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## Philatelic Notes.

The topic of the day in Philatelic circles is the sudden boom of the issue of U. S., 1894, on plain paper. It is still in everybody's memory that a certain Mr. Jones, first class draftsman and lithographer, formerly connected with one of the largest newspapers of this country, counterfeited our ordinary two cent stamp and this was the cause which prompted the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to use for the first time in the stamp history of this country, a water marked paper, as a further protection against imitations. The water mark, U. S. P. S. is very poor, hardly discernable, and in many sheets one finds these four letters up-side down, in others, flat on the stomach; it is amusing to find all these oddities. Now the fact is that of the dollar values only small numbers have been issued, about 35,000 of the \$1, about 10,000 of the \$2, and about 1,000 of the \$5. Owing to the direct way of advertising, of a Chicago stamp dealer, the price rose steadily and attracted the attention of almost the entire country, as far as Philatelists were con-

cerned. It was a happy idea of that enterprising dealer, (Hermann Wollenberger, 428 La. Salle Ave.,) to put part of the capital which he set aside for his stamp business, into those unwater-marked stamps. An investment of a little more than \$5,000 netted him at least \$2,000. He was greatly encouraged for naturally this issue will in all probability go to at least \$25. a set. A New York stock broker is buying them up where he can find them, at 50% premium. Even 2 more Syndicates are at work covering the dollar values, and now they are trying to combine and dictate a fabulous price to every one that thinks they cannot do without them. Therefore, we advise our readers quite earnestly to buy the stamps at once or they will have to pay dearly for having been slow in seeing a good thing and not trying it. To give you an idea of the faith our Easterners have in the 94's, we mention that a New York stamp broker came to Chicago for ten days, because he had heard rumor that there were several large lots in Chicago. Well, the man found what he wanted, but that fortunate Chicago investor was

not doubtful and made the New Yorker pay a stiff price, which was a deal of over \$2,000.

Here is another topic for our friends: Eastern Syndicates are looking for big profits in another stamp which still may be in the reach of everybody, but what is very easy to-day, may be almost impossible ere long. It is the 2c. pink, issued in 1894 I have reference to. To be more explicit, I want to add that it is the first issue of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, that very pale and indistinct 2c. stamp with hardly enough gum for the purpose. Serref Brothers, listed this stamp first in their catalogue for 1895, and the 56th. Scotts catalogue will quote the figure: 20c. the side of this stamp. High as this price may seem, we call your attention to the 3c. pink and you will have a basis for estimating the future quotations. Strips of 3 with plate number and imprint are worth in the neighborhood of three dollars.

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In connection with the aforesaid, we want to mention that stamp collection is a hobby no longer; no, it is a business and a very profitable one to those that do not confine themselves to buying only one copy of each stamp. We know of many instances where people that invested their savings in stamps especially in new U. S. stamps, doubled their

money sometime after a few months. Our friend, Wollenberger tells us that he has customers that keep on investing all their spare money and their savings in unused U. S. stamps. He has orders, sometimes, for entire sheets, just the same as a stock broker receives orders to buy stocks and bonds, or the real estate man for mortgages. Now, it is a fact, that an unused U. S. stamp is the same as a U. S. Government bond, both are government obligations, and both have a market value, the Government can keep on issuing bonds as long as it finds money-lenders, but, often a stamp has become obsolete and the plates destroyed, the increasing demand for stamps is bound to put prices up because there is no supply to affect the demand, investments in such stamps are therefore quite advisable.

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#### Philatelic Items.

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It is interesting to note with what alacrity the American Philatelic Magazine intends to publish the notes of Puritan, their Chicago correspondent.

Puritan is a—but perhaps it is fitting to quote Irving: Puritan is one whose mystery have a great desire to penetrate the mystery of that very singular personage, whose voice fills every corner of the world, without any one being able to tell from



whence it comes. He who keeps up such a wonderful and whimsical incognito whom nobody knows; and yet, whom every-body thinks he can swear to.



Several articles have lately appeared bearing discussion on the supposed dormant subject, "Approval Sheets." One article which I have in mind was published in the October number of the Eastern Philatelist and I must say that as a whole I found the article very decisive and clear. The other appeared in the December (current) number of the same paper, the former lays great stress on the argument, "Approval Sheets breed fraud." consequently, the author of this article devoutly wishes that this method of disposing of stamps be done away with. The author of the latter article, remarks. "Do they not cultivate honesty as well? Do not the inclinations of the young collector tend toward honesty as well as they do toward fraud?" Perhaps I approve of the former, nevertheless, I "side" with the latter. It is certainly true, that all Approval Sheet collectors are not "Approval Sheet frauds." Consequently, they undoubtedly do cultivate thoughts of honesty. Besides you have doubtless noticed that there are not near as many Approval Sheet thieves now-days as there were three or four years ago. One pops up now and then,

but is soon "run to ground." My own sentiments, regardless of the "Inspirations" of the above mentioned articles, are that the method of disposing of stamps by Approval Sheets cannot be excelled.

NOTE. I would recommend that our readers "read" the articles mentioned above, I am positive that you will learn something from them. By the way! I wonder how many of our readers are subscribers to the Eastern Phil. The E. P., is one of our papers from which I have grasped many an item of interest, (which fact I do not hesitate to confess,) and is a paper which I should always recommend as being valuable all the year round, (I do not offer this as an advertisement merely as a suggestion.)

A reader from Coleraine, says Pearson's Weekly, writes to ask who started stamp collecting, and how long ago? The general accepted notion is that the students in the great Theological University of Louraine, Belgium, were the first to conceive the idea of forming collections of postal labels, and they began doing so about 1850. It is certain that the first dealer in stamps was the Venerable J. B. Moens, whose house in Brussels is still, perhaps, the best known in the Philatelic world and who began the business, we believe, in 1852. His Timbre Poste, which stands in the front rank of Philatelic periodicals,

## LETTER SCALE

was founded in 1862 and is the oldest stamp paper now in existence.

It is very likely that the adoption of stamps by Belgium in 1849 and by France, a few months later, led to this idea of collecting at Louraine in the following year. But we are curious to know whether the same idea had not already occurred to people in England, where stamps had been familiar for ten years previous to this date. As all our readers know, England led the way in 1840, and Brazil came next, after in 1843, while Mauritius and the United States stuck back to 1847. It is passing strange that some English boys did not start this hobby long before the date claimed by Louraine, and we should be glad to hear from any of our older collector friends whose memories carry them back to this period.

JULIUS L. COHEN.

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## Fashioned Out of a Broomstick and a Wide Mouthed Water-Jar.

A very good scale for weighing letters may be made by any one without expense. Get the handle of a worn-out broom and cut off about fifteen inches of it. Pour water into a wide-mouthed jar until it is nearly full, and, having attached a weight to one end of the stick and tacked a square of cardboard to the other, the latter to serve as a platform, plunge the stick into the water. The weight should be heavy enough to keep about three-fourths of the stick under water. Having done all this, get a half ounce, an ounce and a two ounce weight (you may borrow them from your druggist), and placing them, one at a time, upon the platform of your scale, carefully mark on the stick the water level in each case. This scale is somewhat rude, but it is good enough for all practical purposes.

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## French vs. British Colonies

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We were very forcibly struck with an article in the current issue of the Philatelic Californian, by Mr. Geo. M. Schiller, who instituted a plea for the collecting of French Colonial stamps. We heartily agree with him, and thank him for the bold stand he has taken. As we all know, the stamps of the various French colonies are neglected by the majority of collectors, while on the other hand, no one refuses to collect British colonies. As Mr. Schiller points out, as a matter of increasing equally the British colonials in value, we will take up the excuse that the majority of collectors offer for not collecting them.—the uselessness of issuing a separate type for each colony, and of speculating in stamps.

From almost the time that stamps was first issued, it has been the policy of Great Britain to issue a separate series of stamps for each of her numerous colonies. She was very keen to realize the fact that collectors sought them, and has always the idea in view by issuing alterative stamps. While on the other hand, it was not until 1880 that France began to imitate her British neighbor in issuing distinct series for her colonies. Is it not a well known fact that many officials in various English colonies are paid out of the fund received from the sale of unused stamps to collectors? Look at the scandal in the post-office at St. Helena; (a barren rock from which have been issued forty varieties of stamps,) or the numerous surcharges of Ceylon and the Strait's sentiments. So great has the system of surcharging been carried on in the two colonies that the London office had to give orders to the Governor-General that the practice of surcharging stamps must cease. Then again, when one of the West India Islands wished to make some repairs in the post-office, a stamp was

issued (to sell to collectors,) to defray the expenses. This stamp was long known among collectors as the "white-wash" stamp. These few examples are enough to illustrate the policy of Great Britain to increase her revenue, and to show that she has been guilty of issuing stamps for other than postal purposes.

If France has lately issued distinct stamps for her colonies, we cannot refuse to collect them on any of the above grounds. The whole matter can be summed up in a very short column. Every English collector, (and there are many of them,) collect the English colonies as they would their own country. Our American collectors collect them for their beauty and because they are from English speaking colonies, not because of their legitimate Philatelic value. On the other hand, if the stamps of the French colonies are of similar design and lack of the beauty of the British colonies, their value in a philatelic sense is as great. We are not supposed to collect stamps because they are "pretty," but because of their philatelic value. We too, should show some patriotism in collecting French colonies, because, next to our own, France is the greatest Republic, and in the days of our fore-fathers she aided us greatly in our struggle for freedom and independence.

Let us not be narrow-minded in saying what we will, or what we will not collect, for fear of showing our own littleness.

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continue The Loyal Home Worker de-  
partment, but seeing the ultimate need  
of a first-class Philatelic Magazine from

this section, we found it impossible to  
support both, and taking into consider-  
ation, the interest and support the Phil-  
atelic fraternity have shown, and given  
us during the life of our paper, we are  
duty-bound to stand by them; and we  
propose to do it in good shape too, if  
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Stamp collectors will always find in the  
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We are making special efforts to fur-  
nish the very best, from advertisements,  
down to News Notes.

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history of their valuable collections  
will commence with our next issue,  
which will make some very interesting  
reading, as Knoxville possesses collec-  
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azine, it was thought best to reduce the  
pages to the regulation size, and we be-  
lieve it will meet with the hearty ap-  
proval of all collectors and dealers.  
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Geo. W. Archard and Harry S. Swensen, Editors of The Philatelic Newsletter, are two "hot" ones. They speak well for the paper they espouse and we see nothing to hinder their progress in the Philatelic world. We hope to see them "some more."

The Rocky Mountain Stamp, which hails from Denver, Col., is far from being "Rocky." Besides containing some interesting and instructive stamp news and a liberal share of advertising, it gives its readers, each month a half tone cut, portraying the scenic effects of Colorado.

If enthusiasm and push count for anything, The Knoxville Philatelic Society will live to see herself grow into an important society. It has been organized with flattering prospects and bids fair to cope with some of the larger societies at an early date.

Commencing with the February issue, postmark collecting will be given space in THE HOME WORKER. This will perhaps interest the postmark fraternity inasmuch as it will help to bring in new recruits and help fill up vacancies in the advanced collectors albums.

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 Ed Maynard, Knoxville, Tenn.

## The January Meet.

The monthly meeting of The Knoxville Philatelic Society was held on the 2nd. inst. at the residence of the President, Dr. S. B. Boyd, with a full attendance of the members.

After the usual business was finished, the collection of the President, of over 8,000 varieties, was examined and some of the "beauties" were greatly admired. The collection contains some fine specimens of old U. S. and Departments, the latter class being nearly complete, and no wonder, the Doctor has for over 25 years been an enthusiastic crank and naturally has picked up many specimens that are now out of the reach of collectors with slim pocket books.

An access of Philatelic frenzy is already noted amongst our members who are striving hard to fill up the blanks in their albums.

It was also pleasing to note the increased interest shown by our younger members for of such timber must our ship be built.

Now is the time to join our society. Send in your application and 50c. to the Society.

HENRY FENTON, Sec'y.

Now is the time to send in your subscription and get the complete volume. The February issue will follow close upon the heels of this one.

## LUCKY FIND.

**Stamp Worth Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars Found in a Collection.**

Sycamore, Ill., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Mary Holmes, a relative of Mattie Garman, the Kaneville cripple who collected several million stamps by the chain-letter system, while sorting these stamps at her home yesterday, found among them one worth \$650. It is one of the well-known Brattleboro stamps. Stamp experts pronounce it genuine.

Cincinnati Post.

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"Cobwebs and Cables" by Hesba Stretton, for other novels. Mary L. Cunningham, Westminster, Md.

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Will someone tell me how to clean a soiled white fur rug, dirty brussels carpet and a couch which is covered with furniture cretonne? Cecile Snell, Sioux Falls, S. D.

## Philately and the Newspapers.

Mr. Nathaniel T. Kidder, of Boston, whose valuable postage stamp collection was stolen some eight years ago and recently recovered through the arrest of the notorious burglar, William Barrett, is probably the happiest philatelist in the United States. He must have smiled a wee smile over a portion of the indictment against the thief; said portion running as follows:

"Seventh count, property alleged to belong to the said Nathaniel T. Kidder of the total value of \$7,050, consisting of four postage stamps or four pieces of paper each of the value of \$200.; seven postage stamps or seven pieces of paper each of the value of \$25.; a \$50. coffee pot and 7,500 postage stamps or 7,500 pieces of paper, each of the value of 80 cents." Pieces of paper, indeed! What are we coming to? And to mention a coffee pot, even a \$50. one, in the same connection. Shades of Philately!



Treasury officials at Washington are highly scandalized at the recent discovery that the sacred pigeon-hole precincts have been invaded and many of the documents contained therein, deprived of the old revenue stamps and government seals upon them, foreign as well as U. S. A number of dismissals have already taken place, but it is stated there will be no more until the committee appointed to look into matters have gone through the entire Treasury Department and seen just how much mischief has been done. It is estimated, that over 7,000 records have been tampered with, many of them being badly mutilated by having the stamps and seals cut or torn out, but, it is pleaded, in extenuation, that the taking of the stamps was not regarded as a crime, and was often done in the presence of several witnesses; nevertheless, the cul-

prits are likely to have good reason to remember hereafter that the search for Philatelic specimens must be pursued with discretion.



First Assistant Postmaster, General Jones, has evidently been informed that some collectors have utilized the good will of their respective Postmasters, by having their Seebecks and other unussd foreign turned by the official stamp into "postally used" specimens, for, in his annual report, (Nov.) recommends that the attention of Congress be called to the advisability of providing a penalty for the use of the postmarking stamp for unlawful purposes, or for counterfeiting it, or for placing an impression thereof upon an envelope, postal card or stamp for the purpose of deception. He thinks, and rightly too, that there should be a penalty for such doings.

This cancelling to order fad is a disgrace to Philatelia, and the sooner it is stopped the better.

AMY L. SWIFT.

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## Chas. Waring.

A HOME WORKER representative had on occasion to call on Mr. Chas. Waring the Sales Manager of The Knoxville Philatelic Society, at his office on Clinch St. the other day and found him eagerly bending over a large album of stamps.

"Mr. Waring, you certainly have a fine collection of stamps."

"Yes, I suppose I have about as fine a collection as there is in Knoxville, at least, I have a greater number of varieties. This album here is only one of six in which I have my varieties mounted, and if you will notice, I keep them well arranged for ready reference."

"When and how did you first become interested in stamp collecting?"

"I first began collecting stamps when a boy and have been an earnest devotee ever since.

In the spring of 1851, while still a small boy, I paid a visit to a lawyer relative in Ireland who had a large correspondence in Great Britain and colonies and now and then a letter from a foreign country. He did not believe in giving money to small boys without some return, so he paid me for small ser-

vices; one of my duties being to cut up sheets of postage stamps (then unperforated) and arrange them in boxes for use

I soon began to admire the different colors and designs, and commenced to paste into a pocket-book the prettiest of used stamps found in the waste basket, or picked up here and there.

From this time I collected almost all used stamps I come across and several now in my collection have been in my possession ever since.

In 1856, while at school near London England, I gave an old lady friend 5000 stamps to help get an orphan into an asylum; Wish I had them now to sort over.

During my college and professional years I was too busy to give much time to stamps; but held on to those I had and about 1874 in Knoxville, I began to arrange my stamps alphabeti-

cally in a blank book, having no catalogue to guide me. Soon after this I procured a catalogue and started to buy stamps to fill up vacancies.

During the past 12 years I have devoted considerable time to philately and gradually learned something of perforations, grills, wa'er-marks, texture of



paper, shades, surcharges, etc., but still I know there is much to learn.

In 1890 I joined the P. S. of A., and bought and sold some stamps through the Society before it broke up, and in 1893, through the influence of Dr. S. B. Bryd, the worthy President of the K. P. S., I became a member of the A. P. A. Since then I have been buying stamps and selling duplicates right along.

I have now 8 900 varieties, all countries, mounted in six albums and have never (knowingly) sold any but duplicates. I prefer buying from approval sheets; in this way you can examine stamps before purchasing. Still, I have bought at auction sales, (by mail,) also by order from A 1 dealers and have always got value for my money, though I prefer the approval sheet method for adding to a collection of 5000 or over.

I consider philately an interesting way of passing time which might be worse spent. I have collected minerals, fossils, coins, and birds' eggs and consider stamp collecting whips the lot,

From a commercial standpoint, a collection of stamps judiciously made is a good investment. Rare stamps have increased largely in value in the last ten years and I see no reason to doubt that they will continue to grow more valuable with time. Besides, many stamps now obtainable for a song, may become rare and rise in price by a change of government or design or other cause."

"I suppose these boxes contain duplicates."

"Yes, just three million!"

### Why she Tolerates Stamps.

A collector's wife being asked if she took the same interest in stamps as her husband, replied: "I hate the sight of stamps; but my old man's business occupies all his day time, and the mounting of them in his album and other mysterious performances connected with them

keeps him at home nearly every night. Occasionally the odor of benzine is worse than the cigar smoke and the man complains of the difficulty of removing those little sticky bits of paper from the carpet."

### I am Buying Stamps!

Have you any good U. S. or foreign stamps for sale, cheap? If so, send them to me with lowest cash price, if satisfactory, remittance will be made by return mail or returned with postage. Address Chas. P. Galyon, Box 842, Knoxville Tenn.

### A Chance for Hustlers.

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### Mrs. Cliff's Yacht.

Frank Stockton's new story, "Mrs. Cliff's Yacht," which begins in the April Cosmopolitan, promises to be one of the most interesting ever written by that fascinating story-teller. Readers of "The Adventures of Captain Horn" will find in "Mrs. Cliff's Yacht" something they have been waiting for.

### A Waltz by Sousa.

John Phillip Sousa will contribute a musical feature of the April Ladies Home Journal. The famous band-master has been induced to turn aside from marches to write a waltz, which he has christened "The Colonial Dances Waltzes."



## An Up-To-Date Philatelic Subject:

"Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie,  
Which we ascribe to heaven, the fatal sky,  
Gives us free scope, only doth backward pull,  
Our slow designs when we ourselves are dull."

Often have I been asked the query: what is and what ought to be called an up-to-date philatelic subject, or any other subject for that matter, but quite as often have I answered my questioners, in about, (not wishing to enter the inner recesses of thought,) the same manner as did the distinguished lawyer, when being importuned by his youthful student, with the question: what is equity? after a little thought, said: "Oh, that's easy enough to answer, equity, hum, equity is equity." Just so, I say, did I reply to my questioners, saying: "well, an up-to-date subject is an up-to-date subject." Doubtless, my answer did not satisfy them, and consequently, in the following lines, I intend, oh gracious! not to inform you what an up-to-date philatelic subject is, but merely to give you a few hints as to what such a subject ought to be:

Every subject, whether it be philatelic or no, must have spirit, and first of all, I might say, that without spirit it is not up-to-date.

After you have the required spirit, or rather, when you are in the right spirit, base your subject on a grand, profound and ex-

tremely delightful idea. Make your subject a character of intellect, because, when compared with other subjects it will be at once distinguished by its mental superiority. Your subject may be intellect kindled into romance by a poetical imagination. Intellect elevated by religious principles, intellect animated by spirit, intellect softened by sensibility. Undoubtedly you will place some wit in your subject; make it profound, pointed and sparkling. Wit should be the powerful essence of your article, it should be like an altar of roses, rich and concentrated, like cotton dipped in aromatic vinegar, like sal volatile, like incense wafted to heaven.

Make your writing so interesting that critics may come to a unanimous and æsthetic estimate. Every reader, whether he be philatelist or no, should enjoy and admire it, and each one should understand and interpret it alike; unlike some of the plays of our ancient poets, where every reader interprets it in his own way. This is all right in such plays, but it is not in philately, where every stanza should be clear, every epithet to the point.

Lastly, but not in the least, do I urge you to clear away any obscurity which may rest in your article before sending it for publication. If we only do this, less of our numerous productions will be consigned to the waste basket,

and more of them will be accepted for publication

JULIUS L. COHN.

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NOTE.—Doubtless the thought entered your mind: “Wonder why J. L. C. wrote the above article.” Very little explanation, I think, is necessary when you will consider this fact alone, that for very many moons past, have I been musing this thought to myself, viz:—“How many of our (so-called) beginners shall some day be the constellation of our philatelic world?” Consequently, the very thought impelled me to give them a few words of advice.—J. L. C.

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**From and to our Correspondents.**

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Here are pathetic queries as to whether there is no way for a beginner to get ahead, save by the usual approval sheet and bankruptcy method. Suppose we make a way! How would it do, after investing in a packet or two, to establish a series of Home Worker Exchange Circles, to which no one with over 1,000 varieties need expect admittance, and which, unlike the Exchange Department of Societies, shall have small expenses, except that of postage?

The idea, roughly outlined, is as follows:

Those wishing to join must send

their names with good references and a small fee to a manager, the only officer required, who will arrange them according to localities into circles of five or six members. A of each circle will then prepare and send sheets to B, B to C etc., each passing along the sheets received after taking any stamps wanted and signing in the emptied space until they reach the one before the owner, who, instead of returning them, will forward them to the manager. This officer will then return the sheets to be made up afresh for the next circle enclosing with them a statement concerning the debt to, and of, each member; any member whose debt side outweighs the credit, must immediately remit the difference (less a certain per cent) to the manager, who will, once in a stated time, square matters throughout each circle.

Now how does the idea seem? Some are delighted with it. Suppose you send your opinion, adding any suggestion that may occur to you, and then if there is interest enough we will try next month to elect a manager, prepare sheets, and get things in running order.

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Here is a contributed item that will interest post-mark collectors: “Two cities, Milwaukee and New Brunswick, have adopt-

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ed the new plan of putting a stamp on the back of letters received at the post-office, which, besides giving the hour at which the letter is received, gives the weather forecast for the following day. The scheme is approved by the postmaster general, and all postmasters are authorized to adopt it if they think proper." It is quite a common thing to see the weather bulletin somewhere in a post-office, but on the back of every letter! that is decidedly unique. I would really like to see one of those postmarks.



Who, oh who, was responsible for the suggestion that each of our states adopt a different postage stamp? Haven't we collectors worry enough already to whiten our locks and lighten our pocket books?

AMY L. SWIFT.

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### NOTES.

Mr. E. S. Martin speaks of perforated grill on the back of the present issues of the U. S. since December last. He says: "The government has impressed on the backs of the stamp what might be termed a 'perforated grill,' a series of perforations extending across the middle of the stamp from north to south and east to west. This gives the paper the appearance of having been run

through the perforating machine twice."

We would suggest to the writer if he will take perforated paper and place a number of sheets on top of each other, the weight of the sheets will cause the perforations to appear on each sheet, especially if the sheets have any mucilage on them, and are not placed with the holes directly over each other. Hence the perforated grill.

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The Elusive Plate No. 170.—Several times during the past two months we thought we had the right pane of the plate, No. 170. Well, we were right, but found on examination that it was the left pane that was wanted by us, either the lower or upper left pane. It is more than likely that they have never been supplied to this region, or we would have found them ere this.

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Two of our collectors made a nice "pick up" during the month. The Lynchburg, Va., Local, on the original envelope. Only two copies could be obtained.

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We call on the S. S. S. S., to protect us from the Grecian Stamps, to be issued, commemorative of the games and posterities took place long ago. Mr. Alex Tsimis of Athens has notified most of the collectors here that

he will purchase the above stamps at 10 per cent. above face value post free. He also says he can send the same cancelled, if so desired.

(Knoxville.) AMERICUS,

The collecting of plate numbers of our own stamps after the manner of our English cousins, promises to be a fad that will not soon die out. Already there are collectors and dealers who are interested in plate collecting. Some fancy prices are asked and given for certain numbers. A New York dealer has issued a price-list, devoted entirely to pricing the various plate numbers of recently issued stamps.

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The still-hunt for the dollar values of the unwater-marked stamps of the 1894 issue, continues and bids fair to out-rival that of the one dollar Columbian. The collector who secures each new issue of stamps as they come out, not only saves time, but money.

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The issuing of a £1, £10 and £25 stamps by the colony of British Central Africa looks very much like that the authorities had heard of stamp collectors, and were waiting for orders. Surely if the United States can worry along 46 years without the need of a higher denomination than 90 cents, a little insignificant country, with a population less than Rhode Island, don't need

any \$50 to \$100 stamps. We earnestly invite the attention of the S. S. S., to this negro colony.

The "Chicago Observatory" informs us that there were three printings of the famous 2c. 1894 issue, (counterfeit.) They were prepared by the same process and come in two dies.

Die 1 is dull, rather rough work and dark color. They were printed in sheets of 25.

Die 2 presents a much better appearance, being clearer and were printed in blocks of 10.

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The Californian Philatelist thinks that the 'spreading' of stamp collecting was due to the fact that Duke, Sons & Co., affixed 20,000,000 stamps to as many cigarette pictures, as an advertising medium. We do not think that this influenced the collecting of stamps very much, if it influenced it at all,

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We agree with The Eastern Philatelist, that the auction business is being carried to excess, and is detrimental to philately. The E. P. says: "Personally, we have no fear for the decadence of philately, but we believe there are too many stamp auctions. Collectors, in the excitement of buying at auction, spend more money than they intend to, or oftentimes can afford; hence, the stamp dealer who conduct no auc-



tions are not receiving the patronage they have hitherto enjoyed."

JULIUS L. COHN.

## Patriot Stamps.

New York, March 4.—The Patriot Cuban Government has authorized an issue of postage stamps to be used in the transportation of all mail matter within the interior of Cuba as well as to foreign ports where the use of a special messenger service is necessary. This is the first decree issued by the new government, from which a source of revenue is to be created.

The regime has established a system of prefectures throughout that portion of the island controlled by it, and a part of the duties of the prefects is to attend to the forwarding of all mails. The revenue derived from the new charges are partially to defray the expenses of these officers. Any excess is to be turned in to the Treasury.

