, as this is for the use of all our subscribers.

A WORD to the dealers. The circulation of this issue is 2500. It will be that number, possibly larger hereafter. The price of advertising is only 50 cents per inch, regardless of space or length of time. We do not think you can do better than to send us an advertisement for our next number. Our sample copies are circulated in a most careful manner, to the classes that buy. We have names that never have been printed in a directory, being gathered by dealers who find they are good customers.

All subscribers, advertisers and others, read the publisher's notices on the second page of cover.

WHENEVER you write to an advertiser in this magazine, please mention it, as it will be of great benefit to the dealer as well as ourselves.

ORIGINAL MS wanted at any time for cash or advertising space. MS on philately only and not notes or articles, clippings, etc., that have been published in other philatelic papers. We can do that work ourselves. A few correspondents wanted in all the large cities at once.

SEND us the names of your collecting friends who have not received this paper, or whose name has not been published in any directory. For all names we keep we will pay you well for them. Send an addressed stamped envelope for reply. We reserve the right to return any or all names.

SEVERAL dealers are owing us bills for back advertising. We wish them to settle at once, if not settled in a *very* short time they will be put into the hands of our attorney for collection, and the cost will be far more than now.

OUR paper is for everybody, and we wish everybody to subscribe for it. Use our columns to your best advantage. 25 cents sent to us will bring you back 100 per cent. in a very short time.

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

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Mr. Albert R. Rogers, of New York City, is about to publish a book which will be of great interest and help to the collectors of United States stamps. It will be a priced catalogue of all the adhesive stamps, not Provisionals, Carriers, or Revenue stamps of the United States, giving the market price of the present.

The U. S. Album of the C. H. Mekeel Co., of St. Louis, Mo., is an extra fine book, and one which the public has longed for. It is neatly arranged and is complete to date. The catalogue of this company will go very well with the album, as the stamps are numbered the same in one as in the other.

We have received from Mr. A. Lohmeyer, of Baltimore, Md., prospectus of his proposed album for Postal Cards. The album is made to hold fifty sheets of first-class Bristol Card, and eight cards can be attached on each sheet. The cards are so placed that no pasting is required. The sheets are placed in large covers, so as to look like large books. The whole is very neat and handsome.

The ADDENDUM to John K. Tiffany's STAMP COLLECTOR'S LIBRARY COMPANION appears in the May issue of the AMERICAN PHILATELIST. It comprises all philatelic papers issued between January, 1890 and January, 1892.

The May issue of the *Quaker City Philatelist* contained an interesting article on "The Postage Stamps of the Confederacy," by Lieut. H. M. T. Chandler.

The *Philatelic Era* for April contained a poem "Only a Stamp," and an article "One page in my Album," both written by Roy F. Greene. Mr. Greene is a very good writer and deserves much praise for his literary work.

The complete Postal Card Chronicle is found in *The Postal Card* of Elizabeth, N. J., published by President Watson of the Postal Card Society of America. This paper is a valuable one, as it can be relied upon.

"Notes on the Laureated Series of Victoria" from Vindin's *Philatelic Monthly*, is printed in the *Dominion Philatelist* for April. It is very interesting indeed. The Chronicle of new issues in this Journal occupies five pages

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for April contains an interesting sketch of D. A. Vindin of Australia. In connection with this interesting Journal, the *Review of Reviews* is published. This feature of the Journal is perhaps the best part of it. It states what it is in its name.

The "Science of Philately" is an interesting article by John R. Hooper, in the May issue of the *New York Stamp*.

The *Long Island Philatelist* takes a good deal of liberty to itself. Its first two numbers contain some very interesting notes.

"The Embossed Stamps of the United States" in the April number of the *Worcester Philatelist* is well worth reading. This is the kind of information in a compact form we want.

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#### INTERESTING AND VALUABLE INFORMATION.

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The first issue of the stamps of Lubeck are very interesting, especially as to the way in which they may be told as being genuine. In the engraving, certain check marks point out this peculiar characteristic. In the centre of the lower ornaments is a horizontal line, by a single dot over it the half schilling, by dots under it the number of entire schillings. A stamp that has two dots below and one above signifies 2 1-2 schillings.

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The U. S. Envelope, 2 cent, 1864, is found in at least twenty-two distinct types. They differ in measure, and that the letters are larger and smaller, and many letters incline more to the left or right than in the original.

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FORMOSA. Scott 52d edition catalogue stamps of this country, 1888, 20 cash, green and rose, at \$5 used or unused. An official letter of October 26th, 1888, dated at Tamisui, by J. G. Gowland, U. S. Consular Agent at that place, states that such stamps do not exist. The Chinese have a local Courier Service from stage to stage, for which they charge a small fee, but do not use stamps, simply a sort of printed receipt.

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The U. S. 1870 ten cent envelope stamp in black which is catalogued in, and the spaced of in albums, should be omitted as no such stamp has ever been issued. It is only a darker shade of brown and does not vary to any extent.