The new stamps are of the following denominations and colors: The 2 cent stamp in gray; 5 cent stamp in blue; 10 cent stamp in orange, and 25 cent stamp in green.

## Literary Notes.

### The Delineator.

The March number of the Delineator is called the great spring number, and is especially valuable and interesting because of the early forecast it contains of Spring and Summer Styles and Materials for Ladies, Misses and Children. The first of a series of articles on current events of interest to women, by Mrs. Frederic Rhinelander Jones, appears in this number. Mrs. Oliver Bell Bunce contributes an instructive article

on Perfumes and other Toilet Preparations; Lucia Gilbert Runkel brings to the discussion of literature as a profession for women the authority of acknowledged celebrity as a writer, while Tillie Roome Little has a bright and helpful description of some new and pretty Luncheon and German Favors in silk and other materials.

### The Personal Side of Washington

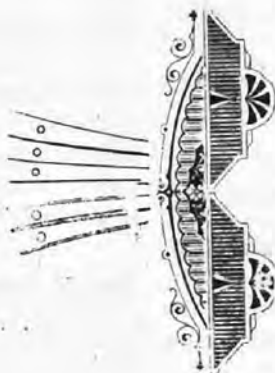
General A. W. Greely, of Arctic fame begins in the March LADIES HOME JOURNAL, his articles on George Washington, which are expected to create considerable discussion. General Greely has read over 2000 of Washington's private letters, and he writes in a frank, unbiased way of the personal side of Washington. His first article will deal with the loves and courtships of Washington and his final marriage to the widow Custis. General Greely's articles are not likely to confirm the estimate of those who regard Washington in an ideal way. But they are truthful and admirably portray the man as he was,—in reality.

### What it means to be President.

Ex-President Harrison's next article in his series in THE LADIES HOME JOURNAL will tell what it means to be President of the United States. He will outline the president's power, his duties and how he discharges them; the trials and annoyances to which he is put, and show what the central idea of the president is and how he tries to carry it out. General Harrison also explains what relation each cabinet holds to the president, and tells of his own relations with his cabinet when he was president.

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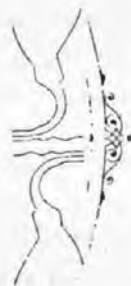
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"Pray accept congratulations on the  
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Last month sample copies of THE  
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ber of stamp collectors in the United  
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them to subscribe. However, we believe  
that all good collectors should become  
subscribers, and to those who have not  
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"Up-to-date" is our motto, and up-to-date we must and will be, therefore we date this issue of THE HOME WORKER April instead of February. Those who received a copy of our paper last month are acquainted with the fact that the delay was caused in the organizing of and our making arrangements with The Knoxville Philatelic Society to form a stock company with the necessary funds with which to publish and improve THE HOME WORKER. After perfecting all arrangements, in February, it was decided to go right on with the delayed issue, No. 1, Vol. 3, with the expectation of gaining ground by degrees, until caught up, but owing to the crowded condition of job department, we are compelled to grasp Father Time by the forelock in order to keep pace with him and live up to our motto.

As this issue, dated April, as it should be, places us on an equal footing with Time, a good society with members of means who are standing ready to lend a helping hand, we can faithfully promise our subscribers an "Up-To Date" Philatelic Magazine on time.

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Some very interesting notes from Editor Greene, which came too late for this issue, will be published next month.

Correspondence regarding Philatelic societies desired, also articles on general Philatelic matters, news items, etc.

WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM

Under this head a note will be made of Catalogues, Price-lists, etc., received.

W. Elliott Woodward Co., 36 Broomfield St., Boston, Mass., catalogue of a magnificent collection of United States and British North America stamps to be sold at auction, March 11, 12 and 13. It contains some valuable stamps and will no doubt bring some good prices.

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The object of the Society is to promote a friendly intercourse between the members, by holding monthly meetings, when each will have an opportunity of increasing their collections or disposing of their duplicates. At these monthly gatherings, various Philatelic subjects will be discussed, tending to the development of Philatelic knowledge. Many collectors are entirely at sea in the mysteries of perforations, water-marks, plate numbers, varieties, etc., and many "a good thing" has been lost through ignorance.

There are quite a number of collectors in this city, with collections ranging from 10,000 varieties down, and the aim of the Society is to enroll every one, as a member, at the same time, it is intended to welcome collectors from all points.

The Exchange Department can be utilized by members for the sale or exchange of stamps and books to hold 120 stamps will be supplied by the Superintendent at the nominal price of 5c. each.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Society was held at the office of the Secretary February 3rd., President Boyd in the chair. All the local members being present. The date of the monthly meeting was changed to the Friday following the first day of the month. The usual "Sale and Barter" took place, and the Secretary made a short address on "Hints to Beginners," and after some social intercourse the meeting adjourned to meet at the office of the Vice President on the 6th. of March.

### Hints to Beginners

At the February monthly meeting of The Knoxville Philatelic Society, the Secretary made a short address to the members, taking the above as his subject, and while the "hints" are mainly intended for the younger members of the craft some of them (which are not claimed as original ideas,) may be new to some of our readers. He said, that in the first place, every collector should have a Catalogue; Perforation Gauge; Bottle of Benzine; Blotting Paper and some clear water

Without a Catalogue we are entirely at sea, but with it, we can add variety after variety to our collection, at times, with very little expense, but it requires some study. Take for example the Austrian issues of 1861, 1877, 1883, etc., and note how many different perforations there are, ranging from 9 to 14, again; St. Vincent half penny from 1883 and 1883-88 issues, both the same in appearance, but perforated 12 to 14, making a difference of \$1.97 on the value of an unused specimen. And so, I could give instances without limit almost, and right here the earnest student gets in his work, picking up specimens after specimens that are good stamps, for a song, because he knows the difference in perforations. But you will say: how are we to find out all this? It is very simple; here is a gauge, now I take the stamp and (as I prefer it) lay the stamp on this black space, which is exactly 20 milimeters wide, and count the number of perforations, and I want you to bear this in mind, that you only count the number on the 20 milimeter space and not the number on the stamp, 20 milimeters is the standard and on the number of perforations in that space is based the catalogue count.

We will now see what use we have for the Water, Blotter and Benzine. You should see that all paper is removed from the back of the stamp, and this is best done by placing it between some damp blotters and applying some pressure, it is much more satisfactory than soaking them off in a bowl of water; good stamps are frequently damaged, if not utterly ruined by the thorough saturation. Now your stamp is clean and if you see from the catalogue that there is a likelihood of there being more than one water-mark, such as Crown C. C. and Crown C. A., in a number of the British Colonies we will place it face down on this black substance, a tile or piece of Japanned iron will answer the purpose, and drop a little benzine on it. What is the result? the water-mark shows up quite plainly and then you have no trouble in finding from your catalogue to what issue it belongs and placing it correctly in your album.

We will now see what album is best for the young collector. I think one of the cheaper kind with illustrations at the sides, but no regular spaces for the different issues will answer the purpose best at first, but when you have from 500 varieties up, you must look for a better one such as those issued by Mekeel or Scott. I used the first named for a long time, and by the way, it would be a great improvement, if instead of filling up this extra space with the illustrations of the stamp they inserted the descriptive color. I have found it more complete than Scott's in a great many ways. If they would omit the costly errors which the majority of collectors will never even see, we might have a chance of filling our pages. If you do get an "Error," it is almost worthy of a page for itself, with a gilt frame thrown in. The time will come, however, when you will tire of your "picture book" and if you do and want a book that is not costly, have some good paper ruled in faint lines up and down the page about  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch apart, get a heavy border line with a space at the top for the name of the county, and then you can space to suit yourself and specialize to your hearts content if you wish to.

— From —  
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Notes and articles for this department should be sent to the editor.

**Leland J. Spalding, Editor,**  
**Webster,**  
**Mass.**

Our next issue will contain an able article on "How to Collect Postmarks," setting forth the best method known by which they can be successfully and rapidly arranged so as to show up to the very best advantage and at the same time to avoid the creeping in of duplicates, etc. It will be well worth reading.

Sal Soda, Ala. Old Glory, Ariz. Big Bug, Ariz. Tip Top, Ariz. Tin Cup, Colo. Santa Claus, Ind. are names of post offices.

### Railroads

It is the custom of large philatelic papers to discuss at great length the advisability of collecting or not collecting this, that or the other. Now it is surcharges, again reprints, and so on.

Fortunately the collector of Postmarks knows not the surcharge, neither doth the reprint cast a glow over his enthusiasm. But we are obliged to face a subject very similar in character.

Shall we collect the railroad Postmarks? I pondered over this question

for some time, and decided that they were to be strangers to my collection. In almost every respect they are undiscernable. There is no known limit to their number, and they cannot be classified or catalogued, leaving the collector completely at sea. It is also very difficult to keep track of the varieties you happen to possess, and duplicates will creep in continually. To be sure, they are bona-fide post-marks and many collectors have large numbers of them, but they are very unsatisfactory, when compared with the regular office-marks. OKLAHOMA.

### A Galaxy of Names.

Sixty-eight thousand post-offices are a great many and it is amusing to see the trouble caused new offices by the host of names represented by the above figures and a cause for wonder and admiration at the almost perfect manner in which the postal service is conducted. Many odd names are resorted to by the numerous new offices springing into existence each year. A great majority of names are duplicated as high as five



times, while the more popular, even number from fifteen to twenty.

The post-office named Washington is situated in 36 states and territories, and carries off the palm as a popular name.

All great men and historical names are on the list as well as all but 8 states in the Union; nearly all the nations, islands, etc,

### Instructive.

The collecting of Post-marks is considered by some a "crazy fad," and not worth the time and patience it consumes in sorting, registering and arranging each mark. Yet, I fail to see where Post-mark collecting is any more "crazy" than stamp collecting. In my opinion, the collecting of Post-marks is exceedingly instructive, for I know of no way in which one can become familiar with the geography of this, or other countries, except by a close study of Post-marks. Again, as a help in memorizing geographical names, post-marks are invaluable. In my own case, I have added much to my store of geographical knowledge by collecting the marks; studying and arranging the little square slips of paper, until I have become so familiar with the names of towns and villages, that at the mere mention of one, its state immediately comes to mind.

I doubt if I would have ever heard of such villages as McGinty, La., and Lower Peach Tree, Ala., had it not been for Post-marks, for neither of those towns have gained importance enough to occupy a position on a map. Thus it seems to me the most fascinating mode of studying the geography is by collecting the little marks; not collected together thoughtlessly as a mass of paper clippings, but studiously giving each mark an opportunity to imprint itself on your memory, and you will be surprised at the many cities, towns and

villages you will have at your command. It is so satisfactory upon hearing the name of an unfamiliar town to be able to give its state without either exposing ones ignorance or rushing to an Atlas.

Post-mark collecting is yet in its infancy, but I hope the time is not far distant when the ranks will be filled with enthusiastic collectors. LOLA ROATH.

### An Improvement.

The post office department is gradually bringing about a great change in the names of post offices, in accordance with the regular rules. The ending "borough" is being changed to "boro," "burgh" to "burg," and such words as "Falls," "City" and "Cross Roads," are being dropped wherever possible.

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NO. 3.

## Mary's Book.

Mary had a little book,  
T'was full of stamps, you know,  
And every place that Mary went  
She took that book also.

She toted it to school one day  
Which was against the rule,  
The teacher she got mighty mad  
To find those stamps in school.

But Mary said to her, (says she,)  
"Where's Sarawak? Just begin it."  
The teacher scratched her knowledge  
box  
And said, she wasn't in it.

[With due apologies to Mary's Little Lamb.]

## Thoughts and Observations.

But ninety copies of the three pence Western Australia were ever printed with the red surcharge.

The limited supply has already been purchased by a few wily speculators, who will bull the market of these stamps, almost according to their own dictation.

We are constrained to believe that the striking off of but ninety stamps was an intentional action on the part of the person or persons governing their production.

Be as it is, the influence on Philately is by no means a beneficial one.

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Three different catalogues, each proclaimed to be the standard one

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J. W. Scott Co,.....	7.00
Scott Stamp & Coin Co, .	8.00

If we were to buy a "pink" we would rule our purchasing price by the first quotation. If we were to sell, it is likely that we would take the latter price as our basis. But if we cared neither to buy nor sell we are in a decided dilemma. It is probable, however, that we would select the "happy medium." i. e., J. W. Scotts price in this particular instance.

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Whilst we of America are being encroached upon by the extreme minor variety and hair-line distinction, the poor Britisher is passing into a still more unenviable position. H. L. Estrange Ewen, of Suanage, England, has published a priced catalogue of the varieties of the stamps of England.

In looking over the catalogue we find that if two stamps show the most infinitesimal difference they are catalogued as distinct varieties. If a stamp is faded, blurred or cursed with a superfluous amount of ink, due to the

imperfect wiping of the plates, it is considered to be a variety of importance.

It appears that there are some English speculators who are more radically disposed to recognize minute differences than the most rabid "hairline" (if we may coin a word in this country.)

There is 16 varieties of the 1p. black, Great Britain. Gremmel, in his comprehensive catalogue of United States stamps, is somewhat energetic in the furtherance of the minor variety fad, but in no case credits a single value of one issue with more than eight varieties.

The one penny, brown, English is catalogued by Ewen as here shown:

1 d. red brown, 1841.

- (a) on blue paper.
- (b) on white paper.
- (c) ivory head on back.
- (d) on very thick paper.
- (e) on very thin paper.
- (f) on Dickenson paper with silk thread.
- (g) hairline through value.
- (h) double letter in lower left-hand corner.
- (i) double letter in lower right-hand corner.
- (j) watermark inverted.

Plate numbers are treated with exhaustively in the catalogue, which is well nigh indispensable to faddists of the plate-number type.

H. S. SWENSEN.

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## NEW YORK NOTES.

BY MANHATTAN.

The boy trade is rapidly falling off in this city, and dealers have lost a large amount of business as there is more profit in dealing with this class of collectors than with the more advanced.

I would advise all collectors who lack the unwatermarked periodical and due stamps to fill them in as soon as possible, as they are sure to advance.

How the mighty hath fallen! About a year ago dealers here were paying from three to four dollars each for unused dollar Columbians. I was present last week when a certain dealer here refused to purchase thirty copies at \$1.75 each.

It is said that there are several readers of the Springfield Philatelist who consider Severn's jokes (?) "funny."

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# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp is always good, but the March number is exceptionally so, and is a vertible treat to both the optical and philatelic senses. Besides the usual cut on the cover there is another within, this latter representing Mr. J. E. Zahn, the editor. Mr. Zahn looks like his magazine, bright, interesting and stylish, reflecting as much credit upon his journal as it does upon him.

Mr. Davis in the initial article makes some good suggestions concerning the elimination from catalogues and albums of the numberless small varieties (?) in paper, grill, etc that many collectors scrowl over yet feel they must obtain. And Mr. Hopkins comes in quite appropriately with some remarks on "Improved Stamp Albums."



The Brooklyn Philatelist, 11 Pullington Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is a new aspirant for honors. It begins with eight small pages and cover, but enlargement is promised at an early date. Price 15c per year.



Another youngster is the three months old Philatelic West, Superior, Neb., whose editor seems to be having a dull time of it, for after stating a wish for good MSS. he adds with pathetic enticiveness, "subjects furnished if desired." Here is a chance for would-be authors who can't think what to write about.



Decidedly the most breezy among our exchanges this month is the Evergreen State Philatelist, Hartland, Wash. There is a large amount of interesting and instructive reading matter, several columns of exchange and trade notices, and a good supply of ads.

"The Critic" delivers some rather severe thrusts in his comments on a certain article, thus inducing one reader, (not the one most concerned,) to say that his motto, "Without fear or favor" would be vastly improved by tucking in somewhere the two little words, "with courtesy." We repeat the suggestion for his benefit.



With all due respect to Philatelic Facts we would suggest that it bear out its name a little better and make itself rather more worthy of the subscription price. The Feb. number contains nothing except one "fact," short acknow-

ledgements of and comments upon a few contemporaries, tiny editorials and a few spread out ads. Ye editor complains that several papers are too high-toned to exchange, but loftily remarks that he can get along without them. Can he? About the only philatelic facts he publishes are reprinted ones culled from the despised contemporaries.



Reprinted matter also abounds in the Feb. Missouri Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo., but the subjects are well chosen and lengthy, the chief being a fine story of the extraordinary find of the St. Louis Bear stamps last year. If the M. P. will learn to go by itself instead of borrowing crutches, i. e. articles from other journals we think the results will be more satisfying to both editor and readers.



Mr. Geo. H. Hope, in the Seneca Philatelist, Seneca Falls, N. Y., for March suggests the adoption by the United States of a series of Sunday stamps, a la Belgium. Such a series would savor far more of speculation than a necessity, and it is not likely there will be much approval wasted upon the idea, nor that it will be seriously considered.



Though consisting only of short notes the Badger Philatelist, Viroqua, Wis., is much more readable than the majority of 4 page publications. The editor announces that he is in the business for money; judging from the subscription price, 10c per year, we thought it was for glory.



Still another new one! March sees the first number of the Conn. Philatelist, published at 15c per year by the Silver City Stamp Co., of Meriden, Conn. We have had over 60,000 different philatelic publications already if a recently seen item may be believed, and surely didn't need an addition to the list, but nevertheless we wish the C. P. good success and a speedy growth in size.

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There are many collectors of philatelic literature in this day and age who are devoting much of their time and money towards founding private libraries to include all the published handbooks on stamp subjects, as well as bound volumes of the better class of stamp publications. In view of this fact it has seemed to us that a uniform size for stamp magazines would be a boon greatly to be desired and encouraged. If all philatelic magazines would adopt the "Century" size, that is, a size of page identical with the Century Magazine, the volumes when bound and placed side by side on library shelves would appear to much better advantage than do they now with their great irregularity in size and shape.

THE HOME WORKER has made a start in this direction with the new volume which is to be much commended.



The style adopted by the Pennsylvania Philatelist in its holiday issue, and later by the International Philatelist in its New Years number, that of alternating the pages of reading matter with pages of advertisements is hardly an innovation which will please those who preserve their papers and bind them into permanent form. Besides detracting from the appearance of the paper it also gives a bulk to bound volumes which would not be if the advertising pages might be detached before going to the bindery. We trust that no more papers will fall into the habit, and that these two, afore ment oned, will desist from the practice.



The new issue of the French Republic, or the soon to be issue, is exciting general comment in the professional press of the country and the leading papers of the metropolis have been giving enlarged illustrations of the stamps



as they are to appear, The design is quite neat, being the work of a foremost French artist, and if the engraver and the printer do their share of the work as well no doubt the philatelic world will have in France's new issue something to be proud of.



The interest in Cuban stamps is increasing and a recent letter from a prominent dealer informs us that he is kept busy laying in stock to meet the demand for early Cuban issues. It is not without some degree of pride that your editor recalls his having written an article on specialism. "Cuba—Why not?" which appeared in a southern philatelic journal about a year ago, in which he urged American collectors to pay less attention to the semi-speculative issues of Hawaii, and give more thought and time to the Spanish colony to the south of us. Our prediction is coming true as to their ultimate popularity and rise in price, and we are thankful that we took some of our own advice and nearly completed our complement of Cuban issues before the boom. How many others did likewise?



Summer will soon be with us and the political pot will begin to boil in the various societies. We fervently hope that our hobby will be spared the responsibilities of a warring campaign; that nothing will be said or done in political circles to breed animosities among brothers; that without pledging support to even your best friends you will when the time comes for casting your ballot as a member of the society to which you belong, you will be governed by your own conscience and good judgment in the selection of standard bearers, for only in that way may good result to all concerned and philately rise above a cesspool of political slime and trickery. Let each one do his part to make stamp collecting and its interests the prime

object of social banding together and less of political man-serving for spoils of office.



The Editor greets the Knoxville Society with hearty good-will, for it is rare that the South has in the ten years we have been connected with philately seen such a worthy movement. That there are thousands of energetic collectors all through the South we have learned by private correspondence with many of them in the years past and present, and their banding together we hail as a good omen. Hearty cheer to you all, and in the language of the Knickerbocker, famous in song and story: "May you live long and prosper."

ROY FARRELL GREENE.

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### Canadian Stamps

We would like to say to our Canadian friends that we cannot use their native stamps. In remitting small amounts kindly send silver or U. S. stamps.

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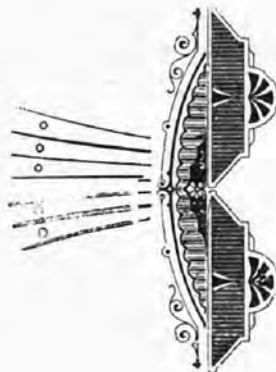
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## IN ALL YOUR LIFE DID YOU

[While a great many Dealers availed themselves of the above liberal offers last month, there was some who did not, and in order to allow all wide-awake Dealers to test the merits of THE HOME WORKER'S advertising columns, we will hold the offers open until further notice.]

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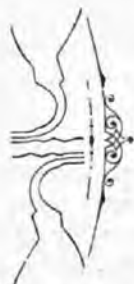
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On April 3d the regular monthly meeting of the Knoxville Philatelic Society was held at the residence of C. B. Tompkins. Dr. B. D. Brabson was elected a member. The Sales Superintendent made a satisfactory report as to the working of his department, and after some instructive remarks from the President and others, the meeting adjourned.

### Local Items.

It is strange what an affection one has for the stamps of their native land. Our worthy Vice President is working hard on his Columbian Republic pages. Every month sees the vacancies growing smaller. While he is comparatively a new Disciple his collection in this country is rapidly nearing completion and then he will join the army of specialists. Our Sales Superintendent, while he has been in this country many years, and is a general collector, with a fine collection of old Europeans, has a strong weakness for Great Britain and Colonies.

Our Secretary collects only United States and British Empire. Our President's weakness is old United States, his

collection being practically complete in Departments and the early issues of adhesives. He is now sorting over his accumulation of entire envelopes and when he has them catalogued and arranged will have several hundred varieties. Thirty years worship at the philatelic shrine has its own reward.

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Some of our young friends can make very creditable displays; several of the boys have from one to three thousand varieties and it is to the credit of the elder members that they are always ready to lend a helping hand and many a vacancy in the boys' books has been filled by gifts from the officers and members of the K. P. S. This is right, we can remember the pleasure it was to us years ago to find a stamp we wanted and even now we feel more solid pleasure in finding one stamp or variety than in several for which we exchange filthy lucre. Help the boys all you can, they are the coming strength of the army and if they lose interest Philately dies with us.

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One of our members who purchased



a collection in Burma which was practically complete in native Indians, etc., found four of the rare "Afghans," sets of Cashmere, etc, and as he is not a general collector he broke up the collection and sent the stamps on circuit.

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Speaking of Circuits, the experience of several members has been a delay of months before books are returned to the owners. Can anyone suggest "ways and means" whereby this delay can be avoided?

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One of our members had the good fortune to pick up several of the coveted left-hand panes of plate 170, and having supplied his friends at cost is now ready to dispose of the balance at rock bottom prices.

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Bicycling has no doubt cut off the supply of spare cash heretofore expended on our hobby. But bicycling weather cannot last always and with the return of the cold weather the "scorchers" will return to their old love with its cozy accompaniment of a good fire and well lighted room. In the meantime those who pick up bargains while they may, will be on the right side of the fence later on and have the laugh on their less successful brothers.

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Locally there is no sign of any diminishing interest. All our collectors are regular sponges, absorbing everything that comes their way and several of the boy collectors are rampant on the war path.

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Can we induce our venerable looking Postmaster to introduce the weather reporting cancellation stamp? It is in use at Racine, Wis., and other places and is found to be a very convenient mode of conveying valuable information

If you should receive two copies of this month's paper, hand one to a friend.

## GENERAL NOTES.

BY BRITON.

And still the Speculative issues come. The true remedy is with the collector. As long as there is a market for the labels some dealers will continue to handle them. Let us combine and absolutely refuse them a place in our collection, if necessary cut out the page or cover it with blank paper inscribed "died of an over dose of S. S. S. S."

The Daily Stamp Item makes its appearance every morning; lets us in on the ground floor, so to speak, and while I am not in favor of speculation in connection with Philately, those interested along that line can glean valuable information from its columns. I look for it as regularly as my breakfast and appreciate it "almost" as much.

Mr. Chas E. Shaw, the Sales superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia seems to be a hustler and he certainly keeps the members of that Association well supplied with Circuits. He has hit the right nail on the head by sending smaller Circuits, and frequently the sales on the aggregate must be larger than if he sent larger circuits less frequently. As a rule the majority of collectors whose pocket books are not over plethoric will spend more in a given time if the expenditure is not called for at one time.

Chicago upholds her reputation—another issue of counterfeit U. S.

It would not be a bad thing to pick up the stamps of the British Colonies in South Africa, if Mr. Cecil Rhodes' idea of a united South Africa comes to a head, the stamps of British Bechuanaland, Zululand, British South Africa Co., etc., will soon be at a premium.

Now that one of our Senators has lodged a complaint about the current

issue, are the chances increased for a new issue? It is well worth thinking over.

We have one thing to be thankful for and that is the falling off in Auction catalogues.

I have seen a Natal six pence, lilac, like Scott's A6 No. 16, perf. 12½, with watermark large open double line G instead of crown and c c. It is not catalogued by either Scott or Stanley Gibbons, but has all the appearance of being a genuine stamp. Can anyone give any information on the subject?

The new "Cubans" have not arrived in town yet, and several collectors are waiting for them,

Why don't our album publishers issue every year a set of sheets prepared for the late issues? They would find a ready sale for them. Collectors don't want a new album every year, but they would jump at the loose sheets. It is strange that our enterprising friends, the Mekeel Co., have not caught on long ago.

Have you asked your druggist friends if they have any old stock on hand? You may pick up some good medicine stamps if you do.

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Perhaps there is no National theme which arouses more quickly the sympathies of all fair-minded Americans. The Indian who once had complete liberty to hunt and occupy this fair land has found the United States Government a master whom he cannot understand. Secretary Smith gives much valuable information about the present condition and prospects of the Indians, their increasing numbers, their education, and indicates the position of the present national administration toward them. He closes the article by saying: "While I have not criticised the action of our forefathers, and of our fathers in the treatment of the Indians, I urge without hesitation that among this people can be found a field for missionary work as worthy of Christian zeal as in those countries far away from our own."

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How do you cut and mount your postmarks?

When were letters first postmarked? How many postoffices are there in the world?

Under what circumstances is a letter postmarked "Sea Post Office?"

When is the "Paris Estranger" postmark used? How many postoffices are there in Paris?

What state in the Union has the largest number of postoffices per number of inhabitants, and what state the least?

These, and a hundred other questions of general interest we should like to have you answer. Send in your contributions; make them short, precise and to the point, and let us keep up a first-class post-mark department.

## To Stamp Collectors.

Brethren, we greet you. Why not join our ranks also?

A post-mark collection would make an interesting supplement to your stamp collection. We are sure you will enjoy our hobby if you once begin collecting. You may be a general collector or you may specialize—a wide field is open to you, with a grand chance for careful study and investigation, so dear to scientific philatelists. Moreover, the knowledge of post-marks and methods of cancellation thus gained may be of incalculable value to you in detecting frauds and counterfeits.

## VIRGINIA.

The writer, though not a resident of "The Old Dominion," has for several years made his Virginia collection his especial care and hobby.

The memories of the Civil War, called to mind by the names of Virginia's post-offices, first attracted my attention to the State.

Vienna, Laurel Hill, Bull Run, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Fortress Monroe, Williamsburg, West Point, Yorktown, Hanover C. H., Far Oaks, Seven Pines, Beaver Dam Mills, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania C. H., Suffolk, City Point, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Bermuda Hundred, Winchester, Ream's Station, Alexandria, Danville, Manassas, Centreville, Richmond, Appomattox, (its name was ingloriously changed to Surrender by the P. O. Department a year or so ago), and a score or more other postoffices remind the collector of the stirring scenes of '61-'65.

But Virginia has other claims upon the postmark collector. At Jamestown was the first English settlement in America. Mount Vernon on the Potomac was Washington's home and at Alexandria he attended church. Shadwell was Jefferson's birth-place and at Charlottesville his palatial residence, known as Monticello. At University, a post-station of Charlottesville, is situated the famous University of Virginia, founded by Jefferson. At Yorktown Cornwallis surrendered. Near Fortress Monroe is National Soldier's Home.

Old Point Comfort, long ago discontinued its mail now going to Fortress Monroe, Virginia Beach and Colonial

Beach savor of the sea and of summer vacations. Wallaceton and Cypress Chapel are on the outskirts of the famous Dismal Swamp.

Natural Bridge, Weyer's Cave, Lusaty, Grottoes, Rockbridge, Alum Springs, Rockbridge Baths, Buffalo Lithia Springs, Big Stone Gap and a host of others tell of the wonders of nature of Virginia's wild mountain scenery. Cape Charles, Princes Anne, Isle of Wright, King and Queen C. H., Prince George, King William and King George remind us of the Old World.

Powhatan C. H. and Pocahontas (the later a famous coal-field), bring to memory Colonial history.

I only have space here to suggest the attractiveness of the field. Let the reader run through the list of Virginia postoffices in his postal guide and he cannot fail to be impressed with the historic association, the euphony and the suggestiveness in the names. After spending an hour over some extremely prosaic state in my album, I find it refreshing to turn for a moment to my Virginia postmarks.

I sincerely hope that the present mania for short, meaningless names will not influence the P. O. Department to destroy the individuality of any more by striking off their prefixes and suffixes or shortening their orthography.

But alas, the mutilation has already commenced and no one can say where it will end. The Department has already taken away the venerable suffix "C. H." from most of the southern postoffices and applicants for the establishment of postoffices are instructed by the U. S. Postal Guide to select short names without prefixes or additions.

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Did you ever at any time in your life resolve to collect stamps? If so, now is a good time to carry out your resolution. We want to help you and if you will take advantage of the offer we are about to make you, you will only regret that you had not heard of us long ago. Now, here comes our Special Offer. We have sent a number of non-collectors a sample copy of this issue of THE HOME WORKER and to those we make this offer: Send us 25c silver, or Postal Money Order, to pay for a year's subscription to this paper and we will send you postpaid, absolutely free, 50, all different, Foreign Stamps, mounted in a pocket stamp album with spaces to hold 200 stamps. We will send you also 100 mixed stamps, for traders, and 200 stamp hinges for mounting your stamps in an album. The catalogue value of the above lot of stamps is from \$1.50 to \$2.50, thus, giving you a good start, with a year's subscription to the only first-class Philatelic Magazine published in the South, for only 25c.

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Why not invest 25c for THE HOME WORKER? You will be pleased.



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" " " strips of 19 with imprint	1.00
" " " Pair (each variety)	18
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## Our Boy Collectors.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., May 25, '96.

The Editor,

HOME WORKER,

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:—Readers of Philatelic publications cannot fail to see that the indications are very strong that quite a number of the boy collectors are losing interest in the pastime or rather science of stamp collecting and it behooves each one of us to cast around for means whereby we can hold them for on the recruits depend the future strength of the army.

I have talked the matter over with a number of the members of the Knoxville Philatelic Society and several have consented to act with me. Now what I propose is this: Let each member or collector go through his duplicates and turn over as many as he can spare to some one who is sufficiently interested to give his time, these duplicates to be given away to any young collector who likes to call for them. Spare cash is scarce with many of the boys but I think that when they find out that they can, with no expense, collect possibly sev-

eral hundred varieties, they will, when the water gets too cold for bathing and the roads too heavy for cycling, turn their affection once more to their stamps.

I would suggest that the Philatelic Press unite and introduce the subject thoroughly, try to induce the Societies everywhere to form collections of duplicates for free distribution on the lines indicated above and then when the schools reopen in the Fall let each paper issue a special number. Call it say "The Boy Collectors' Special," have plenty of matter in it interesting to beginners and scatter it broadcast. It is true that such an arrangement would hurt the sale of cheap stamps by the dealers and they may "kick" but the future benefits will more than offset the present loss. Yours Truly,

BRITON.

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## Our Loss.

W. A. Sandberg, 1006 State street, Knoxville, Tenn., informs us that he is going to quit the stamp business, as politics occupy his whole time. His collection consists of some very fine U. S., and we regret very much to lose Mr. Sandberg from our ranks.

**What a Collector Ought to Know.** struck on watermarked paper.

M. Regnard, in an article written by him in 1864 says: "There are people who, when you chance to talk in their presence about the contents of your album, think it due to their dignity and importance to let fall some such observation as this: "Can anything be more stupid than this mania for collecting postage stamps?"

"Certainly there is," we reply. There is a mania a hundred times worse, which shows itself in the habit of passing pretended judgments on matters completely strange to the person who arrogates to himself the right to speak of them. It is therefore with a view of rehabilitating a taste that has been calumniated and proving that amateurs of stamps cannot be entirely wanting in intelligence, that we give a summary of the practical knowledge indispensable to every serious collector.

He ought to know:

1. The different countries where the stamps have been successfully employed.

2. The dates when the stamps were created or suppressed.

3. The classifying of the stamps of each country in the order in which they were issued.

4. Their classification according to type.

5. The details necessary to distinguish genuine stamps from imitations.

6. The kind of printing adopted for every stamp; and consequently the characteristic features of lithography, typography, and engraving on wood, stone or metal.

7. The various kinds of paper employed for the impression, whether thick or thin, dull or glazed, watermarked or plain.

8. The various watermarks in the paper, and what stamps have been

9. What stamps have never been perforated; those which were issued first imperforate, and have been perforated subsequently; and lastly, those which have never been issued otherwise than perforated.

10. What are the stamps where the sheets are composed of different types.

11. What stamps are struck on the sheets in groups of types, differing from each other only in some slight particulars.

12. What stamps are found only in one type.

13. What stamps have been printed by mistake in colors that were not the distinguishing mark of their value.

14. What stamps have been reprinted, and how are the reprints to be distinguished from the original impression.

15. What are the countries where reprinted stamps are available for postal purposes.

16. The various sizes of the envelopes on which stamps have been affixed.

17. On which side or sides the stamp was affixed.

18. What envelopes have or have not inscriptions upon them.

19. The color of such inscriptions.

20. Whether the inscriptions are to the right or to the left of the envelope, or on any other part.

21. Whether the paper of the envelope is wove, laid or watermarked.

22. The designs of the stamps on envelopes that have been affixed on various kinds of paper.

23. What stamps have been created for any special service; that is to say, for simple letters, registered letters, too late letters, newspapers, official correspondence, etc.

When an amateur has devoted himself to a somewhat serious study of these particulars, he will be in a condi-

tion to give a rational classification to his collection, to keep it free from every false or doubtful specimen, and to talk of stamps with some degree of authority, regarding with pitying indifference those jests which are in such good taste but are only variations of that well-known refrain, 'Can anything be more stupid than this mania for collecting postage stamps?'—Item.

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Ripans Tabules cure constipation.  
Ripans Tabules cure torpid liver.

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### Entire Envelopes

Quite a number of collectors are devoting their attention to collecting entire envelopes and find it very interesting indeed. The great objection is that they take up so much room and it is rather a difficult matter to arrange them satisfactorily. In view of their bulkiness it is doubtful if they will ever be popular with the majority of Philatelists, at all events so long as the albums are published in their present form and the opportunity should not be lost to fill up a blank when a good specimen presents itself at a reasonable price.

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### Hunting Ground For Revenues.

Old photographs are a sourceful field for the discovery of revenue stamps. When photographs were included in the taxable articles under the provisions of the revenue laws, a stamp of the two-cent denomination was used generally in payment of the fee, though the three-cent value was sometimes utilized. The stamp was affixed to the back of the card and among the stamps used were the two-cent playing card and proprietary two-cent, and the desirable three-cent playing card is now and then found.—Item.

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Ripans Tabules.  
Ripans Tabules: gentle cathartic.  
Ripans Tabules: pleasant laxative.

## CHICAGO NOTES.

BY PHILATEUS BEATUS.

Mr. F. F. Fee, of Fort Wayne, Ind., made a short stay here on the 20th.

Mr. L. G. Quackenbush the Philatelic writer, is making Chicago his home. He is an amiable gentleman and is very popular in Chicago.

A dealer here had two fair counterfeits a 20c, 1874 Peru, which would not be noticed by the beginner and a 4 pence, 1871 Barbadoes, the cancellation and irregular print plainly showed that it was of a spurious nature.

Dealers are complaining of the lack of boy trade; one said it was due to Scott's catalogue, claiming the stamps were listed too high; another said "We are like the livery man, they leave their hobby and ride wheels, hence a scarcity of money.

Chicago Branch, No. 1, American Philatelic association held a meeting May 14, with some prominent collectors present. They decided to nominate officers of the Association at the June meeting. The favorite ticket here is Olney, Beard, Kissinger and Chandler.

A collector who has just returned to America from Switzerland said "U. S. stamps are much cheaper in Europe than in Amer-

ica," he also related the following: "People are more enthusiastic there than here, in Switzerland and in Zurich they have a board of trade for stamp collectors, they meet the first Monday of each month and doctors, capitalists, manufacturers and in fact nearly all of the prominent business men assemble and buy and sell stamps.

The Basle pigeon is admired by all Swiss collectors. A party advertised a pair for 80 francs (\$16), collectors sent him the money and received a pair of *live* pigeons. They wanted to mob him.

Next month will write you of some new discoveries of a well known Chicago collector.

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### How to Begin.

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BY GEORGE A. JOPLIN.

When hearing so much of the unperforated and the perforated, the surcharge the grill, the various watermarks, the oddities, and the thousands of varieties contained in the collections of some of the advanced collectors, the beginner is apt to get discouraged and give up. It is, however, very improbable that any one who has started in the correct way, and has had his interest in stamps thoroughly aroused will ever entirely cease to be a collector. This being the case, how important it is to get properly started, and how the older collectors should assist those just learning. A few things are necessary for every one who desires to have a good collection and to gain the pleasure to be derived

from one. The book or album may seem a very small item, but it really is of great importance. If, instead of a blank book, or a small album which contains spaces for but a few stamps of each country, at the start a large album is secured, how much more interesting will the collecting be? The large album will of itself be a guide, teaching the issue, date, color, position, etc. Then, too, every collector should have a catalogue; it will be necessary to discover the value of the stamps, and this cannot be found so easily anywhere else. Subscriptions should be sent to a few good philatelic papers; these bring fresh news, tell what other collectors are doing, explain where and how he can secure stamps to best advantage, and convey the information that everywhere are to be found those who are pursuing the same line of pleasure, and that he is not a "crank" off by himself, as many would have him believe. Now having these, commence by getting together what stamps you have and placing them in the proper spaces in the album. Do not expect to learn everything at once. When you take up a stamp that you do not know and cannot find in the catalogue, do not dispose of it for a mere "song," or trade it for other stamps, but keep it and study it from time to time until you learn all about it. How many of us have found out later that in our early collecting we let some of our greatest treasures slip from us in this way? Add to your collection constantly, even if it be slowly, and it will not be long before some of the countries will be nearly complete and the number have passed from the hundreds into the thousands. Always keep your album looking neat and clean by selecting good specimens, and by removing all of the envelope from the stamp before mounting. This is a little homely advice and a few common places



things, but they can be used to advantage by all who are just starting a collection.—Item.

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### NEW YORK NOTES.

BY MANHATTAN.

Several of our leading dealers will shortly leave here for Europe.

The close of the auction season is drawing near. Auction managers here report successful sales this season.

The first number of The New York Philatelist, is announced to appear at an early date. Several well known New York philatelists are to be the publishers.

Mr. A. J. Littlejohn, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., has informed me that he has discontinued the publication of the monthly Seneca Philatelist, but he intends to publish it semi-yearly. The first semi-yearly edition will be issued about July 1st. Here's success to you Arthur.

I have recently seen complete sets of perforated proofs of the Agriculture, Justice, Navy and War Department stamps. They are good imitations and I would advise collectors look out for them. In my opinion the chief difference lies in the paper, which is thinner in the proofs than in the originals.

### CANADIAN NOTES.

BY M.

The stamp business of Canada is just about over for the season, as far as retail selling is concerned, although dealers are buying at very fair prices considering the hard times although one thing that shows a remarkable falling off is the juvenile trade; the principal reason for this is the cold manner in which the larger class of dealers treat them.

It is reported that J. Dordge, of Galt, has suddenly left for Europe, to avoid trouble with stamp dealers.

There will be published very shortly by a Toronto dealer a catalogue of Canadian revenue and postage stamps.

Was the appearance of the first number of the Canadian Philatelic killed as we have have not seen or heard of it since.

Two more new stamp papers will appear very shortly from Canada. The names of them will be The London Stamp and Coin Journal and Stamp Lore, both hailing from London, Ontario. We wish them long life and prosperity.

Another edition of Ketchson's catalogue has appeared on the market, quite an improvement over the last one.

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Ripans Tabules assist digestion.  
Ripans Tabules cure biliousness.  
Ripans Tabules cure dyspepsia.

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Ripans Tabules cure indigestion.  
Ripans Tabules: one gives relief.

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If the paper does not suit nor interest you keep your remittance.

**OUR NEXT**

Issue brings to a close our four Special Offers, which most advertisers are acquainted with.

They have very nearly accomplished the purpose for which we intended them, that is, placing **THE HOME WORKER** in touch with some of the best Philatelic advertisers.

However some of the more skeptical have failed to take advantage of these offers, thinking perhaps they were "too good to be true."

Read the names of the dealers who have wisely taken them in good faith and thereby are now receiving good advertising virtually free of charge.

Those who have invested 25c, which under these Special Offers gives the advertiser two insertions of his one inch ad. and three insertions of his name and busi-

ness under the head of Dealers' Directory are:

1. Carl Herring.
2. W. A. Starnaman
3. W. O. Smith
4. Southern Cal. Stamp Co.
5. **B. J. Gondalez**
6. A. D. Shock
7. Wellington Stamp Co.
8. John F. Fortune
9. R. F. Maddigan
10. **H. B. Hunt**
11. E. K. Stone
12. Herbert F. Butler
13. Rudolph C. Bach
14. A. P. Wylie
15. **O. Curth**
16. Knox W. Henry.

Following are those who have invested 50c:

1. Van Stamp Company
2. A. C. Mendall
3. Georges Carion
4. **Mrs. V. M. Hawkins.**
5. International Stamp Co.
6. Frank P. Gibbs
7. William N. Beggs
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9. Queen City Stamp Co.

Those who invested \$1 each are:

1. F. W. Kaupp
2. George M. Frame.

The offers appeared in the April and May issues.

They will hold good until the appearance of the HOME WORKER for July, giving the advertiser an opportunity of being represented in the only first class Philatelic magazine published in the South.

Ripans Tabules cure headache.

Mary, E. C., Stockton, Cal.: The Philatelic Advertiser is a thing of the past.

This month we give space, with much pleasure, to a communication from "Briton" wherein he sets forth the best remedy we know of to re-instate the "fever" in the rising generation. Briton very rightfully says Philately's future success and advancement will very largely be controlled by the boys, which fact should not be ignored by our foremost collectors. This matter should be brought up before all good societies and acted upon in such a manner as to bring about the best results; that is, all members should use every effort possible to interest the boys—little boys. The HOME WORKER has turned over to the Secretary of the Knoxville Society a package of stamps for free distribution. How many others will do likewise?

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1st, '96.

MR. CHAS. P. GALYON,  
Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR SIR:—It will be probably of some interest to your readers to know that Franz Wooge who was indicted by the grand jury as having defrauded stamp dealers, has been sentenced to one year imprisonment.

Yours Truly,

GEORGES CARION,

Mem. American Phil. Press Asso.

THE HOME WORKER wouldn't be taken for a stamp paper from its name, but it is, nevertheless, and a very readable one also. Miss Amy L. Swift conducts a review department, Roy F. Greele is editor, and H. S. Swenson a contributor.—Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Why not invest 25c for THE HOME WORKER? You will be pleased.

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# The Knoxville Philatelic Society.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., U. S. A.

Organized December, 1895.

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*C. G. Schrader, Vice President, Knoxville, Tenn.*

*H. Fenton, Secretary and Treasurer, Knoxville, Tenn.*

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*Chas. Ducloux, Charles P. Galyon.*

*Chas. Waring, Exchange Superintendent.*

OFFICIAL ORGAN: **THE HOME WORKER.**

Applications for membership can be obtained from the Secretary. Initiation fee 25c. Annual dues 25c.

### The Knoxville Philatelic Society.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the office of the Sales Superintendent, Mr. Charles Waring on May 8th. Dr. S. B. Boyd the President, in the chair. Messrs. H. B. Hunt, of Madisonville, Tenn., and E. W. Doughty, of Augusta, Ga., were elected to membership. The Sales Superintendent made his report showing:

61 books received for circuit,	\$395.13
26 " retired	196.98
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35 books in circulation	198.15
Amount sold	78.23

There is a good demand for medium priced stamps and members are requested to send books in at once.

At each meeting of the Society the older collectors give the members the benefit of their experience and their remarks are listened to with pleasure as well as profit by the juniors; and the Secretary in connection with some of the other members with a view to encouraging the new disciples, will at the next meeting turn in a "Help Yourself" box so that they may have an opportunity of filling in a number of

blank spaces in their albums free of cost.

The following are some of the stamps that will not bear soaking in water and collectors should use care in preparing them for albums:

- Cape of Good Hope 1893-94, 1d. red
- Great Britain 1875 76, 2½d. claret
- 1884 issue all lose their color. Several of the 1887-92 Jubilee issue faded, especially the 4d. and 1s.
- Hong Kong 1890 10c violet or red.
- Natal 1888 1d. rose.
- Queenland, the 1d. scarlet or red issued 1879 to 1889 lose color.
- Tasmania, 1870 to '91, 1d. red or rose, and 2d. green.
- Tobago, 1884-'94, 1 shilling, ochre.
- Victoria, 1864 66, 10d brown or rose.
- 1886 ½d. rose and 6d. blue.

All stamps printed on glazed paper are susceptible of injury, the ink rubbing off very easily when the paper is wet. Aniline cancellation inks, red, blue and violet run to some extent.

BRITON.

Ripans Tabules cure dizziness.



In answer to your correspondent's inquiry regarding the Natal 6d. water-marked **C** The paper used for most of the British Colonies has, in addition to the watermark for each stamp, a watermarked border, single line, bearing the words, "Crown Colony, Crown Agents, the name of the country or maker of the paper, a number of parallel lines, etc., and it is likely that the stamp referred to is a specimen from the bottom or top line of the sheet and the error in watermark is due to the misplacing of the paper in the press.

C. B. TOMPKINS.

NEW YORK, May 22nd, 1896.

Editor HOME WORKER,

Knoxville, Tenn.

DEAR SIR:—In answer to a query asked by "Briton" in your last issue as to the watermark "C" on a Natal stamp would state that all the old British colonies stamps were surrounded at the edge of the sheet with the watermark C R O W N C O L O N I E S. Hence the watermark described.

Yours Faithfully,

EUSTACE B. POWER.

"I have seen a Natal six pence, lilac, like Scott's A6, perf. 12½, with watermark large open double lined C, instead of crown and CC. It is not catalogued by either Scott or Stanley Gibbons, but has all the appearance of being a genuine stamp. Can anyone give any information on the subject?"

The above question is asked by a writer in the current number of the HOME WORKER, a stamp paper published in Knoxville, Tenn. It seems this "marginal watermark" delusion will never disappear from among us. It may be relied to appear again and again, at more or less regular intervals, in one or more of our smaller papers. Sometimes it seems to be almost epidemic.

However, we will write one more ex-

planation of the matter, and hope it will be read with profit by some who think they have a wonderful discovery like the above. Each sheet of watermarked paper intended for British Colonial stamps has, in addition to the small watermarks which are to appear in the stamps, a watermarked border surrounding the whole. This consists of a single line or several parallel lines interrupted on each side for an inscription in double-lined block capitals. The words most used are: "Postage," "Crown Colony," "Crown Agents," etc. Sometimes the name of the country also appears.

When the sheet is properly adjusted for the impression this border will surround and frame the stamps, each stamp bearing the individual watermark intended for it. However, the sheets are not always so adjusted, as a matter of course, and hence one or two rows of stamps may, and frequently do, receive the marginal watermark. From this fact arise numerous "uncatalogued varieties," "errors of watermark, &c. The collector must be a most ardent specialist who includes such things in his collection.—Weekly Stamp News.

Bret Harte's new story and Jerome K. Jerome's latest piece of fiction have been secured by the Ladies' Home Journal for immediate publication. Jerome's story is called "Reginald Blake: Financier and Cad," and sketches an incident in fashionable London Society. Bret Harte calls his story "The Indiscretion of Elsbeth," and pictures the romance of a young American who falls in love with a German princess, masquerading as a dairy maid.

Does this paper suit your idea and taste? If so, we would be glad to have your name on our subscription books.

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# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

We would like to say to the makers of Philatelic papers that we wish two copies of your production each month in exchange for the same number of THE HOME WORKER. Send one copy to the Review Editor, Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., and one to the publication office, addressed simply THE HOME WORKER, Knoxville, Tenn. If you happen to be the publisher of a Philatelic paper, big or little, we would very much like you to take advantage of this opportunity and thorough convince yourself beyond a doubt whether or not our name is on your mailing list. In making the request it is done in the very best of humor for we really need your paper, while at the same time it is really advantageous to you that we receive it regularly. Be neighborly.

Received and acknowledged:

March: Columbian Philatelist, Windsor, Conn.

April: International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.

Evergreen State Philatelist, Hartland, Wash.

Philatelic Paragraph, New York City.

Philatelic Facts, Riverside, Cal.

May: Rocky Mountain Stamp, Denver, Col.

Texan Philatelist, Abilene, Texas.

Philatelic West, Superior, Wis.

Philatelist, Waterville, Wash.

International Stamp, St. Paul, Minn.

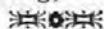


In the Evergreen State Philatelist for April may be seen the portraits and biographies of several western collectors, officers of the Interstate Philatelic Association, something that will prove

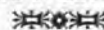
a welcome treat to those who enjoy knowing a little concerning the personal appearance and life of their favorite writers and officers. The E. S. P., was mailed flat this month after the manner of the Rocky Mountain Stamp. Would that all papers would travel that way! The folding process cracks and rumples the leaves so much as to make them a real eyesore to the true lover of law and order.



Philatelic Facts for April is a vast improvement over the number noticed last month, but the Acme of perfection is still quite a distance ahead; it can be reached by striving, though.



Mr. Zahn, editor of the Rocky Mountain Stamp, has bought and assumed control of this magazine, and Mr. J. L. Kilborn of the Boston Stamp Book has done the same. Evidently philatelic journalism pays—sometimes! Both papers will continue to follow the lines which have made them so popular, and should any change be made there is small fear but what it will be for the better; that is assured by the management at the head of each.



Mr. Hopkins in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News for May 21st, announces the proposed consolidation of the Michigan Philatelist with the International Philatelist, and of the Seneca Philatelist with the Philatelic Paragraph; he also mentions a rumor to the effect that the Era is to be reduced in size; this seems to be a step in the wrong direction and is much to be regretted; however the change, if made, may prove only a temporary matter, and cold weather may see the Era back in its ordinary form. So we hope.

Is there, or is there not, a secret mark on the U. S. 30c, black, 1872-'73 as there is on the lower values of that issue? This is a question the scientists are now puzzling over and until they get it satisfactorily settled the general collector will do well to hold tightly to his black beauties lest sorrow and dismay follow in the track of their going. The mark if mark there is, is said to be a small dot or projection on the left side "within the white frame separating the central medallion from the border frame," and just opposite the first shading line beneath the mouth. Some claim that this mark has been long known, and was merely placed there by an engraver as an aid for the correct arranging of the die upon the printing plate; at present the see-saw of public opinion seems to balance towards this last idea, but there is no knowing what new arguments the other side may be able to bring forth when wrath at contradiction starts the search for them, so, as advised before, just hold all your 30c black until the matter is settled. It's better to be on the safe side than on the wrong side.



Why will so many stamp journals put philatelia on the top, or rather on the back shelf in order that the space which should be hers may be devoted to minutes of their state society and wire pulling in behalf of its officials pre-ent or to come? I have in mind one paper where two and a half pages, five consecutive columns, are given over to matter of this sort while scattered around elsewhere is more than enough of the same tenor to fill that sixth column pressed down running over full. Now how many outside of the society members will care to plod through all that? Not one in ten; I couldn't and didn't, though usually all is "fish" that comes to my net if there is anything in its composition, but the

trouble here was that stamp lore had been made to give place to philatelic politics. And another thing. How many will keep back their subscriptions because so little space is given to the distributing of philatelic wisdom, and so much to a subject in which they have and can have, no interest save that of lookers on?

AMY L. SWIFT.

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its make-up changed and it is printed on finer paper than hitherto. Another innovation is the first half of a love story by Julia Magruder. In addition to a complete illustrated resume of the season's fashions, this number is one making special appeal to young mothers, Dr. A. B. Shroeder discussing the care of the Baby's Health in Summer, Eleanor Brown giving a delightful description of a baby's first Reception Party, and an illustrated article being devoted to Infantile Attire.

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## Thoughts and Observations.

BY HARRY S. SWENSEN.