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The 1889 issue of Greece is both perforated and unperforated. The stamp itself is the same in both issues, but being in a hurry for stamps, the machine broke down and the stamps were sent out unperforated.



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Mr. H. A. Fowler cannot make a report this month, as he has just accepted the office of Exchange Superintendent, but will furnish a full report next month.

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## APPLICATIONS.

James Fitch,	San Francisco, Cal.
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A meeting was held at the residence of the Secretary on May 14. Various subjects were discussed. A motion to hold a new election was lost. The Society would like to hear from all live Philatelists who wish to join a first-class society. The dues have been reduced from \$1.00 to 50 cents, and we hope we may enroll many new members in the months to come. A. Schiff, Sec'y and Treas.

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**ITS FIRST CONVENTION.**

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On July 4th and 5th, at Gettysburg, Pa., the Sons of Philatelia will hold their 1st convention. On that memorable field, years ago, many hours and days of fighting were spent and large was the fall. We hope that this gathering of that strong army of the Sons of Philatelia, there in convention assembled, will come and go in peace. That there will be cheerfulness and brotherly love. In this convention several important questions will be considered. In addition to these perhaps two more should be which we consider the most important. 1st: To raise the annual dues to \$1.00 per annum. 2nd: To have an official board of five members, (three resident) to conduct the official organ, at the rules of the Society.

Our Society, now, is beyond boys; in its ranks are some of the best known Philatelists of the country, who have had years of experience as dealers and collectors. For this reason alone the dues should be raised. The society is growing at such a rapid rate, faster than any similiar society in the country, perhaps in the world, and in order to do anything it must have money and with such a small fee it is impossible to do as we would wish. The present official organ the "*Collector*," is improving each month, but is not improving enough. It should be controlled by the society and not by individuals. An official board of five members, three of which live in one place, should be appointed to manage the papers by laws made by the society. The advertising and subscription rates as well as the general business of the paper should be in those laws and this official board should carry them out. It is quite necessary that this should be done as our society calls for it.

Trouble would arise if all members should receive the paper free, as to its being entered at second class postal rates, but each subscriber could pay an additional 15 cents for his paper; this would be necessary and would not effect the treasury as that amount or nearly that goes to the publisher of the "*Collector*." Now consider these questions at once for in a year the society may be beyond control.

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—The Exchange Superintendent. W. H. Emmert is doing well in his office. The last month he has sold over 140 blank sheets and more than ten new books have been placed on circuit. Some eight or ten books have been returned and about \$50.00 sold from them. Old accounts are all settled with the exception of 60 cents. It is desired that all members use the Exchange department as it is one of the important features of the society.

—The branch societies are doing well, especially those in New York. Every place where six or more members reside should have a branch. Lawrence, Mass., has now five members and in the fall a branch will be started with as many more members. Honesdale, Pa., has started up. Let all places begin in September with the rush and keep at it all the year around.

**SOME S. OF P. NOTES.**

—We do not see any need of this election and think it is unnecessary. The fiscal year could be changed to July 1st, without trouble, and the Secretary could cast one vote for all officers and avoid a good deal of trouble.

—It is evident that the S. of P. cannot do much work with such small dues. Increase the dues at once! Have an official organ of its own.

—Mr. Geo. H. Watson, the well known postal card collector of New York, has sent in his application blank.

—The Convention, next year, should be held at Chicago where the A. P. A., and other societies hold theirs.

—In certain papers, this month, we see the names of two gentlemen as nominees for the office of trustees. These two men are publishers of a paper, while the third party named for a trustee advertises quite extensively in their paper. This does not look just right. Sort of Tammany Hall fashion. Is it possible that these gentlemen are to try and form such in the ranks of the Sons of Philatelia? Let us hope not. It is not best for a firm, publishers especially, to hold such important positions in any society.

—Mr. Bartlett, of So. Amboy, N. J., now president of the S. of P., is the man in the right place. It is evident that he will carry the day.

**NOTES FOR PHILATELISTS.**

—The Canadian Bill stamps were first issued in 1864 and were used up to 1882 when this tax repealed.

—The Bolivia, 50c, blue stamp of 1867 is being counterfeited finely. This counterfeit is one of the most carefully executed counterfeits yet seen.

—Liberia has issued a full set of new stamps and are the handsomest set yet issued by this country. All are perforated and watermarked. They number 15; from 1, 2 to 32 cents, and 1, 2 and 5 dollars.

—The U. S. reply cards will soon be printed at Springfield, Mass., it is said. If it is so they will appear before long.

—Letters put in at the post office in Lawrence, Mass. at nine o'clock at night, are delivered in New York City early the next morning.

—Several people are still collecting the "million stamps." We have been told only last week of several who handed over to one of these people, several thousand cancelled stamps.

—People still say that stamp dealing as well as collecting is all a farce and yet a New York dealer bought a stamp, a Melbury Local, for \$1.000 and sold it for \$1.500.

—Letters are now postmarked by electricity.

—Be sure to send the Essex County Philatelic Publishing Co., 25 cents for a years subscription to their paper. The July number will be better than ever. S. of P. member, 15 cents for 30 days.