In the Postmaster-General's report for the year 1893, he speaks as follows in regards to the Post Office Department stamps: "In the stamps for the Post Office Department, the medallion head gives place to a numeral representing the value with the words 'Post Office Department' above and denomination expressed in words below." From this explanation it is generally construed that the numeral was originally selected for the central device, but in fact the numerals were *substituted* for the bust design. The original engravings were similar to those representing the other departments i. e., having bust likenesses of different notable personages. The postmasters, it seems, were credited at that time as being exceedingly "green." So it was willed and ordered by the official plenipotent, that the central designs must be changed so as to overcome the near sightedness of the postmasters. As a consequence, the inanimate busts were removed and figure of value were substituted. This little bit of history is ignored by Tiffany and other authorities, but it is none the less interesting.

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Certain stamps of the 1863 issue of British Guiana are watermarked with what purports to be a letter or part of a letter. This letter is supposed to be a part of a word, probably the name of the manufacturer of the paper. The question arises, are these watermarked stamps to be considered as distinct from the unwatermarked labels of the same issue? A leading New York dealer says that the watermark is of no importance to philatelists. If these watermarked stamps are not recognized as varieties, why should the watermarked stamps of the 1868 issue, Canada, be singled out as distinct from those not bearing the watermark? The Canadian watermark is of no more consequence than that of British Guiana. It was purely accidental that the paper used in the manufacture of the stamps was watermarked with the name of the maker. The watermark was not used *officially*. Scott fails to catalogue the British Guiana's watermarked stamps of 1863, but recognizes, in good round American dollar signs, the watermarked stamps of the 1868 issue of Canada. We would like to know why such discrimination is made. Is it ignorance? Be as it is the cataloguers are

certainly open to censure and teaching.



Mr. C. H. Mekeel is registered at St. Louis Hotel, Lake Minnetonka. We called at Hotel Lafayette to see the noted philatelist but he had already left. We hope to catch him before he leaves for St. Louis.

## Notes.

*BY BRITON.*

### BRITISH GUIANA.

**S**ome cleverly executed forgeries of the 1860 issue are "going the rounds." They are on thick paper, perf. 12, and the 2c orange is especially dangerous.



### CONFEDERATES.

One way to detect the counterfeits of the 20c green (Washington) issued in June 1863 is to compare the colors, that of the genuine is of a richer shade.

The 10c "outer line" variety, 1863 is caused by the adding of "guide lines" on the plates both vertical and horizontal, on the cutting up of the sheets these lines were frequently not followed closely allowing them to show on the stamps.



### CYPRUS.

The stamps of this island have been largely counterfeited. The first issues are stamps of Great Britain surcharged **CYPRUS** in heavy faced gothic type with a soft oily ink giving a smooth, clear impression, on the counterfeits an inferior ink has been used with the result that the surcharge is not clear and has an unfinished appearance, frequently the wrong plate numbers were manipulated. The counterfeits of the later issues are poorly executed, lithographed and easy of detection.



### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The triangular "woodblocks" are counterfeited and the counterfeits present a better appearance than the genuine which were printed on thin white laid paper, the counterfeits are nearly always printed on wove paper.



### CANADA.

I noticed some time ago in a contemporary that Mr. John N. Luff had reconstructed a sheet of the 1868-69 issue and found the watermark to be the name of the makers of the paper, **E. & C. BOTHWELL, CLUTHA MILLS.**

It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the Canuck dealers that the unperforated 5c registration stamp is a "fake," the stamp never having been issued by the government in that condition. but how about the sheets having "skipped" the perforating machine? Errors will occur, officials are not infallible.



## GAMBIA.

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## NEW YORK NOTES.

BY LIONEL M. HOMBURGER.

Although all the dealers here complain of very poor business and very many of the collectors are out of town, still when at the last meeting of the Manhattan Philatelic society, (which by the way was very well attended) someone moved that the meetings be suspended during the months of July and August, the motion was not even seconded, which goes to show that there are still a class of collectors which do not lose their interest in stamp matters, even in summer, when the most of the philatellists seem to have all their interest "melted out" by the heat, as it were.

Of all the dealers on Nassau street, only one is going to Europe this year, and that is Mr. N. Dieschbourg who leaves on June 24th, for a 2 months stay. It appear, he will have all the field of buying bargains to himself; with the exception of Mr. H. L. Colman who has been there already 6 weeks.

I have come across quite a number of 3c P. O. Department of late; or ribbed paper.

The last meeting of the National Philatelic Society was very poorly attended on account of the New York Branch No. 2, A. P. A., holding its meeting the night previous. The object of the last named meeting was to nominate officers for the coming year in the A. P. A.

The Branch also elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. John N. Luft being elected President; and Messrs. Berlepsch and Gregory as heretofore, Exchange Superintendent and Secretary respectively.

## BOSTON NOTES.

BY E. B. HORN, JR.

Many Boston Philatelists, who once upon a time spurned Plate number collecting, are now ardent partisans of this branch of philately.

We Bostonians are all going to support Hon. F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I., for president of the American Philatelic Association. Watch him be elected!

The Boston Philatelic Society has in preparation a "Reference List of United States Revenues. A committee has been appointed to prepare this reference list, and it promises to be a valuable work, and thoroughly exhaustive of its subject.

A prominent dealer of this city holds the 3c playing card stamp at \$8.00. Just double its catalogue valuation.

The Boston Stamp Book under its new management is as good as ever. This magazine is one of Philatelia's best productions in the line of literature.

Salisbury Beach has been named by many Boston members of the N. E. P. A., as a good place for their convention. Surely no better beach could be found hereabouts.

The excessive hot weather seems to have thinned out the ranks of our philatelic publications. Very many papers have lately gone to join their departed friends, to make room for the new ones.

Plate number enthusiasts still continue to increase in numbers despite the numerous taunts received from the philatelic press.



The 1c State Department continues to hold its own. Considering that there were 1,000 less copies of the 1c than the 2c State, and the 2c is catalogued at five times as much one can readily see why the 1c denomination so quickly going up in value.

Dealers report that nearly half of their trade is in United States revenues. We think that revenues are being overdone in their "boom."

There is not much activity in philatelic circles here at present. Many of our dealers are on vacations.

The Boston Philatelic Society members have been very enthusiastic in doing all they were able to secure Boston as the seat of the next American Philatelic Association convention in 1897. May success crown their efforts!

There is a mistake in Scott's International Album. The illustration of the Japan Official Wrapper 1895 is printed upside down, as one acquainted with the language will readily distinguish.

Chicagans seem to favor the Boston candidates for Trustees in the A. P. A.'s next election. The candidates are Kilbon, Toppan and VanDerlip

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### NEBRASKA NOTES

BY WILLIAM B. HOPSON.

Mr. Clarence L. Thurston has announced the "Philatelic Nebraskan" to appear on July 1st. It will be a four page, monthly, three columns to the page and 1500 will be issued. Mr. Thurston is an enthusiastic stamp and literature collector and is a candidate for Exchange Superintendent for 1896-'97 of the P. S. of A.

T. S. Shallenberger, of Bradshaw, Neb., stopped in Omaha, June 19th on his way home from Denver where he says the stamp business is booming.

Fred N. Higginson, 1425 South 8th Street, Omaha, has succeeded to Crosby & Higginson, stamp dealers and will continue to win friends and customers by his fair dealings.

Rev. A. B. Whitner, of Osceola, is spending a pleasant vacation in Ohio. We hope will return with a few good things in the way of finds.

A certain Omaha collector has recently been changing the color of the 2 cent Columbian envelopes from violet to a greenish-blue and offering them to unsuspecting collectors as rare errors.

L. T. Brodstone, of Superior, Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of A., wants to hear from all Nebraska collectors who expect to attend the convention at Minneapolis next month.

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### CANADIAN NOTES.

BY M.

Canada has at last adopted some of the new cancelling machines in the principal cities of the Dominion, same as the United States have been using for some time past.

It is said that A. T. Wicks, the well known London dealer, is to be a candidate for vice president for the P. S. of A. of Canada.

The Stamp Lore, Canada's new magazine has appeared for June. In appearance it is very fine and as the reading is concerned it is A1. Notes are to be found from able writers and as the editors as practical printers a very fine magazine may be expected.

It is rumored that the 2c envelope of Canada will shortly be withdrawn owing to the same number being sold.

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We have been favored with Mr. N. E. Carter's retail Price-List No. 7, in which he offers some desirable U. S. His prices are high, but stamps good. Mr. Carter is a well known stamp dealer one who is honest and fair in his dealings. His address is Delavan, Wis.

Stamp Collector's Hand Book and Directory of Michigan, is the title of a handsome little pamphlet compiled by William H. Kesler, Jr., in the interest of the Michigan Philatelic Society. It consists of about 30 pages and cover well filled with the names and addresses of all Michigan collectors, selected advertisements and half-tone cuts of some of the prominent Michigan collectors, namely: W. C. Bailey, S. L. Wing, J. T. Percival, F. L. VanDermark, Irving E. Patterson (now of Canada) and John C. Brassington.

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Our President and Secretary having purchased our official organ, the members can rest assured that no efforts will be spared to make the paper an interesting one.

Our Sales Superintendent is taking a lay off during the heated spell, he will not start out any circuits for a few weeks, in the meantime it would be a good idea to get some Books of Duplicates ready for him.

Our Society should be in close touch with the Southern Philatelic Associa-

tion our Secretary, President and Sales Superintendent now constituting the Board of Trustees of the S. P. A., having been recently appointed in consequence of the dissolution of the old Board. In this connection it is also noted that there has been a change in the Exchange Department, A. M. Rareshide having sent in his resignation.

The S. P. A., is the representative stamp society of the South, and should have the support of every philatelist south of the Mason and Dixon line, in the past there has been some dissatisfaction expressed especially as to the management of the Exchange Department, but with the infusion of new blood they will be ended and good work done all along the line.

Our Secretary, a few days ago, was the fortunate winner of a premium offered by Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York. Last season this firm advertised in the Philatelic press that they would give three premiums to the three collectors buying the largest amounts from their approval sheets. Our Secretary, who has been

dealing with the firm for some time, received a letter enclosing unused specimens of the \$2 and \$5 unwatermarked 1894 issue. The letter was a considerable surprise as the ad had passed from his memory, but you see it pays to have transactions with a reliable firm.

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# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

The following papers have been received:

**May:** Columbian Philatelist, Windsor, Conn.

Niagara Philatelist, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Philatelic Californian, San Francisco, Cal.

International Philatelist, St. Joseph, Mo.

Evergreen State Philatelist, Hartland, Wash.

**June:** Philatelic Free Lance, Bellaire, Ohio.

Rocky Mountain Stamp, Denver Col.

Texan Philatelist, Abilene, Tex.  
Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, San Francisco, Cal.

International Philatelist.

Evergreen State Philatelist

**July:** Philatelic West, Superior, Wisc.

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Under the title of "Three Interesting Types and Their Varieties" the Philatelic Californian describes and illustrates the difference in the U. S. one cent 1851 ten cent 1861, and five cent 1894. Believing that the two types of the latter are not very well known as yet, we take the liberty of quoting the descriptions for the benefit of our readers:

"Type 1—The horizontal shading lines forming the background of the right-hand triangle are open at the curved white lines surrounding the label "United States Postage" to a certain extent. This may be said of the horizontal shading lines of the left-hand triangle though not as pronounced as those on the right-hand side of the stamp.

"Type 11—The ends of the horizontal shading lines in this type are connected with a very fine colored line."

Other good articles are "Lithographic Issues Among British Colonials," "Engravers Guide Lines and Guide Dots," and a short paper on forgeries.

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Owing to the frantic desire of the editor to catch up with the steady foot-steps of Father Time the International Philatelist for June follows very closely upon the heels of the May number, but pays the usual penalty of haste by a shrinkage in size. It has come down to using poorer paper too. Editor Beardsley must have a "spite" against C. W. Kissinger judging from the way the latter gentleman is held up to ridicule (not always good natured ridicule either!) in the May I. P. By the way wouldn't it be more appropriate to rename that paper by leaving off the "The" and adding an s to the last word? It seems to be all about philatelists and little about philately; the only article really touching upon the subject is Gordon F. Corbaley's serio-comic picture of what we may come to in 1915 if the present rush of speculative issues is not checked, though there is the usual list of new issues, etc.

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In his capacity of Critic for the Evergreen State Philatelist, Veritas is doing some very good work, supplying a synopsis of current articles in a manner that is instructive without being dull. Miss E. I. Locke discusses the "General or Special mode of collecting, evidently leaning toward the latter in her sympathies, and good editorials, trade notices and ads, make up a very pleasing magazine.

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Born, June 1896, The Philatelic Free

Lance, Ben. L. Morris, editor; Henry S. Adair and I. E. Patterson, Associate editors; H. B. Taylor, Business Mgr. This is the sturdiest infant we have seen for a long time, for it is large, is printed on good paper, and even rejoices in covers. The leading article, "A New Proposition in Stamp Collecting," contradicts Solomon and the Bible by asserting that there is something "new under the sun" citing in proof thereof the discovery and use of electricity, and the collecting of stamps kept on enough of the original cover to show the postmark. Now, quite recently a learned professor read before an equally learned society, a lengthy paper demonstrating to his own satisfaction and theirs that Niagara Falls must have been in existence fully 35000 years if not longer, and some time before another disciple of Minerva advanced the theory that electricity in some form may have been used by the ancient Egyptians as an aid in lifting and placing the enormous blocks of stone composing the great pyramids. Even now, there is plain proof that the stones were fitted with a precision unknown to the masons of today in doing such heavy work, for despite the entering wedge of 5000 centuries of exposure there are many places where it is impossible to introduce even a sheet of paper into the cracks between the stones. If the world has existed 35000 years, who will venture to say how many times electricity (and philately too, for that matter) may have been discovered, used, abused perhaps, and forgotten before being brought up in this century as something "new." If the user of that quotation will look it up and read what comes just after, she will see that just such discoveries and forgettings were taken into account by Solomon, and surely there is no one who will venture to put his (or her) wisdom above Solomon's! As for the stamp collected with postmark idea, that was mooted at least ten years ago and tried

by some, myself included, but it was speedily abandoned because of the decision that no future convenience arising from the practice would compensate for the awkward bulkiness and general discomfort of such a collection. There are also other articles, treating of "Philatelic Journalism In Indiana," the collecting of philatelic literature, etc, and the beginning of what promises to be a very convenient reference list of Philatelic publications.

The Philatelic West comes out in July with smaller pages, more of them, and a cover, thus greatly improving its appearance, but the printing within was—in our copy—so poor and blurred that, lacking the personal possession of specs, we considered it necessary to borrow those of our respected pater and kindly great-aunt, (but alas! couldn't get them.)

The Rocky Mountain Stamp has moved with its editor and owner to 829 Seventeenth St., Denver; evidently a step upward. The R. M. S. is going to be patriotic by being printed in July in red and blue on white. Good idea.

AMY L. SWIFT.

### Dickens' Personal Side.

Stephen Fisk, who probably knew Dickens as intimately as did any American, has been induced to write of "The Personal Side of Dickens" for the September LADIES' HOME JOURNAL. Mr. Fiske often spent seasons with the famous novelist at Gad's Hill, and his article will describe the incidents of these visits, Dickens' home life, his methods of working, and his pastimes. It will possibly surprise Dickens' friends to learn, through Mr. Fiske, that a considerable portion of his library was made up of dummy books, which, however, offered the author a target for some of his delightful satire in giving them titles, and afforded his guests great amusement

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1888, 4c red	25	
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5c		30
6c	35	
8c	35	
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## NOTES BY BRITON.

Can any of our readers inform us what is the market value of the 1853-61 U. S., envelopes surcharged and used by the Departments of the Confederate States? The variety before us now is the 1861 3c red on buff with the surcharge "Confederate States of America.

Post Office Department,  
Official Business,

(Signed) B. N. CLEMENTS,

Chief of Appointment Bureau,

and is addressed to the postmaster Palo, Marion county, Alabama. Some mention of these envelopes have been made in the earlier catalogues, but we have not seen any late notice.



The Alleghany Star, of August 20th, 1896, a county weekly, published at Sparta, N. C., contains a three-quarter column article on the 10c Baltimore provisional under the caption "The Rarest Stamp." If many of the country papers follow this line it will greatly lessen the chances of collectors for picking up "snaps," and as a sequence, increased values.



Another candidate for the approval of Philatelists! Vol. 1, No. 1 of The North State Philatelist, edited by Knox W. Henry, McAdenville, N. C., has made its appearance. It comes in the shape of a four page pamphlet but every column of it contains something worth reading and as it is a fair presumption that it will, like wine or a rare stamp, improve with age, it should receive the support of the solid South as there are but few good stamp papers in that section.



### JAMAICA.

West Indies have been "fashionable" for some time and as a result there has been a general advance in prices yet there is one of the Islands of which the stamps are within the reach of philatelists with moderate means.

Jamaica has issued but 27 stamps of the regular issues and used specimens can be acquired at a small cost, the 2 and 5 shillings being the only ones catalogued at a dollar or over in Scott's 56th.

The stamps are with the exception of the 1889-'91 issue, similar to the first issue, the great distinction being in the watermarks, first we have the "Pineapple," followed by the Crown and CC and in 1883 by the Crown and C. A. But little can be said either in favor

of the designs or colors but there is every probability of the general colonial design in use in a number of the British Colonies being soon adopted as the stock of some of the values, especially the higher ones, is running low and it is needless to say the change would be appreciated by collectors generally.

Postally used Revenues and Telegraphs are not easily picked up, very few comparatively having been used. Some of these stamps, being printed on glazed paper, should be carefully handled, if baptised too freely the color will wash off.

The official stamps are common, the half penny is surcharged in heavy and light type, the 1d. and 2d. in the latter only.

Collectors should not omit the opportunity to fill the blanks in their albums as this is one of the few British Colonies that can be completed without a visible shrinkage of the pocket book.

#### A. P. A., Convention.

A. P. A., Convention called to order by W. A. Chandler, who was made permanent chairman, on motion of C. H. Mekeel.

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Mr. McDermott on behalf of Mr. Kissinger withdrew Mr. Kissinger's name as a candidate for any office at this election of American Philatelic Ass'n whatever the result may be.

H. S. SWENSON.

#### THE DELINEATOR

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change of articles of correspondence between their post-offices. A uniform rate of postage which can be prepaid to destination is fixed, and every faculty of their mail systems is extended by each country to the mails of all others. An accounting takes place at stated intervals to adjust the balances. The Universal Postal Union is not only a great agency for the promotion of commerce, but by facilitating the exchanges of thought is a potent agency in the promotion of peace and good will.—Ex-President Harrison in September Ladies' Home Journal.

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# ✦ With Our Correspondents. ✦

## NEW YORK NOTES.

BY LIONEL M. HOMBURGER.

Messrs. Calman, Albrecht and Kundman have just returned from Europe; they all report the scarcity of unused U. S. stamps across the pond.

The Philatelic Club has already received over 50 subscribers but they are all New York people and unless the outsiders co-operate the scheme will not materialize as the promoters will not organize unless they do respond. It will be of infinite value to out of town dealers and collectors as it will enlarge their circle of acquaintance and thereby afford them a market for their stock and duplicates. All the auction sales will be held at the Club and rooms will be rented to the various philatelic societies of the city. Besides this the members will have all the advantages of clubs in general such as cafe, reading and writing rooms, etc. It will always be open so as to form a rendezvous for Philatelists.

The last meeting of the National Society was quite poorly attended there being only 6 members present.

The Manhattan Society had an attendance of 9 members. The meetings were informal.

There is little or no business at the present time and in order to get new recruits to philately, The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., of New York and the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, have just made a contract, by means of which they will jointly issue a new album, on the old plan, that is by leaving out all minor varieties, such as watermarks, perforations and paper varieties. They reduce the price

from \$1.50 to \$1.00. A catalogue will also be published to correspond with the album and which will be sold for the nominal price of 10c. By the above means they expect to stimulate the boy trade.

Senf has just issued their new catalogue, its lithographic appearance is better than last year's. There has been an advance in some of the European stamps but the price for U. S. are entirely unreliable as with very few exceptions the prices are less instead of more than Scott's 56th Ed.

Just as I am about to seal this letter I have received a copy of a new catalogue of the stamps of the German States. It is published by International Philatelic Society of Dresden, and is typographically perfect. Its features are that it gives the number issued of each stamp when possible, the number postally sold, the amount of remainders sold to dealers, and if they exist any reprints. It also gives the prices of each stamp in 8 different standard catalogues published in 1895-'96. (Such as Scott, Stanley Gibbons, Albrecht, Senf, Bright etc.) Taken all in all it is quite a valuable book for collectors of Germany stamps.

## NEW ENGLAND NOTES.

BY "WHOM."

The present hot weather is driving the philatelists to cooler resorts and so this month's notes will not be so very interesting. But by another issue they will have all returned and news will be more plentiful.

The N. E. Philatelic Association held its first annual convention at Salisbury Beach June 27th. Not so very large an



attendance, but the "crowd" that was there, had a very enjoyable time.

A philatelic directory of Massachusetts is promised for Feb. '97 and if the "boss" lives up to his expectations it will be the finest state directory published. It will hail from Westboro.

The bicycle track record was broken at Westboro, Mass., on August 8th, last the time being reduced to 1:57 3-5. Well—Westboro has several fine collections also.

Boston stamp publications are getting numerous. Two more are promised for November next.

The stamp trade is a little dull now at the "Hub" but by the present indications will soon pick up its regular duties.

Where is that philatelic directory "promised" long ago from St. Joseph, Mo.? Many prominent collectors are anxious. But we hope Bro. Beardsley will keep up his courage and keep "pushing."

Mr. Charles E. Shaw, Clinton, Mass., is again Supt. of Sales, S. of P. He is the right man in the right place. We wish him success in the future as in the past.

The present demand for revenues shows that an increase in value will be noticed in the next catalogue.

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### EXPIRES

Your subscription expires with this number if this notice or the wrapper is marked with a blue cross. If not promptly renewed your name will be marked off our subscription books. If THE HOME WORKER suits you we sincerely hope to receive an early remittance from you which will keep your name on our mailing list for another twelve months.

If the paper does not suit nor interest you, keep your remittance.

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partment was organized under the Constitution were high: for thirty miles, six cents for one letter sheet; for 60 miles, 8 cents; for one hundred miles, 10 cents, and so increasing with the increased distance to the maximum, 25 cents for distances over 450 miles. Stamps were not in use in those days, nor was the sender of a letter required to pay the postage in advance. The postage 6 cents or 25 cents, as the case might be, was written by the postmaster on the letter, and if the sender paid the postage the word 'paid' was added; if he did not the postage was collected of the person to whom the letter was addressed. These rates soon yielded a surplus over the cost of the franking privilege which the law gave to Congressmen and the heads of heads of departments.

\* \* The demand of the newspapers and periodicals of every class for cheap postage, seconded by their subscribers, has led to a reduction of rates greatly below the actual cost to the Government. In his report for 1892 the Postmaster-General, after stating that the present letter rate pays twice the cost of the letter mail, says that the book and newspaper mail is carried at a loss of 6 cents a pound. In recent years the Post-Office Department has

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Donations to the library of the Knoxville Philatelic Society will also be received with thanks.

We have received the official Souvenier and Year Book of the Philatelic Sons of America, published by Lewis Myers Lang, Baltimore. The book is very neatly gotten up, the press work beyond reproach, and a copy should be in the hands of each one of the "Sons," at least.

We would advise all collectors to keep their eyes open for any of the revenues on very thick paper, the price for them are higher than on thin paper. The 50c conveyance, ultramarine on thick paper is quoted at \$1.25; \$1.90 is listed in slate \$1.25, mauve \$1.25, violet \$2.00, \$15.00 mortgage blue \$4.50, milky blue \$7.00, and ultramarine at \$8.00. The prices of most of the revenues are going up.

We have received the price list of U. S. revenues, for sale by J. C. Miller, is very neatly arranged and the prices are very moderate for this class of rapidly advancing stamps.

## NEW OWNERS.

Messrs. Fenton and Boyd, two enthusiastic stamp collectors, have purchased the HOME WORKER from Charles Galyon. It is a monthly publication, issued in the interest of collectors, and has a large circulation.—Knoxville Daily Sentinel, Aug. 8, '96.

We are informed that the HOME WORKER, official organ of the Knoxville Philatelic Society, has changed hands, having been purchased outright by Messrs. Fenton and Boyd, president and secretary of the above mentioned organization. These gentlemen write us that they will guarantee at least twelve numbers of a first-class philatelic journal. They also announce that the July number, which will be the first under their management, will be mailed this week, and all further numbers on time. The paper has already been referred to several times in our review department.—Item.

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*C. G. Schrader, Vice President, Knoxville, Tenn.*

*H. Fenton, Secretary and Treasurer, Knoxville, Tenn.*

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## The Knoxville Philatelic Society.

There is no decrease in the interest of our members notwithstanding the hot weather. We had a full meeting on Friday evening at the office of the Secretary all the local members being present, and several matters of interest came up for discussion. One of our members exhibited a 1 cent 1890 issue, brown color similar to that of the 4 cent and the question as whether or not it is a changling was freely discussed, however as we had no chemical experts present to decide whether a blue could be changed into a brown it was decided to pursue the investigation in another direction.

Mr. C. P. Galyon donated quite a number of Philatelic publications. The President suggested that the members go over their

files and make any additions they could and so form a library but as Mr. Galyon's donation formed a good nucleus, Mr. O. B. Tompkins was appointed Librarian.

As an amendment to the by-laws a motion was carried "That members shall be elected by a vote of two-thirds of the members present."

## S. of P. Convention.

The following officers were elected at Gettysburg for the ensuing year in the Sons of Philatelia:

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I want your duplicates, will give a blank approval book for every 4c cat value No common wanted 30 books for stamps cat. at one dollar. Ed S. Smith, 651 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Stamps wanted for cash or exchange, especially U. S. postage and Revenue stamps. I have many things besides stamps to exchange, such as magic lanterns, etc. 50 to 100 well mixed U S for every good stamp paper sent me. J W Scott's best album, cloth and gilt, new last edition, for a new cloth International album, 1896 edition. Correspondence solicited. Edward Palmer, New Boston Mich.

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Wylie, A. P. Prairie Center, Ill., U. S. fractional and colonial currency, cents and 1-2c. 3t

Harry L. Coombs, 99 St. James St., St. John N. B., buy, sell or exchange. Approval sheets and books to responsible parties only. Send me 50c and receive a Canadian stamp, catalogued at \$1.50. 12t

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The following papers have been received since the last publication of the HOME WORKER:

The Metropolitan Philatelist, of New York City.

The International Philatelist, St. Joe, Mo., Vol. 3, No. 3.

The Postage Stamp, of Boston.

The Boston Stamp Book No. 2.

The Philatelic West, of Superior, Neb. Vol. 2, No. 3.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp of Denver, Col., Vol. 2, No. 8.

The Badger Philatelist, of Viroqua, Wis., Vol. 1, No. 8.

The Michigan Philatelist, of Hart, Mich.

The Texan Philatelist, of Abilene, Texas, Vol. 8, No. 6.

The Weekly Philatelic Era, of Portland, Maine, Vol. 10, No. 39-45.

The Boston Stamp Book is one of the neatest and best magazines published on the subject of stamps, it is full of good things. The market price of U. S. revenues and other U. S. stamps is very well written up showing what stamps are increasing in value, and calling attention to the shades of some of the revenue stamps.

We are glad to know that W. W. Jewett, editor of The Weekly Philatelic Era is able to be up and at work again after two weeks sickness, during which time his paper was locked up in the form.

Philatelic Facts now rejoices in a cover of light pink paper and also in its position of official organ of the newly

formed International Philatelic Society.

It has been said that half the societies formed owe their existence merely to the ambition of some paper to be an official organ, and truly it does seem as if the remark was not without some foundation. The May number was remarkable for typographical errors in the way of misplaced letters and uneven columns, but that of June is an improvement in that respect.

In the Philatelic Californian there are fine articles upon the recent surcharges of Guatamala stamps, the Seebeck compromise, remarks upon Swedish varieties and the provisional issue of Madagascar, and a clear description of several forgeries. The P. C. is one of the most welcome and most appreciated exchanges that come this way.

Veritas' description of the varieties in the Columbian envelopes and his synopsis of current philatelic literature comprise the most valuable of the contents of the Evergreen State Philatelist but the columns of short notes are interesting and well worth reading. There are also short biographical sketches of several candidates for office in the different societies, and a photographic cut of Mr. Ralph W. Ashcroft, candidate for President of the P. S. of A. As usual there is a fine showing of trade and exchange notices.

If the International Philatelist would only refrain from so much in the way of official reports, which are of no interest to outsiders, and from so many abusive personals—especially this last—it would be a much more readable publi-



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## Thoughts and Observations.

BY HARRY S. SWENSEN.

Not long since, some one announced that but 825 copies of the 12c. black, Canada, were printed. Like fire takes up a train of powder, the philatelic press took up this announcement. If we go into the facts of the matter we shall find that 820 was the number of the stamps issued to postmasters and that 51,000 stamps were, indeed, printed by the New York firm, Rairden, Wright, Hatch and Edson. What became of the remaining 50,180 is not known, but it is presumed that they were destroyed by the Governmental officials. A peculiar fact about this Canadian variety is that the value "12 pence" was used instead of "one shilling." The stamp was withdrawn from use, because the rate of postage to England was changed from 12 to 10 cents.



There is a certain gentleman, hailing from New Orleans, who has cleared enough money on United States Revenue stamps, to keep him very comfortably for the rest of his days. For years, he sought the right to purchase the debris of old documents and papers stored in the New Orleans Custom House. At the expense of much time and considerable money, he secured the removal of official barriers, and for a final outlay of five hundred dollars, he bought the much sought after papers upon which were the more valuable Revenue stamps. He found among the stamps one specimen of the rare \$5,000. The stamp is valued at \$10,000 and is probably the only existing specimen. But 3 (so it has been asserted) stamps of this kind were printed. From this information a fair estimate of the stamp's value can be made. With \$40,000 cleared in 5 months time the lucky gentleman has bright prospects for clearing an equal amount before the winds of December blow, for the demand for good Revenues is steadily increasing.



Every stamp man should attend a philatelic convention, if it is not a very great pecuniary inconvenience. If your philatelic enthusiasm is on the wane the influence of a stamp collectors convention will restore you and keep you in stampic trim. Philately in this section of the country has received a most surprising boom and not one of the three days sort.

The Minneapolis Philatelic Society has been stimulated to beat their action, and more strange faces are to be seen at their meetings than ever before. Everything is truly aflame with a sensible fire of excitement, and we attribute this condition to the philatelic convention, recently held in this vicinity.

### Philatelic Press Paragraphs.

**T**he Descriptive Catalogue of U. S. Postage now running in the Post Office with illustrations, fills a long felt want and should be in the hands of all collectors.



The Philatelist says that the entire set of dues on watermarked paper is now out and the use of unwatermarked paper will soon be abandoned by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.



The American Collector has a good article on "The Purcell Envelopes" by J. F. Dodge and collectors of "entires" can gain some useful information by its careful perusal.



The Boston Stamp Book gives some "Notes on West Indian Surcharges," by Rev. Alan S. Hawkesworth, who goes into the subject very deeply. He attributes the numerous varieties, more especially in the smaller Islands, to the limited type stock of the printers and "it therefore follows that when a sheet of say 60 stamps are sent to be surcharged, say 2½d, a complete set of 60 in one style of each of each of the five figures required, namely: a large 2, a 1, a 'raphe,' a small 2 and D, are unobtainable; and thus different 'fonts' will be used to make up the required number."



The Metropolitan Philatelist has an excellent article on "Bureau of Engraving and Printing Series U. S. Stamps," which gives a complete list to date of the varieties in gum, color, transferring, watermark and perforation. It is practically a "check list" for those who specialize in the current issue.



The Plate Number Catalogue and Price List, published by J. M. Bartels & Co., is receiving very favorable notice and will be a valuable aid to plate numbers specialists. Being the first catalogue issued with any pretensions to completeness it is naturally susceptible of improvement in many respects but the 50 pages it contains are the result of much time and labor.



The Canadian Philatelic Magazine for July, gives an installment of "A History and Catalogue of Canadian Postage and Revenues." We would suggest an amendment in the title of the article by the insertion of the word "stamps." The first part of the ar-

ticle is devoted entirely to Revenues and will be interesting to collectors of such, but the general collector will await with interest the portion devoted to Postage Stamps with the hope of finding information not afforded by the ordinary catalogue.



The Philatelic Monthly suggests the following as likely to turn out a good investment.

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France, 1869, 5 fr.	Grenada, 1883, 4d, 6d, 8c, $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1887, 1d.
St. Vincent, 1872, 5.	Turks Island, 1887, 1d. perf. 12.



The Michigan Philatelist says the philatelists of Ottawa predict a new issue of stamps when Laurier's government has organized. This is a consummation most devotedly to be wished for. In 45 years Canada has only issued 75 regular adhesives and a set of new designs would vary the monotony in the Dominion pages of our albums.



The Postage Stamp tells us that Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay will be the "fashion" next season and that speculators are now buying up nice copies of the old issues.



The Philatelic Californian contains an article on "United States Issues from 1872 to 1885," and its careful perusal will greatly assist in the correct arrangement of these issues. The novice and indeed some of the more advanced collectors, often find themselves at a loss to distinguish the National and Continental series with their shades and secret marks.



A Chicago dealer exhibits a \$3.50 Inland Exchange, dark blue color.



Has anyone found plate No. 89 of the current 2c? Look out for it. the catalogue price is \$50, but that figure cannot buy it. Plate No. 116 is also worth watching for.



What a drop in \$2 Columbians! We have seen them advertised at \$1.95 unused.



Within the last week or two we have noticed that on some of the sheets of 2c stamps the watermark U. S. P. S. is plainly marked and can be seen without the aid of benzine. Can it be that the Bureau has used up the old stock of paper? We will say however that the watermark is as much a misfit as heretofore, the perfect letter of the watermark appears on a very small proportion of the stamps on each sheet.

BRITON.

# → With Our Correspondents. ←

## GRENADA.

This island, which is of volcanic origin, is one of the most beautiful of the Caribbees. It was discovered by Columbus in 1498, afterwards taken possession of by the French, who exterminated the original inhabitants and in 1783 it was captured by the British who have since held it. The island has a population of over 40,000 of whom only 500 are white, the rest being people of color. It contains an area of 133 square miles and lies in lat. 12 N. long. 61.60 W.

The first postage stamps were issued in 1860 and from that time up to 1881 the limited number of nine only appeared in two types. The 1860 issue of 1d. and 6d. was unwatermarked, the 1860-'66 and 1875-81 issues were watermarked with a star. The Standard Catalogue makes no mention of the fact but it has been discovered that there are three varieties of the star watermark in the 1860-'66 issue. The postal needs of the island were evidently very limited but the supply of stamps was even more so for in 1882 revenues were used with printed and written surcharges. In 1883 another regular issue appeared, watermarked Crown CA  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. to 1 sh. but this was soon exhausted and from that time to 1895 we had more surcharged revenues. In 1895 the regular colonial type appeared and is still in use being receivable both for postage and revenue.

Unpaid letter stamps of the values of 1 d. 2 d. and 3 d. were issued in 1892.

The "fine Italian hand" of the speculator is no doubt responsible for the number of surcharges issued, for the 38 varieties catalogued by Scott for postage no less than 17 are surcharged and of 7 unpaid letter stamps 4 are in the same category.

There are many minor varieties of type, the omission of the P in postage on the one shilling being the most prominent and a pair of the 4 d. 1888 showing the straight and slanting *d* is in the hands of a collector.

The 8 d. and 1 sh. 1883 appear to have been "cornered" the prices asked being far higher than they should be for stamps in use twelve years and the supply of the 8 d. stamps especially seems to have been large for in 1881 they were surcharged with the 1 d. and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  d. values.

Two registration envelopes and four wrappers complete the list.

With the exception of the manuscript surcharges, 1882, which by the way should not be accepted unless on the original cover and the 1888-'89, 4 d., straight D the prices are not unreasonably high and the average collector has an opportunity of making a complete collection of the catalogued varieties at least.

Until last year "Grenadians" were not in demand, however the withdrawals of the 8 d. and 1 sh. values brought them under the no-



tice of collectors with the other West Indies and became "fashionable" in this country. It is not likely that the new catalogues will show any decided advance in prices but it would be safer to secure specimens at the current figures.

BRITON.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

BY WILLIAM B. HOPSON.

## FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, Held at Omaha, Sept. 1st, 1896.

The convention was called to order by the President, Ed H. Wilkinson, of Lincoln, at 9:30. After the reports of the various departments the following officers were elected:

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Attorney, H. A. Cheney, Creighton,

Trustees, Wm. B. Hopson, C. R. Py-

burn, C. L. Thurston, Omaha.

W. D. Garlock, of University Place, was expelled from the Society because he failed to clear himself of charges of fraud which had been preferred against him.

The Convention adjourned at 11:30 p. m. after the most successful convention in the history of the Society. The next meet will be held during the State Fair at Omaha in the fall of '97.

The president will appoint a committee of five to secure the conventions of the A. P. A., P. S. of A., S. of P., and other societies, for Omaha in '98.

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It will be a good opportunity for Dealers to advertise packets and cheap stamps, to secure a good position, copy should reach us not later than the 15th. Don't lose the chance.

Mr. Eben S. Martin is now running The International Stamp and the publication office has been changed from St. Paul to Minneapolis, Minn.

C. G. Severn in the Weekly writes that collectors cannot be too cautious in buying rouletted proprietary stamps of the 1878 issue. The cheaper perforated specimens have in some instances been rouletted—and the job on some stamps can be done most neatly—and offered as the legitimate roulettes.

The Directory of Kentucky Philatelists is out. The craft is but poorly represented in the Blue Grass State, there appearing but 65 names in the list. The Louisville Philatelic Society is enterprising and progressive and will soon change the present condition.

The Kentucky Philatelist, a monthly publication, is promised for the middle of October and as it is the only stamp paper in the state it should be supported. The paper will be edited by Howard Burba, Hodgenville, Ky.

After reading the elaborate article on "Duplicate Stamp Albums" in The American Collector one of our friends asks us, "Can the author of the article inform me where to obtain 'bristle board'?" He supposes it is made in Chicago whence all things porcine do come. On you brother Collector this time, "bristol board" is the correct reading.

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Donations to the library of the Knoxville Philatelic Society will also be received with thanks.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The new issue of Trinidad has arrived. The central figure is the old Britannia type with borders like the prevailing De la Rue. Up to 6d. the colors are all mauve, from 1st up, green. The values are in colors as follows: ½d. green, 1d. dark red, 2½d. blue, 4d. orange. 5d. deep mauve, 6d. black, 1 sh. red, 5 sh. vermillion, 10 sh. blue, £1, red. The last three stamps are large, measuring about 23x35 mm.—Item.

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Apropos of Mr Cornelius Vanderbilt's disagreement with his son, and the latter's marriage to a woman very much older than himself, the editor of *The Cosmopolitan*, in the September issue, seriously discusses the education most useful to modern life, and substantially, if not in words, asks: "Does modern college education educate?" The September *Cosmopolitan*, as if to show what a magazine can do, gives four complete stories in this single number, by such noted authors as Frances Courtenay Baylor, Maurice Thompson, Gertrude Hall, and John J. a'Becket, Louise Chandler Moulton, Mrs. Lew Wallace, Francisque Sarcey, I. Zangwill, Agnes Repplier, Norman Kerr, M. D., H. C. Chatfield-Taylor, Wm. Eleroy Curtis, Robert E. Strahorn, Colonel Tillman, and Ruth McEnery Stuart are also among the contributors to this one issue of a magazine that is sold for ten cents. Nor is this all. Among other writers not already mentioned is Camille Flammarion, who has an article on "The Wonderful New Eye of Science," which alone is worth the entire price of the magazine. The *Cosmopolitan* has been gradually perfecting its engraving and mechanical departments, until the publishers believe that, in the September issue, they present a number unrivalled in artistic and mechanical excellence.

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The following clipping is taken from *The Call*, San Francisco, of August 20th:

### CHARGES WITHOUT PROOF

**They Caused a Great Sensation  
Among Local Stamp Collectors.  
Georges Carion Has Received a  
Letter of Exoneration From  
New York.**

About two weeks ago one of the greatest sensations in the history of the local philatelic, or stamp collecting, fraternity was produced by the publication of certain charges made against Georges Carion by his ex-clerk, George M. Schiller.

The latter claimed that he had intrusted to his former employer a consignment of French colonial stamps valued at \$400, and that Carion had taken certain valuable stamps from the books in which they were fastened and had substituted counterfeits and inferior specimens.

Schiller followed up this remarkable accusation by securing a search warrant for Carion's presence with the object of recovering the alleged missing stamps, but the search was without result.

Meanwhile Carion, in the presence of reliable witnesses, sealed the stamps, among which were alleged to be the counterfeits, in an envelope and forwarded them by registered mail to the consignors, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company (limited) of New York City, with the following letter:

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5th, 1896.

"DEAR SIR: I have sent by registered mail the four books of French colonies, which you had sent on approval to George M. Schiller, and from which I have retained stamps to the amount of \$14.91, which amount I will remit by next mail.

Please examine the stamps very carefully, as Mr. Schiller has insinuated that some of them have been substituted or replaced by poor and less valuable specimens. Please acknowledge receipt of stamps to Mr. Schiller and let me know at once about the matter."

This brought forth a prompt reply from the New York firm, and one which Mr. Carion and his friends consider a complete refutation of the charges made by Mr. Schiller. The communication follows:

NEW YORK, August 11th, 1896.

Georges Carion, San Francisco, Cal.

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In view of this exoneration of Mr. Carion mystery shrouds the motive which prompted the charges made by

Schiller and leaves the latter in a rather peculiar position. Mr. Carion is inclined to look upon his ex-employe's action in a charitable manner and attributes it to a hallucination.

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at. The many reminiscences of Mr. Burger, in which he told us some very interesting experiences in New Foundland and New Brunswick as well as in Canada were enjoyed. The Society were then shown the envelope collection of the President, amounting to over 700 entire envelopes. Among the good ones noticed were 18, 24, 30 and 48 cents of the 1861 issue.

The meeting adjourned after 10 o'clock, the members present all enjoyed themselves seemingly more than usual. The next place of holding the meeting will be at the office of our Supt. of Sales, Mr. Waring, on October 2nd., 1896, and it is hoped that all the city members will be present.

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The total face value of the recent find of Nova Scotia stamps is a trifle over \$10,000. If the quantity of each value were equal there would be about 30,000 sets, but there are in fact about 12,000 of one of the values.—Item.

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American Collector	I	2
Alleghaney Philatelist	I	2
Dixie Philatelist	II	11
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Eastern Philatelist	XVII	6
The Post-Office	VI	65
Phil. Facts and Fallacies	IV	11
American Philatelist	IV	9
Pennsylvania Philatelist	X	3
Canadian Phil. Magazine	III	6
Monthly Observer	I	7
Philatelic Facts	IV	2
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## Johnny's Diary.

July 1, 1894.—Me and Willy Green are going to hustle this month and see how many new stamps we can get. He's got 820 kinds now and I've got 531, but you bet I'm going to make him hump himself to keep ahead. Collecting is dead easy in the summer, anyway, so many of the fellers get lazy and would rather go swimmin' or get a glass of soda water than a dollar's worth of stamps. I traded for four new ones today, but they didn't amount to much. Willy only got two.

July 2.—I got six new ones today. Most of them were common, but I got an old Mauritius from Ed. Wilkins. He was goin' fishin' and wanted to borrow my line. I played I wanted to go fishin' too and wouldn't let him have it until he offered me a good stamp, and I got that one. He could have sold it and bought three lines. Willy ran across a feller who wants to swap his bicycle for stamps. We're going to lay for him.

July 3.—Willy beat me today. He sold a trader for a dime and then went around and played tag with Hen Allen till he got his tongue hanging out. Then he offered to treat to soda for Hen's 6c. Justice. He got a beauty. I know a feller that's got a 2c. Exec. but he wants the earth for it. Willy and me found a stray Newfoundland dog today and hid him in our cellar.

He chewed up our hosepipe awful, so we sneaked him out again and put him in Willy's woodhouse. Pop says the rats is fearful in our cellar.

July 4.—We got a dollar for finding that dog. The lady that advertised was mighty glad to get him and said we was good boys for treating him nice. We struck her for stamps and she said she'd look over her old letters and we could come back Saturday. We bought firecrackers with the dollar and did a big business all day tradin' 'em off for stamps. We got some daisies too. Willy and me didn't shoot many firecrackers, but we feel good all the same.

July 5.—We got 39 new stamps between us yesterday. That makes me 559 and Willy 848. I got that Exec. too. The feller came around last night and we were all havin' so much fun that he couldn't stand it and traded the Exec for two cannon crackers and a hunting book I had. That made Willy sick. Tomorrow we are going to see a boy who has lots of Dents. and get acquainted with him. Most of the fellers are awful short on Depts. I swapped my mouth organ to a coon today for an old watch he had. I don't know what to do with it, but it was a good trade and I guess it'll come in somewhere. That's what mom says about what she buys down town.

July 6.—Jingo, we struck luck today.

That feller had lots of good U. S. and we traded foreign for a good many. Then we got chummy with him and said we'd take him up to our private swimmin' place, and show him how to have some fun with an old maid that lives on the way there, by yowlin' like her cats. He was just saying how glad he was that he met us when a boy came by and made a face at him, and Willy hustled out and licked the boy in style. Then Harry (that's this boy's name) said we was the best fellers he knew, and gave us each a 24c. Navy that he had put away. Willy wanted the best 24c. because he licked the feller, but I kicked. So we tossed for it and I got it. Harry told us of another feller who was just starting and had some good traders that his uncle had sent him, so we went around on the way home and helped him start. His uncle is in a wholesale house in New York and I got the whole set of the new Barbadoes. Willy got some fine surcharged Ceylon too.

July 7.—Willy and me went to see the lady whose dog it was this mornin' and she had a whole hat full of stamps for us. We had lots of them of course, but we got some fine old ones and good traders. There was three of the 1847 10c. stamps, some 1's and 10's of the next issue and a lot of 1869 and good envelopes, only some of them was torn. Funny folks never learn to open envelopes without tearing the stamps. We told the lady all about collecting, and while I was telling her how hard Depts. was to get, she said she had a brother who used to be in the Dept of Justice at Washington and she'd write to him and see if he had any stamps. We felt kinder sneaky about hidin' the dog then. We're goin' to get her some pond lilies to make up for it. We went around to see Mr. Waters after we left there and traded him some of the good U. S. for a whole lot of foreign stamps, because we want to see how they pile up this week.

July 8.—Bein' Sunday we havn't hustled any, but we counted up. I've got 597 and Willy's got 883. I only gained three on him but that Exec. counts a lot. Our hired girl's feller

came in to see her last night and said he'd trade me a good jack plane for that watch. I'm goin to do it if his plane's any good.

July 9.—I went down and got the plane this mornin' and went right over to Billy Edwards with it. He's got a carpenter shop, and I swopped it to him for his old velocipede that he's got tired of. I had to give him my knife, too, but I came out ahead. When Willy came over I showed it to him and we cleaned it up nice. Then he borrowed two dollars from his aunt and we went down to a second hand mans and gave him the velocipede and the two dollars for a tricycle. I guess we can sell it to Jennie Dobbs mother. I gave Ed five fishhooks for his set of China stamps today and traded the one I had for a surcharged Gibraltar.

July 10.—Willy and me went to some offices down town today and got a lot of Columbians they've been saving for us. Its great to get on the good side of those office fellers. One of them had brought down some stamps that came on his brothers letters while he was traveling and we got some fine new ones and traders. We divided the Columbians, and Willie took his down to a dealers and traded them for a set of Tonga stamps. When he showed them to Mr. Waters this evenin he grinned and said a Tongooose was no earthly good, an the feller that bought 'em was the biggest goose in the outfit. I traded my Columbians to him for two Fiji and some France I didn't have. I got 22 new ones today and Willy only got 14 cause he got stuck on the pretty colors of those Tonga. Mr. Waters told Willy he'd be goin to see Becks next, and he and another man who was there grinned again, but I couldn't see anything funny in it. Becks is another of those fellers that gouges collectors. I guess.

July 11.—Willy and me went out to visit Mrs. Jennings in the country today. Its only six miles out of town, but its jolly to be there, and we had lots of fruit. I didn't think it was much use, but I asked her for stamps, and dog if she didn't get out of a closet some letters her husband had wrote her when they was first married and after she quit cryin over

them she let us take off the stamps careful. The only things good were some 1855 envelopes but we got two with straight ends and a dozen of the common ones. We got a strip of three of the first 1 cent stamps, and traded them to Mr. Waters for a 5c 1847, so we've both got the set now. After we got home we saw some of the boys and traded those envelopes off.

July 12.—Last night I dreamt the King of France came in my room and asked was I the boy who was collectin' stamps, and when I said yes he went into his pocket and pulled out a slough of unused France and a lot of others and gave 'em to me. I was so tickled thinkin' how mad Willy would be I nearly busted. Then I came across one awful big one with the picture of a man with a sword on it. I knew there wasn't any such stamp and I said so to the King. Then the feller on the stamp sung out "They ain't, ain't they" and hopped right out of it and swelled up. Then he piled up on the bed and began jabbin' me in the stumuk with the sword till I thought I would die. The King was mad, too, and he came around and commenced kickin' me and I was most dead when I woke up and found Mom and the doctor and two or three other folks there. Mom says I shant go out to Mrs. Jennings any more till I learn that green apples is good for ples and not for kids. I've been too tired all day to chase stamps, so I fixed my traders up in a book in fine shape. Willy came over and we fixed up a scheme about that tricycle.

July 13.—We saw Jenny Dobbs this morning and got her crazy for that tricycle. We told her how cheap it was at eight dollars and she said she'd ask her mother to buy it for her. We took it down there this evenin' and Jenny's mother said she'd rather buy a whole flock of tricycles than have that child botherin' her to death the way she had been all day, and we got our eight dollars for it. Then we hustled around to the kid that wants a bicycle and talked to him. Willy asked him if he didn't think his Pa would buy him one if he paid half himself, and told him we'd give him ten dollars for his collection. He was tickled to death and went and asked his Pa,

and his Pa said he would if Jack would pay half on a \$25.00 wheel. That made us tired, 'cause he came back and said his collection was a daley and he wouldn't sell it less'n \$12.50. The book was mighty well worth it tho', so we did it and told him we'd give him the rest of the money Saturday, and you bet we hugged ourselves when we got away. He had 1,500 stamps nearly and we'll get more'n 400 apiece for our collections and any amount to sell and trade. They didn't cost hardly anything either, that's the beauty of it.

July 14.—We backed out of the baseball game this mornin' and went to dividin' those stamps. Gee, we did get some daisies! He had a lot of good U. S., nearly all of the Ags. and Navy, the 2c. and 3c. Exec. all the Interior, War P. O., some State and Treasury and some elegant foreign stamps, besides the common ones. We found a New South Wales big shilling watermarked 8. I asked Willy should we count watermarks in dividin', and he said no it would be too much bother huntin' for 'em, so I took that one. Mr. Waters hasn't got it either. I've been sticking stamps in my book all evening and I guess I'll dream about 'em again tonight.

July 15.—Willy and me got together after church and counted up again. I've got 1,181 kinds and he's got 1,329 as near as we can tell. It's awful hard to count a collection straight. Willy can't figure how I caught up so and got as good stamps as he did too. I'll beat him or bust this month.

July 16.—We got even with that dealer today. The 7c. Navy in that book was tore in the middle and was blotted there too, so we put a three cent one under it and cut a hole out with Pop's razor and put it in the hole and smoothed it down nice. Then we put it in a blank book with some other U. S. and pasted them in so he couldn't see the back and sold them to that feller for \$5.50. We was tickled to death when he didn't catch it, for he has cheated us lots of times. We paid the \$4.50 we owed and have a dollar left for a snap. We're goin' to buy this town some day.

July 17.—Neither one of us got a

stamp all day. Willy was going to trade Joe Morseman a half penny Malta for a first issue Gibraltar when a feller he didn't know came along and said don't you do it, to Joe. Willy wants me to help lick the kid, but I don't see that he did anything to me. It's mean to go back on a pard'no', and I guess I'll help if he needs it.

July 18.—That dollar came in fine to-day. Jim Williams is goin' away for a week and came over and said he'd give us our pick of twenty stamps for 15c. each. We bet him down to twenty for \$2.50 and then soaked him. We get three New Zealand revenue used for postage and two Victoria, a 1 shilling Cape and some old Canada. We divided even on them and mine list at \$6.80. I borrowed the money from Pop to finish paying him.

July 19.—Willy got a couple of good ones to-day, but I didn't get a thing. I guess it's just as well, for I wanted a chance to stick in my new ones and fix up things. I took that first set of Samoa out of the book, and I believe I know where I can trade them off. That dealer out West says they're good but I'd rather collect something that ain't so hard to prove.

July 20.—We went way over to the other end of town to-day and tackled every fellow we met about stamps. We had a scrap with two fellows that said we was fresh, and my nose is right sore, but you bet they both feel like funerals. We managed to find some collectors and did a good deal of trading. I found a 7c. grilled in one feller's album and traded him that set of Samoa for it. He said he didn't think much of grills anyway. We struck one fellow who said what good was old stamps, and after we talked to him he said he was going to take a look at his grandmother's stuff and would sell us stamps if he got any.