**EDITORIAL.**

This issue is a "special" one for Sons of Philatelia members and our subscribers. Our regular number will be out in July and will consist of 18 to 20 pages and a cover. It will be the best number yet and articles from the pen of leading philatelists will appear. It is our intention to make our paper one of the *best* in the land and we ask every collector to help us in so doing.

We hope we may be able to put your name on our subscription books and if you are a member of the Sons of Philatelia, during the next thirty days, we will accept 15 cents as the subscription price. Be sure and send your number.

Our circulation is 2500 each month, but this edition is not that as no advertisements appear in it. Advertisers cannot find a better medium; all we ask is a trial. 50 cents per inch regardless of size or length of space.

—We would again ask if any have names of collectors not to be found in any directory. If so send them to us and we will pay you well for them. Enclose a stamp for reply. We reserve the right to return any or all names.

—Postal Card collectors will find in our columns valuable articles and notes relative to that branch of Philately. It will be well for them to subscribe.

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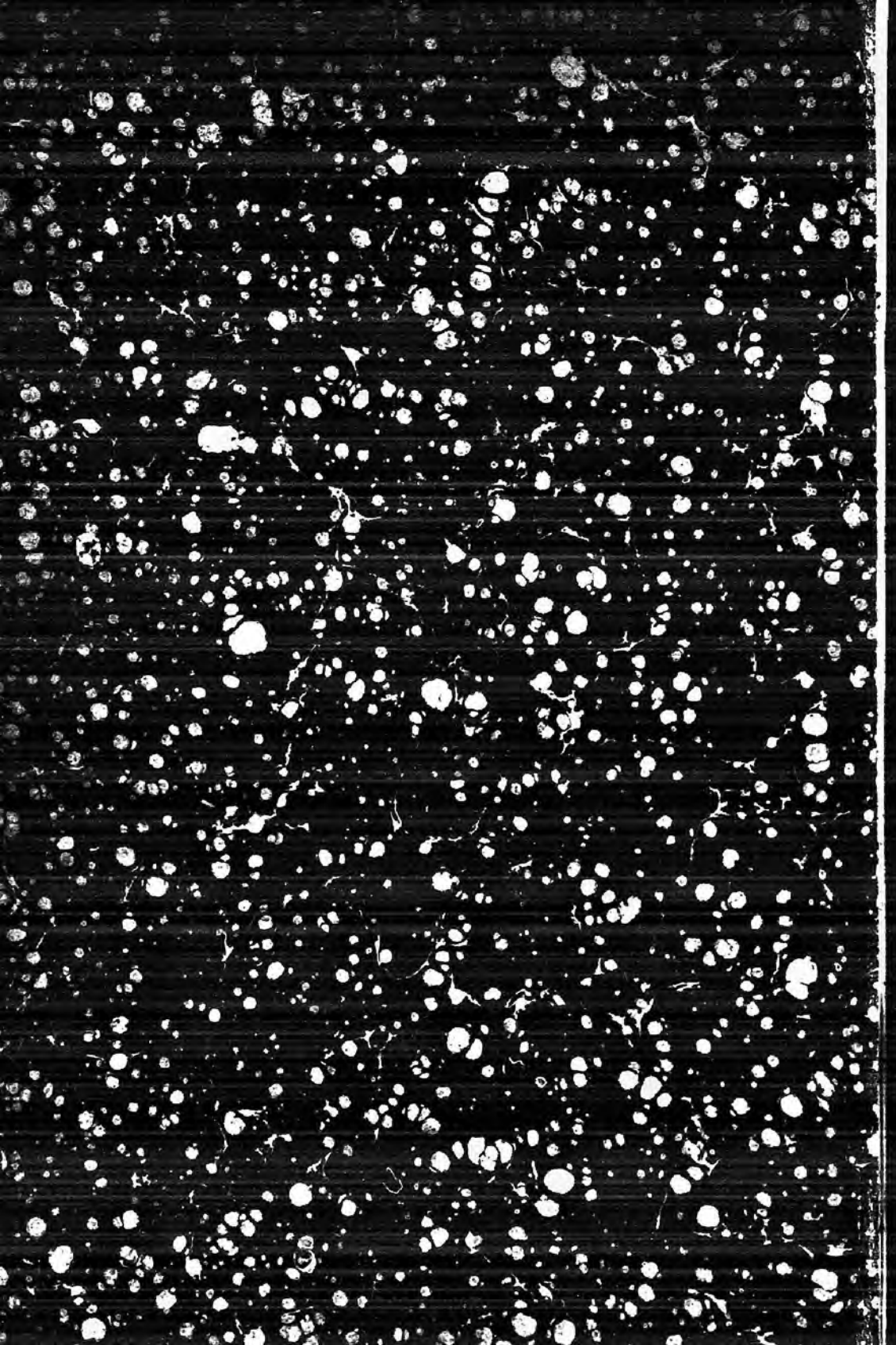
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