July 21.—We met that feller that broke up Willy's trade while were goin swimmin today. Willy picked up a chunk of mud and started to interview him, but the baby backed right down and cried, so Willy said he would let him off for some of his traders. The kid was glad to do it and Willy took two St. Helenas and a Uruguay. I felt

green because Willy didn't have to divide of course.

July 22.—We counted up again today. I've got 1,207 and Willy's got 1,349. That ain't catchin' up much. I've got to think up a scheme. I wish I could sell some of my books. That feller I got the Exec from would trade his vest for a good book.

July 23.—That kid that was goin to look over those old letters did it yesterday and came around this morning with some stuff that made our eyes stick out. There was four of those N. Y. 3c. blue stamps and some good locals with a lot of other U. S. We was in a box for a minute, for we didn't have a cent, but while the feller was looking at my album I got Willy in the corner and said "After we make a bargain you take two of the N. Y.'s and the locals and leg it for that stamp dealers and get what you can for them. See what the locals are worth first. Then we offered the kid twenty dollars for the stamps and he nearly died with surprise and was mighty willing. I asked him and Willy to come out and play awhile but Willy said he'd have to go, so he sneaked the stamps and put out. The kid was nearly crazy to go home before Willy got back. He sold the stamps for \$21.00 so we paid the kid his \$20.00 and let him go. Then maybe we didn't dance. We kept the other New Yorks and after supper went down and traded Mr. Waters some of others and some more to a friend of his there. Mr. Waters said we was the most hustlin kids he ever saw. All it takes is a little nerve and get up tho'.

July 24.—I couldn't hardly sleep last night for thinkin of what we got. Pop says he's goin to hide my stamps till I cool down, and that it's all foolishness anyway. Then I told him about the trade we did yesterday, and he just said Huh! but when he thot I was gone to sleep on the lounge he told Mom I was coming up a darn sight better than he'd expected I would. That made me feel good too. I don't want him to think I'm a chump.

July 25.—I got onto my scheme today. I went down to a second-hand book store and priced a lot of books and took the names down. Then I went to see the boy who likes to read so much



and got him wild telling him about the books I knew a feller who had. I asked him what he would take in those books for his collection. He wouldn't sell it all, but offered me my pick of forty stamps for four of the books he wanted most. I ran him up to forty-five stamps and then went and borrowed the four dollars and fifteen cents that the books came to from Pop at the office. He looked mighty funny at me and then at the clerks there, but he gave it to me, so I got the books and then got my stamps. I put a lot of the ones I had with some others on a sheet and I guess I can sell them to pay Pop. I got twenty-three new ones and they catalog way up. Some fellers certainly are chumps. That kid would trade his right to grow whiskers when he is a man for a good book.

July 26.—I knocked Willy out yesterday. That forty stamps helped mightily. He only has 1,387 now and I have 1,291. He is wild over it, but I guess I'm good for him anyway. We traded for a lot today, but no very good ones. I found a man with a block of 3c. Executive and he said he'd sell it for fifteen dollars if he could get it today because he wanted to buy something or other. I went down to Mr. Water's office and told him I knew who had a block and would sell it and a foreign, I knew he didn't have in those I got, for twenty dollars. Mr. Water's is getting blocks and wanted them bad, but he hated to pay so big for them, but I told him what the feller said about only selling because he wanted the money today, and how fine they were, so he said he'd take them. He gave me the money and I bought the stamps for him. Then I went down and paid Pop, and asked him if he didn't want to go get some ice cream with me I'd treat. The clerks nearly rigged him to death, till he gave me back a quarter to shake me, so Willy and I had three soda waters apiece. I've been wanted all summer to see how many glasses I could drink at once.

July 27.—We did a big business today. Sold some stamps off that sheet we made up and bought up a lot cheap from other fellows who don't care much for them now. Then we started a new baseball nine and got

only fellows with collections in it. Willy and me made a big talk about it and got the fellows stirred up, and then we said we would have to have caps alike and nice ones. They didn't like that, for none of them have any money now, but Willy and me said we would buy all the caps, and they could pay for them in stamps. We put it through this afternoon and hauled in an elegant lot of stamps. This business is awful easy.

July 28.—If these older fellows would form a stamp club they would save a lot. Willy and I called on all the older fellows we could today, looked at their stamps and got the prices they would sell their good traders for. Then we would say to another man who we could get him this or that stamp for, and made a lot of bargains. I struck pop for ten dollars again and he handed it over without a word. Then we went the round again, and when we quit we had made three dollars and forty cents. That's the beauty of knowing everybody that collects.

July 29.—We had another big count up today. Willy has got 1,402 and I've got 1,340. Only two days to beat him in, and he's got a grin on him like a Chinese monkey. All right, let him grin.

July 30.—I took my share of that money we made Saturday and I got a couple of packets and a lot of one cent stamps, that I didn't have. I got a good many out of the packets and then hustled around for all I was worth trading the rest. Willy felt so sure about being ahead that he bought a lot of truck to eat and went off with the boys swimmin' and spent the afternoon. I ran my collection up to 1,392, and if the fellows don't tell Willy about the trading I'll kill him tomorrow night.

July 31.—I beat him! Gee, we had a time tho. He got onto my trades and went down and bought a lot, too, on the sly, but I was right onto him and I hustled around to that book sharp's and sold him a couple of my books dirt cheap. Then I made out a big list of cheap stuff I needed and sent Bess down with it and the money. Willy came over and stayed all the afternoon so as he could keep his eye on me and

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We are modest and will not say anything in our own favor but rely on the appearance of this number to sing our praises. What do you think of it, anyway? Is the new dress up to the latest Fall fashions? Are the articles sufficiently interesting to induce you to send on that quarter for a year's subscription?

The Western Stamp, Vol. 1, No. 1 inserts the following:

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We cannot agree with the W. S. We have had dealings with the Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., for

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## JOHNNY'S DIARY.

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see that I didn't get anything, but I had my stamps all right. Right after supper he came over again with his book to count up. He had 1,461, more than I thought he had, and it kinder scared me for fear Bess had made a slip. Then we counted my book, and it only made 1,443. Willy was standing on his head and snickering when I said, 'Oh, yes, I forgot I've got a few more that I haven't stuck in, and he nearly broke his neck getting down. I counted 'em up slow and comfortably, and they made my book 1,472.

Willy was pretty humpy over it, but I said I was going to beat him and I had, too. It's an easy game, anyhow.  
SUBURBAN.

## The Mail [Transportation in Japan and Her History.

BY PHIL HEINBERGER, N. Y.

The flowery empire, the land of the rising sun, Japan, is located in Eastern Asia, and is composed of islands, including the newly conquered one, Formosa. It is supposed to have been founded in 1630 B. C. It has an area of 150,465 square miles, with a population of forty million of people. The mikado, as the emperor is called, opened the first Japanese parliament on November 29th, 1890, an event of supreme historical importance to oriental nations. Japan is a most ardent imitator of American and European customs and manners, and today the most enlightened and commercially advanced land in the east of Asia. The earliest date known in regard to postal matters is the year 1660. Until the year 1640 Japan "allowed" some Portuguese missionaries to work for the Roman Catholic religion, but in this year all ports of Japan were closed hermitically to "foreigners." The first "foreigner" who demanded admittance into the wonderful fairy-land was "Uncle Sam," the enterprising man! In the year 1854 the United States of America sent an embassy, accompanied by a naval squadron under command of Commodore Perry, to Japan. The glorious stars and stripes appeared in Japanese waters, and Commodore Perry declared that he would sail "and see" the capital Yeddo, but the Japanese came to terms. A commercial treaty was concluded and the ports of Hogo, Osaka, Yokohama, Hakodate, Nangasaki and Niigata were opened to foreign commerce! From that time, after many obstacles, war with England, and interior revolutions, Japan has entered the way of enterprise and success, and at the present time, on account of the cheap but skilled labor, Japanese merchandise can compete with American and European work. A piece of so-called postal service was introduced in Japan in 1660 as a private mail delivery service, called the Japanese Delivery Union, established by business

men who combined in all the more important cities, and delivered their own as well as private mail from people of the same city. They employed express messengers who from time to time made their run. Some runners had only letters, others parcels to deliver. Arrived at the next station, the Japanese merchants there had new runners ready, and so mail was quickly and reliably delivered. A private letter from Tokio to Osaka, 470 kilometres (one kilometre 5-8 of an English mile) cost at that time (1660) 40 cents, and today, by regular mail, only cents. The mail runner with his parcels, on both sides of beasts of burden, required seven days to make the journey, while runners with but letters only three days. Besides this commercial mail service there was also a Japanese government mail delivery system. The official mail runners from the capital Tokio, (in Japanese Yeddo), to cities in other provinces delivered government as well as private mail. For centuries this simple mail service did its duty, but in the year 1867 the great revolution made many changes in the people, and also in the postal service. From the time that foreigners settled in Japan, in 1855, some nations had established their own postoffices; the "stupid" government had allowed this, and the foreigners took all the advantages of it, including Uncle Sam, England and France. Stamp collectors can now sell United States stamps cancelled in Tokio, Yokohama, mailed by the United States postal agencies in those cities. This agency also mailed letters along the coast to other cities, and was patronized largely by the natives and other foreigners. The English postoffice in Yokohama only delivered mail to its customers in the city. The French postoffice had the same privileges as the English office. Germany did not have a regular postal agency at Yokohama, but mail for Germany could be brought to the German mail steamers. But with German postage stamps, which were cancelled by the German official on board the steamers. All the above named foreign postoffices had to close in the year of 1871-72 when Japan re-

organized her mail service. An American boy being selected as postal reformer, the government having engaged the services of a United States postal officer named T. M. Bryan, who remodelled the service on the American plan. In all important cities post-offices were opened and postal stations all over the different islands of the empire established. In 1890 Japan made very important improvements tries, and now the Japanese mail service, interior and exterior, is a first-class one. The first series of postage stamps appeared in the year 1871, and these stamps (the old time Mon value) are very scarce. The mail runners have no easy task, they must swim rivers, cross mountains and conquer other obstacles in the interior, there being practically no roads and the work is much harder and the pay much less than falls to the lot of the United States carriers. While Uncle Same had to close his postoffice in 180 the stars and stripes are still seen at the United States postoffice in Shanghai, China. That office is now employed as a mail changing point for Asiatic countries and letters mailed there must bear United States postage stamps. In 1895, as a result of the war between Japan and China, victorious Japan acquired the island of Formosa and extended her mail service to the new territory and now only the regular Japanese postage stamps circulate there. In the year 1877 Japan became a member of the Universal Postal Union.

### Advise to Young Collectors.

(By Lorenzo G. Yates, F. L. S.)

Study your stamps; examine each carefully; note any peculiarities of color, shade, paper, perforation, or water mark, you will be likely to lose or miss marks, although you may not intend to collect the different water marks, many opportunities for obtaining desirable additions to your collection if you neglect to learn all you can about such stamps as may come into your hands, and inadvertently throw away many opportunities for enhancing its value by neglecting to make yourself by my own experience with a few

acquainted with everything which comes to hand.

I was induced to make these remarks stamps recently sent to me from one of the British colonies.

When received I looked them over and selected for my album such as at a glance I recognized as new to me; the others I laid aside to give away or exchange.

A short time after I had made the selection I happened to hold one of the supposed duplicates in such a way as to show the watermark, which seemed peculiar, and, on referring to my "stamp catalogue," I found that instead of this particular stamp being valued at two cents it was by virtue of an error in the watermark, priced at three dollars.

This discovery caused me to examine the others, which resulted in the discovery of several other peculiarities of watermark, indicating issues of different dates, and increasing their value in some instances from one cent, the price of the ordinary stamp, to \$1.25, sixty cents, twelve cents, etc., and I soon found that instead of my friends having sent me common stamps of no special value to me, they were uncommon and nearly all new to my collection, and although I had not cared for varieties of watermarks, I realized the fact that these stamps would be of value to some of my friends, who have more time at their command for philatelic study.

I then soaked the paper off the backs of some of the stamps mounted in my album and found them of different issues from those to which I had assigned them.

Then I looked through some of my packages of duplicates and found others which were entitled to be distinguished from the common run of stamps.

Many other illustrations might be given from personal experience, but this must suffice for the present paper.

### PAPER.

The kinds of paper generally used for printing stamps and envelopes are Wove, Laid, Batonne, Quadrille, Verge, Carton or Thick, Old, Colored Mince or Thin, Silk Thread, Watermarked, Native, Rice, Manila, Straw, Papier



Moire, and Gold-beater's Skin.

Wove paper is perfectly plain or unwatermarked, and is therefore of uniform texture, though it may vary in thickness from tissue paper to cardboard. It is usually employed for books and newspapers and is the kind on which the stamps of the United States are printed.

Laid paper shows close parallel lines watermarked on its surface. These are produced by corresponding raised wires on the surface of the dandy roll which revolves on the top of the pulp in the process of manufacture, and which makes the paper thinner at the point of contact.

Batonne resembles what is sometimes called foreign note paper, having quite visible parallel lines watermarked in it, though much farther apart than in laid paper, and which serve as a guide in writing. It may be either laid or wove.

Quadrille is paper in which the watermarked lines cross each other and form squares or oblong rectangles. See stamps of Guadalajara, 1867-8.

Verge denotes laid paper in which the watermarked lines run in an oblique direction, such as that seen in the envelopes of Holland, 1885; St. Domingo 1883.

Carton is paper of a heavy texture, resembling thin cardboard. See stamps of Rampour.

Mince is of a very light, thin texture, such as is used in the stamps of Turkey, issue of January 1, 18..2.

Silk thread is a designation given to paper which has fine red or blue silk threads through it, which have been mixed with the pulp. Many United States revenue, match and medicine stamps are printed on paper of this kind. Sometimes the threads are at regular intervals, as in the stamps of Bavaria, 1850 to 1857, and Switzerland 1854.

Old is applied to paper having an old appearance, and is used when referring to that used in the first emission of United States match and medicine stamps.

Colored indicates the paper may be colored blue, pink, etc., though the paper itself may be of any of the

kinds mentioned. See stamps of Corrientes, Finland, 1866-7-8, and Prussia, 1850.

Watermarked paper is so called when it contains letters, characters, crests, arms or other devices produced by means of raised wires in the form desired on the dandy-roll, as in the stamps of Egypt, 1866, Straits Settlements, India, etc.

Native is a kind of paper of varying thickness, principally made by hand and on which the printing is usually indistinct. See stamps of native Indian states, first emissions, and Afghanistan.

Rice paper is made from rice straw, and has a fine silky appearance, being soft and smooth to the touch. See stamps of Japan, 1871-2.

Manilla is made from manilla grass. See United States envelopes, October 1, 1886.

Straw is that which is made from the straw of any grain; as the Canada wrappers, 1882.

Papier Moire is a term applied to paper having wavy, undulating lines upon it, giving it the appearance of being watered like Moire Antique silk. See stamps of Mexico, 1872; Spain and Cuba, 1875.

Gold-beater's Skin is a transparent parchment-like skin, used by gold-beaters to wrap around the gold during the process of beating, it being tough and not easily torn. See stamps of Prussia, 1866, 10 and 30 silbergroschen.

A. PALETTE.

—Item.

## Experiences of a Young Philatelist.

BY W. L. KENSELL

In the year 1890 I first began to collect the little bits of paper called stamps. I was at the time agent for rubber stamps, and seeing an ad. in the Youth's Companion with the word "stamps" in large letters I resolved to send for their price list. I did so and in a few days received a price-list and lot of the "stamps," which, to my great surprise, was not the kind I had been looking for. I at once took another view of the "adv." and noticed that it was a mistake of my own. The ad. was for postage

stamps rather than rubber ones, and I was rather downhearted because of my own negligence. Another day passed and again to my surprise I received a letter (and it was a fat one too) containing some pictures of public heads, etc., with a fine array of scroll work around the so-called "picture." These "pictures" were in all colors, signs and kinds. I then thought of the circulars I had received the day before and noticing that both were from the same company proceeded to find out what I had before me. Perhaps the reader will think me "green," but I will say that the stamps were Heligolands—Spanish and the like. The circular explained about postage stamps I knew, but the thought of any one sending me such a thing never entered my mind as being possible. At last after inquiries were made I found that there were such people that collected as many old stamps as possible just from the pleasure derived therefrom. This was the beginning of my stamp career. I from time to time sent for such things as "approval sheets," not understanding fully the meaning of such phrases. As the week went by I grew more and more interested in the collection of these little "bits." The idea struck me that perhaps my friends had such things on their old letters and I began inquiring after them. Of course relatives took enough interest in me to get such stamps as they could off their old letters and they accumulated very fast on my hands. My grandmother had, when young, and since then saved stamps for a Boston lady who was to go to the "Old Ladies' Home" as soon as she had collected a million. However, as she had never sent them to her for various reasons, I had this accumulation given me, which consisted of nearly forty thousand stamps. I will remember the eve I opened that old cigar box, emptied out its contents and began looking over the pile. At last the idea struck me that picking out one of each variety would be a novel one and accordingly I did so. I have those "varieties" that were picked out that winter's eve in my possession today. They number sixty-seven and now catalogue over one hundred and sixty dollars. Among them is a Providence 10 cent black,

24 cent and 90 cent used specimens of the 1869 issue and numerous others. Well, as the time goes on many changes take place all over the land and so it was with me. I frequented the banks, stores and other business places in the town. I happened into an insurance office to remove the stamps from letters in Mr. C.'s waste basket one day a few weeks after I had come into possession of the aforementioned. There happened also another gentleman, a friend of Mr. C.'s, in the office at the same time and for the same purpose. After talking over the topics of the hour we at last came to the subject of stamps. I found that he was only collecting for a lady friend who was nearing the million mark already. The question he next put forth was one that has indented itself into my mind and seems to be there to stay. He inquired whether or not I wished to sell my stamps I had gathered together.

I was not overanxious to part with my treasures for they were beginning to form a strong friendship with me. I soon learned that at ten cents per one thousand would give me nearly five dollars. "Gee whiz!" I thought. Why were they worth that amount to him? And numerous other questions entered my mind. He then said as I was about to depart to consult my parents, "I will give you an even five dollars for the lot." That stirred my blood still more, and after a few moments' talk with my people decided to let them go. I was a proud boy when, after delivering my collateral and collecting charges for same I held that "V" in my hand which was thrust deep into my trousers pocket. The time passed on. I received more stampic matter and I with that "V" was as proud as any business man that ever walked the streets of N. About a month after that (well you know) it began to burn in my pocket. I resolved to put it into "good use." The postmaster was visited and a letter containing that unfortunate "V" was sent on its way to a well noted stamp dealer. I had sent for a \$1.50 Int. album and had simply added—'please give me the remainder of the enclosed five dollars in good, pretty stamps.' In a week after the order had been sent I received

the album and of all the stamps that were with it. I thought that paradise had showered down her whole postal issue upon me. There were stamps from about every country in Central America, also Ecuador and many others, and mind you, all were unused. The next few days were spent in pasting them into the book I had received with mucilage. I enjoyed showing my album to the callers my mother received from time to time and many were the praises bestowed upon me. The next eventful move I made was to cut the colored illustrations from a western stamp magazine and past them into my new book of "paradise beauties" (?) One more move I made I shall never forget and it taught me a lesson. I answered an advertisement with a heading like this: "\$24.50 for only \$5." But where the five dollars was coming from I knew not. I therefore concluded that it was a useless task to undertake to send for that bargain (?) But in the meantime I lost no time. I did errands and the like until I had nearly four doars. My parents made up the rest but advised me not to put too much money into stamps at present. I knew best (?) of course. I sent for the twenty-four dollar bargains (?) and perhaps didn't myself in going to the postoffice looking for that packet. I am looking yet! Once more I had been taken in, and that party is still in existence with a fraudulent reputation. I began to realize the necessity of keeping my eyes open and I profited by the past transactions. And so is the life of most beginners. My advice to the young collector is to trade with thoroughly reliable dealers and let alone all these ads with such headlines as the above mentioned. Be as careful as though you were carrying on the business of some railroad official and you will come out O. K. Now going back to my "V" I will state that I will remember the rarities I passed over. I had sorted out the different kinds as best I could of about seven or eight thousand and one pile I remember containing high values as 15, 24, 30 and 90 centers. If today I had that accumulation I sold for that "V" I should have something to be proud of. But as the old saying is "it's best not to

cry over spilt milk" I shall pass that by. But nevertheless what I have learned in the past six years is something to be proud of and if every one has the same experience that I had I will profit thereby enough to make up for the amount lost. Many other similar instances I could relate but will not bother this time. I shall in the future try and give the readers of this magazine a few notes occasionally that will perhaps be of interest to them. Such notes as those found in publications that the young collector cannot afford to purchase there being so many. And so ends the narrative of what profited me so much.

### About Catalogues.

(Written for the Home Worker.)

In the August number of the Texan Philatelist appears an article with its heading as above. The writer, "Keras," gives his views in relation to our present catalogues. He likewise gives his objections. He says:

"It does not seem right for the stamp-collecting public to be forced to adopt the prices of a single company as standard prices."

Now how in the world are we forced to take any catalogue as standard prices! I can't see through it. To be sure, we usually mark our stamps according to some catalogue, but I am positive that the writer of the article referred to has never purchased a stamp that was not—well, at least 10 per cent. below the catalogue figure, and more often at a greater per cent. below. At least such has been my experience.

The author further adds: "I think that another cause of complaint is the rapid way in which certain stamps rise in value."

His main point of argument seems to lie in the fact that in —'s catalogue many stamps have jumped to prices a 100 per cent. higher than in the —th edition, and advises that the catalogue be issued once in two years, as it would then check the price of stamps from getting out of our reach. I admit that certain stamps tremendously increase (?) in value (price), but can we put a check on their increasing? No, we cannot! I cannot see

how a catalogue issued every two years, or even every five years, would fill the bill any better than the one we are now using, for then the stamps which do increase would augment so much faster; i. e., twice as much, or five times as much, as the case may be. Such, at least, are my "views."

JULIUS L. COHN.

### A Beginner's Error.

It is customary to say that "advice is cheap" and that the person giving it would not follow his own teachings.

"Experience is a dear teacher," and often the beginner of a stamp collection will spend quite a sum buying the cheaper packets, hoping to obtain a few new varieties for his collection, but finding only a lot of duplicates which every other collector has in larger or smaller quantities, and being unable to trade them to advantage, feels that he has been cheated and that there is nothing in stamp collecting. This is a very common error and one that should be rectified. If beginning a collection you should try and secure a few sample copies of different stamp papers and subscribe to one or two and by reading them closely become informed as to the methods of others, also read carefully the advertisements and by so doing you will soon become able to tell a reliable dealer, whom you can trust to treat you right and not sell you "trash" and tell you you are getting: "big bargain," and rely on your ignorance of stamps to help him in taking your good money.

Find a reliable dealer and buy a packet of 500 or 1,000 varieties, which will make a good start for a collection and then buy from approval sheets, thus obtaining only such stamps as you may not already have or better still, join one or two good philatelic societies and get your name upon the exchange department, from which you can buy stamps at better prices, generally, than most dealers will make you, the stamps upon the circuits being the property of other collectors who wish to sell their duplicates so as to be able to buy other stamps which they may need to fill

some vacant space in their album.

A good many collectors advertise that they wish to exchange stamps with other collectors in foreign countries or distant cities, and sometimes this way is satisfactory, but often you think the other collector has cheated you or got the best of the deal and you are dissatisfied, you then try some one else, perhaps the result is even worse, and then you begin to think that all other stamps collectors are rogues, who want to cheat you, as a sequence you are afraid to trust any one, and with this feeling rankling in your breast, you lose interest and quit. To such, I would say, be careful and if ever you have a dealing with any collector who tries to cheat you, have nothing more to do with him, but above all, be honest yourself, and you will help swell the ranks of honest and true philatelists.

BEN AHAMO.

Flemington, N. J., Sept. 15, 1896.

Editor of The Home Worker:

Dear Sir: On the first page of The Home Worker for August and September I notice a paragraph referring to the United States envelopes surcharged for use by the Postoffice Department of the Confederate States. There are several sizes and shapes of the 1853 and 1857 issues that were on hand at the postoffice in the Southern States at the breaking out of the war which were turned over by the postmasters to the Confederate Postoffice Department which used them as we now use the penalty envelopes. They are worth from \$1 to \$5, each depending on condition and variety.

Very truly,

H. E. DEATS.

The Nova Scotian find mentioned in our issue last month is "the" sensation in Philatelic circles. There are about 200,000 stamps, 52,000 1 cent, 54,000 2 cents, 28,000 10 cents, 54,000 8 1-2 cents and 12,000 12 1-2 cents—the last two on yellow paper.

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**Boston Correspondence.**

E. B. HORN.

Once more the season of auction sales has begun. Our opening sale was one by Mr. Drew, of auction fame, last year. Many good stamps were contained in this sale, though no great rarities were offered.

Boy collectors too often become discouraged after collecting a short time on account of the great number of varieties and expense involved. This is not the way to do. Simply keep on collecting, even if your collection does not grow fast enough for you. Stick to it, and you will never regret it, as our more experienced philatelists can testify.

It is a good plan for all collectors to subscribe to at least one or two good stamp papers, such as the *Home Worker*. In this way you learn of new issues, etc. and also see the many bargains offered in the advertising columns of the periodical.

Never collect or purchase badly cancelled, torn, or otherwise imperfect specimens. Always buy clean, lightly postmarked stamps. Unused ones are preferable if they can be obtained, as they are prettier and increase in value much more quickly than used specimens.

**Foreign Notes.**

BY LEON G. LAMBERT.

Here we are again, another commemorative issue. This time it commemorates "The Apotheosis of the General-in-Chief Francisco and Miranda." The stamps are issued by order of the Minister of Public Instruction of the Republic of Venezuela, and the number limited to four millions. In size they are a little larger than our Columbian stamps and bear the map of Venezuela. The values are as follows:

- 750,000 5 centimos, green.
- 750,000 10 centimos, blue.
- 1,500,000 25 centimos, yellow.
- 500,000 50 centimos, red.
- 500,000 1 bolivar, violet.

These stamps, issued July 5, 1896, will

be receivable for postage until November 3, 1896.

The Duke of York has been elected president of the London Philatelic Society. This ought to be a sufficient answer to those who still talk and write of stamp collectors as maniacs at large.

It is the intention of M. Henry Boucher, minister of Commerce, Telegraph and Posts of the French Republic to suppress certain values of French stamps, which experience shows are little used. The following are some of the condemned:

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## Our Hobby's Popularity.

Written specially for the HOME WORKER.

If any hobby has a universal hold on mankind, it is Philately, the collecting of the labels issued by the different governments to denote the payment of Postage, commonly known as Postage Stamps.

Up to a few years ago the devotees of the Science were comparatively few in number. They labored under many disadvantages. They had no catalogues, or publications, consequently Stamps had no fixed value and additions to collections were based on exchange solely.

It is the nature of man to collect, he cannot help it, almost everything under the Sun has at one time or another been collected, Birds, Beasts, Books, Plants, Coins, Pens and even old shoes and hats but none of them offer the advantages of Postage Stamps. Just think of the almost innumerable varieties in Design, Color, Paper, Watermarks &c., pleasing to the eye, and within the reach of the means of every one, be they rich or poor, for the stamps that cost 1c., or less, are the medium of as much gratification to the collector, if not in his collec-

tion, as those costing a dollar or more. This of course refers to the collector, not the speculator.

The tendency of the age is to become mercenary and unfortunately our hobby has not escaped the evil, many collect for the money there is in it, but the true Philatelist does not, and many collectors could not be tempted to sell a specimen, of which they had no duplicate, at any price.

"Collecting made easy" might be our motto, the dealers cater to our every want—Complete Catalogues at a nominal price, Illustrated Albums with spaces for every stamp issued, (the boys books even have spaces for varieties which are seldom if ever seen) Guages for measuring perforations, surcharges &c. Publications devoted solely to Philately, daily, weekly, and monthly, in abundance, Auction Sales without limit, Dealers in every town almost, and Societies all over the country with, in the aggregate, thousands of members.

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Philately seems to meet the requirements of every one. The Patriot can specialize in the stamps of his own country, the Naturalist find specimens in Zoology, Ornithology and Ichthyology, the Artist, landscapes and all shades of color, the Sailor, ships, and so on.

In the days gone by Philately was considered only a fit amusement for boys and if any of the elders yielded to the fascination they were more or less ashamed of it and if they did make a purchase it was "for my son who is collecting stamps." Nothing of the kind now, each collector takes a pride in being known as a Philatelist and by no means hides his light under a bushel.

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Every one cannot hope to "pick up" a Baltimore or St. Louis, but if every stamp that is at present hidden in some dark corner came to light what changes would have to be made in our catalogues.

It would seem that during the past months fewer "Boy Collectors" have been interested than for some time, this must be remedied in some manner, the more advanced collectors must do what they can in the way of advice or otherwise or there is an end to our Hobby's popularity.

BRITON.

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Notable Notelets.

BY RAYMOND LEE PERRY.

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"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" is the motto of the approval sheet fraud, as many dealers can possibly testify.

A company has lately been organized, by name, the American Stamp Merchants Protective Association, whose object is to protect dealers from the hands of irresponsible agents and so-called dead beats. It is an open question whether this help is or is not needed by our large and representative stamp houses. It is undoubtedly a good means of pro-

tection to the smaller dealers.

United States Revenues in an unperforated condition seem to have taken great jumps in the advance sheets of the 57th catalogue. Authorities say all these new quotations are entirely warranted; and even cast gentle hints that collectors better buy at current prices, rather than wait until the stamps have risen still more in value, which they state will certainly be the case.

Quite a favorite with Revenue collectors is the \$3.50 Inland Exchange, printed in a very fine shade of blue. While this stamp perforated is only medium grade, when in an unperforated condition it ranks among the great rarities. It can justly be placed alongside of the six cent orange Proprietary, which is now quoted at \$50.00, and good copies are comparatively hard to procure even at this high figure.

Cranks on United States Revenues are getting together unused stamps of all the issues, believing that it will be but a short time when unused specimens will be catalogued, and fancy prices asked for them. Such collectors are just as particular about the original gum as specialists in the stamps of the British Colonies.

It is the opinion of many philatelists that more enjoyment can be obtained from an accumula-

tion of British Colonials than from collections of United States stamps or the French and Spanish colonies. There is much truth in this belief, and probably this fact accounts for the large number of persons who are giving Colonials their sole attention. Collectors who have heretofore tried to maintain a general collection have slowly drifted into the field of colonials, and are specializing therein.

While the majority of stampites are devoting their time to either the stamps of the United States or the postal emissions of Gt. Britain and her possessions, there are other collectors who give considerable thought to old South Americans, which they rightly claim is an interesting and altogether fascinating branch of Philately.

The distinction of being the foremost center in philatelic matters of course belongs to New York, and it is but natural to expect many new features and schemes from that place. The latest is the establishing of a "Collectors' Club" on one of the leading thoroughfares. Rooms are provided for meetings, auctions, and the accommodation of visiting travelers; besides suitable places for the Secretary and Librarian. A billiard and pool table takes up the basement room

with a separate room to be used for the storage of bicycles.

United States Departmental stamps occasionally come to light, surcharged "Specimen." These errors on the stamps of the various offices are offered, from time to time, and generally bring good prices. Among recent advertisements we notice a 7c. State, surcharged in this manner, and quoted at \$10.00. Considering the comparative rarity of the error, this mentioned price is reasonable.

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#### Mexico, Postal and Historical Data.

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Our neighbor, the Republic of Mexico, is divided into 27 states 2 territories and the federal district, with the capital, Mexico. Bloody is the soil and history of this Land of the Aztecs. The last of the native emperors, the brave and heroic Montezuma, faced the forces of the invading Spaniards, under the leadership of Fernando Cortez but the native army was overpowered, the Emperor murdered by the Spaniards and Mexico became a Spanish colony. Roman Catholicism was made the state religion, the Jesuit Fathers explored the interior, founded cities and public institutions, more especially in California (our present gold State.) The

misrule of Spain pressed heavily on the country for many years but in 1818 the natives, following the example of the other South American countries under the leadership of the Liberator, Simon Bolivar, revolted and under the leadership of the priest Hidalgo were successful in driving the Spaniards out of the country. Mexico was declared a Republic and Hidalgo elected the first president. His portrait appears on the stamps issued from 1856 to 1861. After his death revolutions followed Dictatorship. In the year 1859 the Mexican Dictator and despot, Santa Anna, defied "Uncle Sam" and the United States army under General Worth honor to his memory, invaded Mexico and the glorious Stars and Stripes waved over the conquered cities of Pueblo, Monterey and the capital, Mexico. Benito Juarez was chosen as President in 1861 but his outrages on European settlers brought a Spanish, English and French army to Mexico. The English and Spanish troops soon withdrew but the French remained under the command of General Bazaine, they conquered the capital in 1862 and the republic reverted to a monarchy. The Austrian Arch-duke, Ferdinand Maximilian (the Hapsburg family) accepted the Mexi-



can crown and landed in Mexico on May 29, 1863, this being commemorated in the 1864 Imperial Eagle, to the 1866 issue, Imperio Mexicana (Mexican Empire) with the portrait of the Emperor Maximilian. Short was the reign of the ill fated Emperor, on July 19, 1867 he was shot at Queretaro and Mexico again became a republic. The postal service under Spanish rule was conducted with the assistance of the Jesuit Fathers who had religious stations all over the country, the limited amount of mail matter being forwarded by messenger from station to station. As the country was explored and better roads made under republican rule, postal stations were established and in the year 1850 a regular mail service in the mountainous country established as best possible.

In the year 1856 Mexico issued her first series of postage stamps and entered the Universal Postal Union in 1878. There are now 450 regular post offices, 832 postal agencies and 15 Postal offices within the Federal district. The amount of mail matter ranges from 300,000 to 310,000 pieces daily. Our "Golden State" California, was annexed from Mexico by Uncle Sam but the worth less part, Lower California, is yet Mexican territory.

While comparatively few of the stamps of Mexico are high priced they are not favorites with many collectors, Scott catalogues 416 adhesives (some of these are with and without surcharge) 182 Unpaid Letter Stamps, 132 Envelopes, 12 Officially Sealed and 2 Official Envelopes, to say nothing of the stamps issued for Guadalupe, Campeche, Chiapas, Monterey, Patzcuaro and Zacatecas, the country therefore offers every inducement to the specialist.

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In consequence of the victories during the war of 1866, Prussia against Austria and her northern and southern German allies, Bismark changed the map of Germany radically. He removed the bar between North and South (nicht mehr scheidet uns der Main) and in 1867 the North German Confederation was established with Prussia at the head. Up to this time the official mail of one German State to another was partly free and partly reduced in fee. By decree of January 1st, 1870 this rule was annulled and the North German Confederation issued special official stamps. For the northern States where the Thaler, Groschen and Pfennige money circulated the

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thus founding the second German Empire. In the month of August 1871 the imperial German authorities required to know from each State authority what quantity of official stamps of the North German Confederation had been used from April 1st to June 30th, 1871. The result of this investigation was that the official stamps were withdrawn from circulation shortly afterwards, one reason being the cost and another the difficulty experienced by the postal authorities selling and selecting these stamps. Up to December 30, 1871 the official stamps of the North German Confederation on hand could be exchanged at the imperial German post office in all the German independent states, except Bavaria and Wurttemberg (which both had their own postal service) since January 1st, 1871 only regular imperial German postage stamps were used for official mail and on January 1, 1872 the authorities announced that all the independent states, except Bavaria and Wurttemberg, should use the regular postage stamp. These official stamps of the North German Confederation are scarce, especially the Kreuzer denominations, on account of the limited time they were in use.

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17c blue.....	1.65
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3c bright red, der 100.....	2.25
3c wmk.....	1.00
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## We have received the following Publications:

All Around Stamp Advertiser	Sept.
Columbian Phil.	Sept.
Phil. Californian	Vol. III No. 8.
Rocky Mountain Stamp	Nov.
Phil. Free Lance	Oct.
Maryland Phil.	Nov.
Kentucky Phil.	Oct.
New York Phil.	Oct.
Texan Phil.	Nov.
All-Around Stamp Advertiser	Oct.
The Monthly Observer	Nov.

To list all the papers received since the last review was published would occupy too much space, therefore only those will be reviewed which have been received which have been received since the October number of the HOME WORKER appeared. They are fewer than usual, owing perhaps to the long silence caused by my summer vacation, but they are all good reading.

The Columbian Philatelist is rather in the rear of father Time, but is struggling to catch up with him. The numbers listed above containing sketch pictorial and biographical, of Mr. Wm H. Emmert of Penn., a dissertation upon the imperforate specimens of U. S. which ought to have been perforated; more advice to the beginner continued from the last issue, and an amusing poetical "Soliloquy" anent the Society tangles. Then come four pages of editorials and about eight of ads. Altogether an issue very creditable to its Editor.

The Philatelic California has stopped using the month as a date, and now

gives only the Vol. and No. Perhaps this is because it too is behind that old gentleman with the scythe, for the month if given would only be August. There are over three pages about the "U. S. Dept. Stamps" which contains many items of interest and information. The authorship is a combined one, there being two signatures, those of Messrs Wm V. Riddle, and A. H. Weber. The next article is by Chas. E. Jenney is on "The Stamps of St. Helena" Mr. Jenney is always an interesting writer, and is probably as well qualified to treat of this subject as anyone, for besides making a specialty of that country for some years he has had a larger share of the stamps thereof than fall to most collectors owing to the former residence there of Mr. Jenney Sr. Mr. Alfred H. Greenebaum comes next with an illustrated article upon U. S. Envelopes and Wrappers, then follow editorials, a plea for a "Current Index" of philatelic literature, how stamps are good for "An Investment," a description of an error in the U. S. departments surcharged "Specimen" where "Sepcimen" was made to do occasional duty for the correct word; the usual exposure of forgeries, and fac-similies of the correspondence between Georges Carrion and the postal authorities of Cochin China relating to the genuineness of stamps from that country.

In the Rocky Mountain Stamp, S. B. Hopkins continues his "West India" series treating of St. Christopher this time; C. E. Severn discusses "The Confederate Two-Centers" and Raymond S. Baker gives the second installment of

"Five years of Philatelic History." Then come editorials, chronicle of new issues and advertisements.

The Philatelic Free Lance has followed the usual example of youthful journals by starting a new society to which most of its space is given up, and constituting itself official journal. There are only two articles this time, one on Philatelic Journalism in Washington, the other advocating the making of a philatelic literature index by using the margins of our catalogues, putting down beside each stamp listed the initials of the paper where information concerning it can be found. The idea if carried out might be found convenient, but I fear not much could be said for its neatness. I like tidiness about my stampic belongings.

The Maryland Philatelist is new too, and therefore contains the usual salutatory, followed by a portrait of Ralph W. Ashcroft, "Stamp Collecting as a moral trainer for children." "The Moral Factor in Collecting" (Oh dear, such ancient subjects!) short non-philatelic items of wisdom, editorials and a few ads. The M. P. looks rather green as to cover, but makes a fine appearance notwithstanding. Sub 25c per year. T. H. Gafford Jr., Ed. and pub., Church Hill, Md.

And still another new one is the New York Phil., published at 106 East 111th St., New York at twenty-five cents. There are only two articles of much length, one by "Willis" on "The Phil. Speculator" the other a reprinted one from the "American Journal of Philately" treating of the U. S. stamps for newspapers and periodicals.

Another one gone—"The Kentucky Philatelist" has been refused 2nd class rates—Messrs. Watkins & Burba have our sympathy.

Another candidate for the favor of the Philatelic Public—Vol. 1. No. 1 of the Maryland Philatelist has come to hand. The paper presents a very creditable appearance indeed and it is to be hoped that Bro. Yafford will be encouraged to continue the publication.

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1888, 4c red	25	
5c blue	10	80
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## Philatelic Jottings from N. Y.

BY MACK.

This city is steadily striving ahead in the Philatelic Literature field. We can now boast of five monthly journals as follows: Metropolitan Philatelist, American Journal of Philately, Post Office, Stamps, New York Philatelist and Herald Exchange. The first three are very old journals, and cater more for the advanced collectors than for the beginner or average collector, altho' the Post office has reduced the subscription price to twenty-five cents. Stamps is published with a view to the further advancement of the younger element in Philately. The New York Philatelist is about the livest youngster that has been borned in some time. This is what an artist would call an "ideal" publication; the contents cater to both the beginner as well as the more advanced collector. The two numbers before me comprise eight pages and a beautiful colored cover each. The publishers inform me that the December number will be their Holiday number.

The Herald Exchange is a large

size paper comprising from eight to twelve pages with no cover each issue. It is published in German and English. There is no reading matter whatever to speak about except a few interesting notes and reprinted articles the rest is made up of "ad" matter.

Auctions are all the rage again Bogert & Durbin held a very successful sale on Saturday Oct. 24, it being their sixty-eight sale; many bargains was secured, in U. S. General issues, Departments Revenues fetched very high prices. I mention a few as follows:

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* " "	6c. "	11.00
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* " "	24 State	6.25
* " "	30 "	6.25
* " "	90 "	9.25

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McKinley is our next president in the daily papers prosperity again reigns. Even stamps are booming in this town. Just to test the market I visited the stamp dealers in Nassau St. (Philatelic Lane) and vicinity, and was surprised to find customers in almost every place, I asked several dealers “how was business?” and they all replied in the same tenor that there is an enormous demand for stamps worth over twenty-five cents, especially U. S., British Colonies, and a few South American countries, such as Uruguay, Paraguay and Chili.

I have seen some of the advance sheets, Canada did not advance at all except the very rare such as the 12 pence etc. From the 1868 issue to present date, including Registration stamps, not

one stamp has advanced, all prices remaining the same as the 56th catalogue. This is a great disappointment to many collectors of these stamps. In British Honduras the 24c. value has dropped to 75c. I know quite a number of dealers and collectors, who have been holding these stamps for two years expecting a raise. It seems speculating is a losing venture lately.

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### Canadian Notes.

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There has been a perceptible improvement in business during the past two or three weeks and all dealers are paying a good price for rare stamps.

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Philatelists are wondering how Nova Scotians will be priced in the new catalogue. The recently discovered stamps can only be bought in lots at \$60. or more, so it is said (?) and it is intended that only six copies of the 12½c and fourteen copies of the 10c will be supplied with each lot. If this is correct the chances are that there will not be much depreciation in these values.

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The Dominion Philatelic Society has established a branch at Woodstock, Ont. with nine members as a start. The intention is to establish branches in all parts

of Canada,

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Another new Canadian paper has been published—the Canadian Advocate. The first number consists of 8 pages and cover. We wish the publishers success in their new enterprise.

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Mr. W. R. Adams, of Toronto, announces that he will shortly publish a catalogue of Canadian Revenues. If he does it should meet with prompt appreciation as it is much needed.

FOREIGN NOTES.

BY LEON G. LAMBERT.

Collectors have been wondering how it was possible for some dealers to sell Arg. Rep. 1892, 1, 2 and 5 Pesos at \$1. and sometimes less a set; here is the way they can do it: The large Journals of Argentine Republic have petitioned the Government to allow them to mail their Journals without affixing a stamp to each copy, but instead, they would at the end of each month pay their respective postmasters the amount of postage they would have used.

This petition has recently been granted, so, now the large publishers of Argentine Republic mail their Journals in the same manner as our Journals are mailed, viz., without stamps. At the

end of every month they pay the postage and as a receipt the postmaster is instructed to give them canceled 1, 2 and 5 Peso stamps. In this way the Prensa pays over 500 Pesos a month, and thus gets 500 in canceled 1, 2 and 5 Peso stamps, which are sold to dealers and by them are sold to collectors at about a dollar a set.

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He will be glad to receive offers for the entire collection which contains over 5,500 varieties, cataloging over \$2,500.

Unless the collection is sold entire, the Doctor will dispose of it in lots to the highest bidder. The opportunity is an unusual one and collectors should at once try and secure some of the sets of which a large number are complete.

Next month we shall publish a

catalogue giving numbers and values by Scott's 56th, if not sold before as an entirety.

We are in receipt of another of those convenient Hand books of which so many have been lately published for various states &c. This time the Province of Ontario is the subject of treatment and the result is a fair list of names of Collectors and Dealers compiled by R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catherine's, Ont. who admits that the list is incomplete but hints at a second edition in 1897. The Book contains list of Collectors, Dealers and Publications, and should receive the support of Philatelists.

Omaha is working hard for the National meet in 1898 and we hope she will get it. The Great Trans-Mississippi Exposition will be on and of course reduced rates will be in order. Nebraska is probably the "biggest" Philatelic State in the Union, has the largest State Society and has already started an Entertainment fund. Write the Philatelic West for full particulars.

The N. Y. Philatelist for Dec. is a credit to its publishers. It is to our mind the beau-ideal of a philatelic paper eight pages of original articles and notes two and a half of editorials and five of ads besides the cover. The press work is sans reproche and all in all the paper is one of the most 'fetching' we have seen for some time.

We have received Bunce's' Dealers Address Book compiled by Richd. H. Bunce, Middletown, Conn. It contains 420 up to date names and at the small price asked for it, 10 cents, should have a ready sale as it fills a want. We believe it the first of the kind issued.



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Walter Morley of London, Eng., has issued a revised "Catalogue and price list of the Envelopes, Newsbands and Postcards of Great Britain." This list will be a great aid to the collectors who make a specialty of Great Britain as it is in fact a complete check list. The price of the book is 6d.

F. N. Massoth & Co., Chicago, are out with price list of U. S. No 5—1897, and their prices appear reasonable.

We have received a sample sheet of P. M. Wolsieffer's Blank Album and one of his Approval Cards. The Album is reasonable in price and just "the thing" for collectors who do not wish to be confined to the ordinary printed albums.

The Approval card is practical and we would suggest that collectors when ordering unused specimens request their dealers to use these cards and so, avoid defacing the o. g. with hinges.

We have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of The December number of The England Specialists Journal, published by H. L'Estrange Ewen, 32 Palace Square, Norwood, England. It contains a description of the new "Army Official" stamp, of which there are three values:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d vermilion, 1d lilac,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  violet on blue and errors in the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d., "OFFICIAL," the error occurs once on each sheet on the seventh stamp of the third row in the lower pane. The last letter is distinctly 'I' and not a broken 'L' as might be supposed.

There is also a very elaborate article on "The Stamped Stationery of Great Britain," by H. O. Frith, which is full of interest and were it generally read by U. S. collectors it would largely tend to increase the number of specialists in "English" in this country.

Another instructive article is that on "Registration Envelope Stamps," by Mr. Ewen.

"The Standard Priced catalogue" No. 5, November 1896, published by H. L'Estrange Ewen also, is a very complete one of Postage and Telegraph Stamps and Postmarks of the United Kingdom, the price 2-6 and all collectors interested in "Great Britain" should procure a copy.

# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

W. A. Beatty, editor of the Ontario Philatelist, gives in the Oct. No. of his paper a complete list and description of Canadian telegraph stamps, an article well worth the reading. The other No. contains little of interest save the announcement that it is now official organ of the Dominion Philatelist Society.

The Evergreen State Philatelist has established a new order of things by issuing its Nov. No. before the Oct., one owing to a change in printers. The later No. was up to the usual high standard, containing the usual trade, exchange and Critic notes besides articles on "Punched Stamps" and "Abuse of Gov't Franks," but the Nov. No., was merely a makeshift, without cover and containing only 8 pages half of which was given over to an essay on "The Grille" by Gordon C. Corbaley.

That the Philatelic Free Lance is a Canadian number may be immediately seen by a glance at the titles of its contents, "Revenue Stamps of Canada," "From a Canadian point of view," "Phil-

atelic Journalism in Canada," and "Philately in Canada." This paper sports (not supports!) eleven editors; we hope it will not ever long supply another proof of the theory that too many cooks spoil the broth!

The Western Stamp has come out with a cover, perhaps to hide the rather poor typographical appearance within. It is made up mostly of short notes, but there is one article of interest. It is by H. I. Watts upon the "Cincinnati Hand Stamp" and after describing it the author states his belief that this emission should be classed as a provisional stamp instead of a postmark, as the leading dealers are unanimous in calling it.

The New York Philatelist has changed its printers and as a consequence presents a much improved appearance. Its contributors evidently believe in *nom-de-plumes* for there is not one article recognizably signed. E. R. J. describes his oddity collection which includes such things as inverted watermarks and surcharges, double perforations, mis-

strikes, etc., H. J. M. gives a little talk on the "Triangular Cape of Good Hope Stamps," and some notes are supplied by C. L. of an uncatalogued error, the 20p. on 5p. green Egypt with inverted surcharge, and an illustration of the postal card issued by France to commemorate the recent visit of the Czar.

The Weekly Philatelic Era does not appear very often in this direction, but is always very welcome when it does come. The number listed above is full of newsy items.

Doughty & Page's Philatelic Literaturist offers a long list of papers at auction, and attempts to chronicle the philatelic births, deaths and announcements. The chronicles are amusing to read, but do not seem very reliable inasmuch as the very first death given is that of the All Around Stamp Advertiser, a paper which is still alive and lively.

The Rocky Mountain Stamp, closes its second volume with the Dec. No. and celebrates by issuing a fine index for it. S. B. Hopkins continues his West India series still discussing St. Christopher, C. E. Severn talks both instructively and interestingly upon "Steamboat Post-

marks and cancelations." Raymond S. Baker gives the third chapter of "Five years of Philatelic History," and there is a discussion as to whether stamps without value are worthy of being collected, the answer being either yes or no according to circumstances.

Just as we close the two numbers of the Columbian Philatelist come to hand together, and will therefore be thus reviewed, but as the leading article in each is by our pen, we feel rather delicate about mentioning them and so will merely say that the first speaks of some oddities to be found upon "The Other Side" of stamps while the second describes "The First Postal Service" as invented by Cyrus, king of Persia. The editorials and advs. are particularly interesting, and the same may be said of an article on "Consistency" wherein the inconsistencies of a certain well-known publication regarding Seebecks are exposed. The C. P. is now official organ, pro tempore, of the Columbian Philatelic Society.

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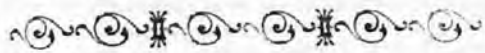
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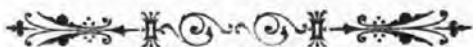


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50c " " " "	90	1.20
3c " 3d	25	45
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10c Washington " "	25	35
25c Fessenden " "	45	65
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## Generalizing or Specializing?

While it is an indisputable fact that the depression prevailing in business circles during the past few years, has been one of the chief causes of secession from "Philatelia," it is to be feared that "Hard Times" is not the only cause and the loss of many a once ardent disciple can be traced to other sources. Every collector is not a Vanderbi't or Rothschild and it requires the purse of Fortunatus almost to supply the innumerable calls for new issues alone, for it is astonishing how the postal needs of many countries have developed to such an extent that stamps of the value of five dollars and upwards have become an absolute necessity (?) It is left to the reader to decide for himself if these high values are for legitimate postal wants or manufactured specially with a view to depleting the Philatelists pocket-book and if they shall be included in collections.

Men, like sheep are prone to "follow the leader," and let it once be known that this country or that country is likely to come into prominence, or, in other words "become fashionable," a run fol-

lows, some of the varieties are "cornered" and the collector finds that one or two specimens that he needs are held at a fancy price. Some *must* have the coveted labels, the unattainable is always most sought after, and then after a time when the corner is broken or some other new 'fad' has come to the front, they find that if they had only exercised a little patience their wishes could have been gratified at a much smaller cost. When this occurs time after time, dissatisfaction follows and probably a collection catalogued and a sale. It is only natural that the stamps of our own country hold the first place in our affections and while it is very pleasant to the fortunate ones whose collections of U.S. are nearly complete, to watch their "gems" increasing in value with each edition of the Standard Catalogue, it is very depressing to the collector who is on the far side of the fence and who, much as he may desire to add this stamp or that stamp to his collection, finds that they are almost, if not entirely, out of his reach and—more dissatisfaction.

The average collector will, if this state of affairs continues, and

he attempts general collecting, have to content himself with a collection of the commoner varieties, or as an alternative devote himself to one or two countries and so become a "specialist."

The writer commenced collecting in the sixties; accumulated 1800 varieties and as no account was taken of watermarks or perforations in those days, it was a good collection. As he grew to manhood and other duties devolved on him the album was laid aside and not resurrected for some twenty years; but a chance glance at another collection re-kindled the fire. He became a general collector for a time but found that too many blanks were likely to remain blank and so he became a specialist in U. S. Great Britain and British Colonies.

He has about reached his limit in U. S. and Colonies and for a time will confine himself to Great Britain alone, and anticipates a vast amount of pleasure at a nominal cost, and some of his friends who have seen his collection of 450 British in one of H. L'Es-trange Ewen's albums are following his example.

Philatelists, therefore, should not give up; collect everything in sight as long as you can. When the prices become too high, lay aside your collection for a time and devote yourself solely to one country, say our own United

States, and how much "fun" you can have collecting the different shades and watermarks. Of the current issue take one of each letter. U S P; then the guide lines in their different positions, top, bottom and sides; follow on with country after country and you will be surprised how much you will add to your philatelic knowledge.

Moral: Don't allow the high prices of certain stamps to debar you from the pleasure of collecting.

BRITON.

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#### FOREIGN NOTES.

BY LEON G. LAMBERT.

The Peruvian Government has realized a net profit of 28,552.96 Pesos from their last Commemorative issue. Here are the official figures:

Value of the issue,	31,200.00.
Cost,	2,094.16.
Used on letters, etc.,	<u>1,552.88.</u>
Net profit,	28,552.96.

If collectors don't stop buying this trash we will have more new commemorative (?) issues.

Mr. Marcel Lefever, in a recent number of the San Marino, gives a table showing the number of stamps issued throughout the world during the years 1840 to 1895.

This table is according to Mau-ry's catalogue and does not include the varieties of shades, per-



## forations or water-marks :

1840	3	1869	143
1841	2	1870	253
1842	3	1871	180
1843	6	1872	187
1844	8	1873	247
1845	4	1874	175
1846	4	1875	282
1847	7	1876	194
1848	13	1-77	299
1849	16	1878	160
1850	82	1879	229
1851	73	1880	211
1852	84	1881	381
1853	51	1882	316
1854	87	1883	239
1855	47	1884	269
1856	71	1885	289
1857	82	1886	357
1858	108	1887	256
1859	153	1888	220
1860	118	1889	260
1861	113	1890	436
1862	241	1891	478
1863	146	1892	806
1864	205	1893	362
1865	184	1894	684
1866	185	1895	560
1867	170		
1868	224		
			11,063

Young collectors will see by this table that it is not impossible for them to complete their collection if they will only leave minor varieties alone and confine themselves to distinct varieties.

You will see by the above table that during 1892 more distinct varieties were issued than during any other year. This is due to the French Government retiring the many surcharged French Colonials and replacing them by attractive uniform sets. This operation alone, which by the way, was a blessing to philately, added over 300 distinct varieties to the number of collectable stamps.

Now that the English Govern-

ment is furnishing its colonies with uniform sets similar to the present set of Leeward Islands, and that Mr. Seebeck's contract with the Central American Republics has expired, we may look forward and have the satisfaction of knowing that in the future we shall not have as many speculative and unnecessary issues.

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**METROPOLITAN SQUIBS.**


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The new 1897 International postage stamp albums have made their appearance. There is no doubt but what these new popular price books will meet with ready sale, and favor with collectors generally. Compared with former editions, the present unquestionably excels in every particular, and being right up-to-date by the providing of spaces for the stamps issued during 1896, philatelists, who are in want of a first-class work, need feel no hesitancy in placing their orders for the 1897 edition.

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Now, that the facts are known regarding the recent issue of Tobago one shilling error, (the stamp being printed in the color of the six pence) collectors and dealers alike are eager to secure copies. Certain New York City firms are offering specimens at \$5.00 each, while it is understood they have brought as high as

\$25.00 at private sale. There is little doubt but what \$5.00 apiece is a reasonable charge, but it is not at all likely that this price will hold for any great length of time. One dealer limits the sale to ten copies, on the basis of \$5.00, while the majority, if they be among the fortunates having copies in their possession, place upon them a much higher valuation. The Scott Company in their 57th edition catalogue list the stamps but attach no quotations on them.

Among the much sought after varieties here in the city, in the line of British Colonials are the now obsolete issues of St. Helena and Sierra Leone. It is a matter of some little wonder why philatelists in need of good Colonials do not purchase them while current, and thus take advantage of at least 25 per cent., which most dealers offer on current issues; but there are many who wait until the new series appears, and then call upon their dealer, and quite naturally are obliged to pay in many cases, just double catalogue rates. This is one instance wherein the dealer profiteth by the slowness of a collector, in purchasing his wants.

Out of a large number of rarities recently handled by the

writer, was a very striking block of eighteen, unused 5c brown, type II, 1857 issue, United States. It had the full original gum, and being nicely perforated and evenly centered was a most attractive philatelic gem.

Brooklyn is rapidly coming to the fore with respect to stamp matters, and among the latest items of interest from that city, may be mentioned an exhibit of unused United States stamps, held by the Philatelic Society of Long Island. About \$1500.00 worth of stamps, the property of a few of the members, were on exhibition. The arrangement was made according to issue, and the whole collection placed in a large frame. The affair was very successful and largely attended.

The membership of the above mentioned society now numbers over thirty, and additional names are enrolled at every meeting.

The Brooklyn *Daily Eagle* has an established philatelic department appearing in their Sunday edition. The Eagle has done much toward progressing philatelic interests on Long Island, and the local stamp organization recognizing this fact recently communicated to the editor, expressions of hearty appreciation.

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It is to be presumed that there are many collectors whose bump of inventiveness is largely developed, and a careful perusal of the ad. of S. Hazen Bond in this paper is recommended as a possible means to an end.

Judging from the infrequency with which they appear on Literature Auction lists, the back numbers of our paper are likely to become valuable. Only a limited number of the earlier ones were printed and some are entirely out of print. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The Catalogue and Reference list of U. S. Plate Numbers, published by J. M. Bartels & Co., is a complete record of all plate numbers of U. S. stamps issued to date with prices of all issues since 1879. The catalogue is a great improvement on the previous one, and is an absolute necessity for those who specialize in plate numbers.

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New England Stamp Co., 265 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

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A. C. Townsend, Loan & Trust Building Washington, D. C.

U. S. Revenues appear to be a leader this season. A comparison of prices in the above lists shows that it will be to the advantage of intending purchasers to compare the figures and see where the bargains are offered; the difference in the prices is surprising.



# The Philatelic Press.

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*The New York Philatelist* is keeping its promise of improvement right royally and is already far above the usual level of new magazines though only in its 3d month. The current number gives articles upon "The Stamps of Naples and the Two Sicilies," by F. P.; "U. S. Proprietary Stamps" by S. Estle Miller, a particularly good essay signed M. S. entitled "The Old Postal System of South America"; Fred's story of how he "Struck a Snap," (in a dream); Canadian Notes by Maritime Boy; Philatelic press review, short items, editorials and correspondence. A splendid collection of good things.



"Phineas Scratch" has begun in the *Philatelic Advocate* to enlighten us upon "Polynesia and its Stamps" beginning with Samoa. He is getting on nicely with the history part but the stamp portion is not yet visible. The other contents are mostly editorials, clippings and Canadian notes, but a column is given over for the benefit of philatelic questions and questioners.



"The paper with the allitera-

tive name," *F. F.* and *F.*, is as usual thoroughly readable. Karl Ludwig gives a lengthy review of the new International Album. There is a chat upon legislation matters in regard to the proposed change in second-class mail arrangements and the refunding of the value of lost registered matter; a comic take-off on the craze for minor varieties translated from the French; philatelic society items and some information concerning the Wells Fargo Co. Franks.



Judging from the January *Evergreen State Philatelist*, which is the first number of Vol. VII. the new volume will be fully up to the standard of that just completed. Beside the usual editorial and trade notices there is a list of the quaint postal rates used in 1864, Era's "Notes on U. S." containing bits of information about letter sheets and beer stamps, directions for home-made hinges, a plea for universal size in stamp papers, and four pages filled by Veritas with comments on "two highly creditable" holiday issues. Something seems to have upset Veritas of late, for in part of his December review as

well as in a portion of the January one he has rather over-stepped the bounds of good breeding, perhaps due—as he himself puts it—to his being in a bad humor. To review an article whether favorably or otherwise is all right and no more than its author is prepared for, but the holding up of both article and author to sarcastic and undeserved ridicule is neither criticism or courtesy.

Perchance Veritas is the man we have read of who spent \$25 00 buying good stamps for Christmas presents to his philatelic friends and received nothing in return save a “mangy” punched revenue catalogued (in good condition) at \$1.00. In that case his ill-humor is really excusable.

E. B. Horn’s “Philatelic Journalism in Boston” is the opening article of the *Philatelic Free Lance*, and following it comes Colorado and Canadian notes, O. P. A. items, editorials and a continuation of I. E. Weldon’s “Philately in Canada,” begun in the last number.

In the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* the opening article is by W. Lionel Moise who treats of British Guiana issues, then follows the chronicle of new issues, editorials, chapter IV of Mr. Baker’s “Five Years of Philatelic History” and remarks by C. E. Severn telling

us that “All Countries are Collected” which has long been a universal bit of knowledge. The R. M. S. has an associate editor now in the person of its first editor, Mr. Joseph S. Davis.

*The Philatelic West* has somewhat improved since its last appearance in this direction. On the cover are cuts of four prominent philatelists, Messrs Kissinger, Severn, Carstarphen and Kramer. Within are short biographies of each and several pages of very readable matter mostly arranged in the short note style. The items supplied by the business manager, while interesting, are rather jerky and occasionally obscure as to meaning owing perhaps to too thorough a boiling down in the cause of brevity.

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## The Critic in Philately.

In no field of Enterprise or Pleasure is the critic so well known as in Philately. In Art, in Literature, in Science and in Commerce limitations are placed on the voicings of the critic, and he is either by timidity or politeness, taught to respect the opinions of his contemporaries; but alack in Philately the critic is a licensed personage.

The Philatelic critic is a good institution and he is a bad one. This sounds contradictory, but let us consider whether the critic is more of a curse or a blessing to Philately. To consider pleasant things first, let us look at the good he does our pursuit.

In the first place this free criticism of another's action and opinions unmistakably indicates a spirit of independence, desire for mutual improvement, and as it were, Philatelic Free-masonry, that is naturally very gratifying to the earnest Philatelist. Then again the rivalry, which this mutual criticism breeds, is very stimulating in its effect on both collector and writer as it causes them to redouble their efforts to near the goal of perfection and thus escape the unfavorable crit-

icism to which humanity is so averse.

Moreover, who is proof against the gratification arising from favorable criticism? Does labor not feel itself rewarded to know that some human being, even though a stranger, appreciates and approves it? Lastly this right of every collector to freely express his opinion and criticise that of his fellows tends toward making Philately more democratic, so that it is impossible in our pursuit for any clique or individual to hold any sway over Philatelic opinion.

And now we come to the harm that the critic does Philately.

In the first place to call anyone a critic is to imply that he is a pedant, for who is it we criticise? Those whose opinions coincide with our own? Not so. On the contrary the critic sets himself up as infallible and hurls his criticisms at all whose opinions differ from his. And in this is he a pedant.

Again this pedantic critic believes his manner of collecting to be the only correct method and consequently he is always ready to loudly proclaim him "no Philatelist." who collects different

varieties, belongs to a different stamp association, or, perchance, merely hinges his stamps differently from his Highness, the critic. In this he exhibits another trait of character, viz; the desire to hold dominion over the acts and opinions of his fellow-collectors. Occasionally the criticism is beneficial and wisely administered, and possibly the corrections are adopted by the judicious Philatelist, but in most cases the criticism is idle, boastful, emanating either from a desire for controversy or inane flattery, and then it falls like water from a duck's back. It is therefore a mere waste of energy, on the part of the critic, which if properly directed would lead to much better results than tearing to pieces the rightly established theories and practices of his fellow Philatelists.

I shall pass over the discouraging effect which so many contradictory criticisms produce on the young collector. Whatever he says or does there is always a critic to approve and several to disapprove until the poor fellow is at a loss what to do; that is, until the happy thought strikes him to do whatever pleases his own fancy and pay little heed to either favorable or adverse critics.

I shall not take the space to speak of the deleterious effect which so much criticism on others

has upon the critic himself, for that is his own lookout. I will merely recall to his mind the biblical parable of the man, the mote, the beam, etc.

And now what conclusion do we draw from considering both sides of the question? Simply this; that Philatelic criticism, like everything else under the Sun, is purely relative. Wise, helpful criticism, judiciously administered, is a blessing to Philately. Idle, boastful criticism, administered merely from a love of fault-finding, or cringing flattery, is a curse.

So after all has been said it simply stands thus; the Philatelic critic is good and he is bad, which was what I stated out to prove in the first place.

And now I seem to have reached the starting point in my circle, therefore here endeth.

M. C. SPEARS.

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Mr. I. E. Patterson's "Canadian Comments" are the best part of *Our Philatelia* for January. This paper has but four pages and no cover.

The *Philatelic Advocate* begins the new year with a new volume, so that Vol. I will consist of only three numbers. Having now secured second class rates it promises great improvement in every way and begins by printing its cover in red, blue and gold, and publishing an index of the contents. The continuation of "Polynesia and its stamps" has now reached the stamp part, but so far contains little of value, seeming to be compiled mostly from the catalogue list of issues. The

February number has also arrived and is fully equal to its predecessor.

The *Philatelic Californian* gives nearly eight pages of its space to Messrs Riddell and Weber's exhaustive article on U. S. Department stamps, promising the conclusion in the next number. Mr. Greenebaum continues his remarks on U. S. envelopes and wrappers, and a description is given of a forged Tasmanian surcharge, the 2½d on 9d, double surcharge. The *P. C.* now gives space to the reports of the Pacific Philatelic Society, having lately been elected official organ.

In the *Columbian Philatelist* for December S. B. Hopkins describes the unframed and framed varieties of the U. S. 5c 1894 giving a description that differs from the one quoted several months ago from the *Philatelic Californian*. According to him the frame is a colored line joining the ends of the lines which form the background of the portrait. The other contents are "Santa Claus Dilemma," a Christmas rhyme by Amy L. Swift; comments upon the recently re-

fused application of W. H. Emmer for membership in the A. P. A.; press review, Mr. Dodge's editorials and the reports of the Columbian, Connecticut and Ipswich philatelic societies, for all of which the *C. P.* is now official organ.

The cut in the December *American Collector* represents Mr. Frank S. Stiles. Under the title of "The Market" R. L. Perry gives some hints as to what, from a pecuniary view, are good stamps to purchase; Edgar Nelson takes up a column discussing Brazilian issues, and D. Harlan King makes a short plea for cut square envelopes, claiming that they are as fully worthy of consideration as are entires, and should not be thrown aside in disgrace to make way for the latter just because the philatelic powers that be have so decreed. The object of this department is to give our readers a knowledge of what other papers are publishing, not to express our personal views, but in this case we must really step aside long enough to applaud the stand Mr. King has taken, for most decidedly "them air our sentiments tew!" Very few dare to stand up for cut squares now-a-days for fear of the prompt extinguishing that the other side always administers, so an exception to the rule is actually re-

freshing to the many who still adhere to the old love.

B. A. Cottlow's "Freaks, Fakes and Funny Things" is the opening article in the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, and very interesting reading it is. Mr. W. E. Imeson's "Specialist or Generalist" follows and is a breezy discussion of a well-worn subject ending as they all do, with the advice to suit yourself. Mr. Baker's "Five Years of Philatelic History" is still running. He will have to add another year or two to bring it up to date if it lasts much longer.

Vol. I, No 1 (Jan.) of the *Wisconsin Philatelist* has appeared. It is small enough to travel in an ordinary sized envelope, but being printed in small type contains a good deal of matter. There are two solid articles, "The Stamps of Cauca," by H. S. Swenson, and "Stamp Collecting, Who Does It?" by L. G. Dorpat. Both are very good although the latter is not completed. Price, 15c per year. Archie L. Govey, editor and publisher, De Pere, Wisc.

The pages of the eight in the *Texas Philatelist* for February are occupied by a bit of fiction entitled "The Mill-owner's Story" whose author is R. H. Rockwood. This is the only article unless E.

B. Horn's Boston Notes can be dignified by that name. Among them is the mention of an "oddy" in the U. S. revenue line, a 2c playing cards *part* perforated. We have one with very wide margins which was found last summer on an old photograph, so wish he had been kind enough to have given the price it brought at the auction where it was offered.

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New—*The Young Collector*, Red Lion, Pa., 15c per year, eight pages, no cover. *The American Boys*, Lowell, Mass., 50c per year, eight pages, no cover. Others received are: *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*; *Monthly Observer*; *Philatelic West*; *New York, North State and Omaha Philatelists*.

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**Boston Correspondence.**

BY E. B. HORN, JR.

Many dealers here are selling their U. S. revenues at prices regardless of 57th quotations, for what they think the stamps are worth. Credit ought to be given to these dealers, and of course their patronage increases in accordance with their prices. The dealers who want prices nearly up to the 57th rates find trade dull; and why not? Wise collectors will not pay high-flown prices, and the dealer who wants

the earth for his wares generally keeps them.

Drew's 14th auction sale was a dandy. Every stamp was in fine condition, and was listed in a neatly gotten up catalogue. The prices realized were generally very good, and the attendance was large. More attention is paid to condition now than ever before.

The Philadelphia Carrier stamp 1c red on buff, is a pretty scarce specimen, seldom met with save in auctions. A particularly fine copy of this stamp is possessed by one of our local collectors, and he wants a good price for it; good in comparison with the scarcity of the stamp.

The last regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was well attended as are nearly all meetings. An informal auction at the close of the meeting took place in which some good bargains were picked up.

Nearly all dealers agree in saying that transient trade is dull—very dull, while mail trade is not much better. But dull trade can really be hardly more than what could be expected in this time of business depression. Auction sales also hurt dealers' trade.

An imperforate pair of four cent Columbians is in the possession of a Boston collector. Quite an oddity in its way.

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We return our thanks to the Committee for an invitation to the Eleventh Annual Banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society. As it is to be held Feb. 27th the function will be over by the time we go to press, but we know those present had "a jolly good time."

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The American Stamp, Vol. I, No. 1, has come to hand, the paper being the only thing green about it. The contents are very interesting, but a new proof reader would not be out of place. By the way, Literature collectors have the opportunity of noting an "error" as a portion of the edition, which is dated January, is spelled "JANUAY," while the other part is correct, January.

We have received copies of:

Directory of Virginia Philatelists, compiled by H. B. Vesev, Norfolk, Va.  
Price Lists from Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo., and Perrin & Co., 122 E. 23d St., New York.

Auction Catalogues for W. F. Gregory's 5th sale, March 2d, at Collectors' Club; B. L. Drew & Co's 15th sale and Walter S. Scott Stamp Co's 7th sale, both for Feb. 24th, arrived too late for mention in our last number.



P. M. Wolsieffer's Sale, January 30th realized \$2915.25, 414 lots being sold. Some good stamps brought good prices; Baltimore Provisional 5c on bluish p., \$250; St. Louis, die A \$250; 10c die C, plate 2, \$250; U. S. 1872, reissued 1875, set of 13 stamps \$430; 1861 5c red brown August variety \$115; 1869, 90c \$15.05; Justice 90c \$28. The general prices realized are not indicative of much strength in the Philatelic market and good times must be side-tracked somewhere, but what opportunities there are just now to pick up bargains.

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*H. Fenton, Secretary and Treasurer, Knoxville, Tenn.*

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## The Stamps of Jamaica.

BY LEON G. LAMBERT.

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## Bostonian Notes.

BY EVERETT BYRON HORN.

H. L'Estrange Ewen's new 5th edition catalogue of British post-

age stamps has just struck this city. It contains 218 pages brimful of valuable matter to anyone making English stamps a speciality.

Discounts, as a general thing, are very much larger this year than ever before. Catalogue prices in many cases are too high, and money is, as a rule, too scarce, consequently as the dealers generally have procured their wares cheap they are willing to part with them at swelled discounts in order to share what little trade there is. But undoubtedly now is the time to purchase if you ever intend to, and the collector well supplied with "filthy lucre" can make a good thing by buying now.

Albinos of the current 1c envelope stamp are quite common and readily procured. Varieties in this direction always add interest to one's collection and in many cases are easily disposed of at high prices.

The sixty-fourth regular meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society was held at Elk's Hall on March 16. The usual transactions of business was carried on, and

the accustomed informal auction took place.

The general cry of "dull trade" continues to be heard on all sides, and the market continues in the same state of stringency all over the country. Yet some dealers seem to have a good trade above others who cannot scrape up aught but very little. But the general market is very dull.

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With this issue we enter upon our fourth volume. Our past success has been fair for a stamp journal, and we have ever tried to merit all the support we have received. As for the future, we shall only say that we shall continue to strive to merit your support and hope to enroll you as a subscriber.

Mr. R. M. Miller, Editor of the *American Collector*, has moved back to his former abode at New Chester, Penna. and has embarked upon the drug and grocery trade. Here's success to you Bro. Miller!

The Colman case has filled the minds of collectors for the past few months to a little extent. We hope justice will be rendered all parties concerned, but we are sorry to learn of Townsend's connection with the fraud.

Portugal has furnished some of her colonies with an entirely new set of stamps. The design of all are the same, with the exception of the name. Nicaragua has also issued a new set for 1897—some of Seebeck's production—but we care not to go into details of

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E. B. HORN

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lectors in this South-land of ours and there is absolutely no good reason why we should not have at least one large Society to say nothing of a number of smaller ones, local ones so to speak.

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Enter the *Funny Foolatelist*, "edited by Cupid, published in No Man's Land, subscription gratis," circulation up in the twelve figures. It announces itself as the advance guard of *Philatelic Punch* (to be issued March 1st. by Page & Adair, McConnellsville, Ohio,) and consists of eight pages and cover. Three pages are given to jokes and comic illustrations one is blank, and publishers announcements fill the others.

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The *Columbian Philatelist*, Jan. has 28 pages, over half of which are filled by ads. and society reports. The opening article purports to be from the *Daily Philatelic Press* of June 2nd. 3002 "and is followed by a further defence of Mr. Emmert, a very good 'Plea for the Boys' by Lillie H. Murry reprinted from the *American Collector*, and E. B. Horn's Boston notes.

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The *Philatelic Visitor* (Feb.) has 4 pages, no cover, and consists only of ads. headed by a short "Greeting."

The *Monthly Observer* (Feb.) has changed its form and now appears in the conventional 8 page size but without cover.

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The *Omaha Philatelist* (Feb.) is almost entirely given over to descriptions and illustrations of Omaha and its scenery. The engravings, paper and printing are all very fine even to the covers which are printed in royal purple. Messrs. Shepard & Thurston have issued a handsome number and have our congratulations. Omaha wants all the society conventions in 1898 and the O. P. is doing its part to get them.

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"Philatelic Journalism in Ontario," "Postage Rates of Canada in 1837," "Ottawa notes," editorials and the report of the Dominion Philatelic Association make up the contents of the (Jan.) *Ontario Philatelist*.

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In the *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* (Feb.) A. M. Muirhead gives a "complete reference list of Nova Scotia stamps" mentioning a number of uncatalogued provisionals, and W. F. Van Malden talks of British Columbia and Vancouver Island issues.

The rest of the pages are chiefly filled by D. P. A. matter.

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Vol. 1 No. II (Jan.) of the *Philatelic Canadian* is at hand. No. I did not come this way so comparisons are not in order, but No. II contains some very good reading. I. E. Weldon is running a continued article on "National Characteristics Displayed in Postage Stamps," and there is also an unsigned essay on "The Speculator and Philately."

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The *Perforator* (Mar.) published at 20c. per year by Henry A. Chapman. Hartford, Con. is a new petitioner for the right hand of fellowship. The editor explains the unique name by remarking that "philatelic" in some form is used as a title by so many papers that it has grown very monotonous and therefore was not good enough for his first-born, hence the adoption of a name less worn. It is a bright, breezy little Journal, coverless to be sure, and with only 8 pages, but they are Lemon-yellow pages and are well filled with philatelic odds and ends, some original, some reprinted.

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Mr. E. B. Horn informs us that the auction price of the 2c. blue Playing Cards, *part perf.*, mentioned last month in connection

with his name was about \$2.00, or rather, a trifle more.

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As usual, the *Evergreen State Philatelist* (Mar.) is promptly on time with a good supply of trade notices, ads. and general reading. Most of the latter is in the form of notes by several writers, the only solid article being a discussion of the varieties in the Columbian envelopes and the probable causes thereof, by Gordon C. Corbaley.

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The *New York Philatelist* (Feb.) contains rather less good matter than is usual though the opening article on "The Stamps of Prince Edward's Island" by Maritime Boy has much to recommend. Several columns are filled with matter touching the arrest of H. F. Colman for unlawful possession of U. S. periodical stamps."

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A price list of the Hawaiian Stamps Co., Honolulu, H. I. states that all "Provisional Govt." stamps in possession of the authorities were "destroyed by order of the legislature Jan. 28, 1897." The sentence is rather ambiguous but one thing is plain enough at least, President Dole is evidently not a Philatelist or he could not have had the heart to sanction such doings!

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NO. 2.

## THE COMING STAMPS.

The "Coming Stamps" seem, by all present indications, to be the Match and Medicine Revenues of the United States, and the Revenue Stamps of Canada. They are not at present noticed to any great extent but the devotees to this branch of our hobby are daily increasing in number. After the great boom in the documental revenues subsides somewhat, we think that Match and Medicine Stamps will grow in popular favor. The supply of Documentals is almost unlimited—whereas the Proprietary Stamps of individual persons are limited in their supply.

This fact of course has significance, for just as soon as a demand for them arises, the prices will soar above. They were, to be sure, issued in great quantities, but just conceive of the vast number that have been destroyed—certainly the greatest part of the supply must have been destroyed—as people used their antidotes, and made away with the wrappers containing the stamp destined to be collected.

A few years ago Match and Medicine Stamps had a small

boom, which has continued up to the present time, although the press has not spoken of it very much. Furthermore we may say that there are many reasons why we should collect private proprietary stamps. They make a fine display in the first place, and are worthy a share of the Collectors' attention and study. No other more beautiful stamps can be found, and neatly arranged in a blank stamp album, they would surely induce many outsiders to join our ranks, and would be worth displaying among ones' collector friends. Another good reason why they should be collected is because at present they are cheap, and it is evident that they will not long stay so. But few dealers have plentiful stocks of these stamps at present, but from those who do deal in such, they can be procured for about one half catalogue. The discounts on them are yearly growing less, also, while the catalogue price is slowly but surely rising.

It seems to us that these stamps must certainly someday boom, so beautiful are they. If you have none we advise you to start at once collecting them.

VESPA.

### A Philatelic Note Book.

This is something we all ought to have, for it frequently chanches that in our multitudinous philatelic reading we come across some items it would be desirable to remember. Perhaps we do remember them, for there are people who claim that it is impossible to entirely forget anything. But if so, that particular memory is so covered up and over by others that it is seldom available for use, so for this reason one of the best philatelic helps a collector can have is a note-book in which to copy them as they come along.

Mr. Fred Woolston took up this subject sometime since, advising that we utilize the margins of our catalogues by putting down beside each stamp listed the initials of the paper containing information about it, but this would interfere with the favorite method of using the catalogue as a check list, and besides being rather bewildering now that so many papers have the same or similar initials, it would take a good deal of patience and time to look up the exact paper among a large pile and then find the correct item.

My way is to keep a small note-book in which to copy each item that is especially worthy of recollection, (provided it is not too long to copy) using contracted lan-

guage or abbreviated words. Each item has a paragraph to itself, separated by a space from the one above it, and is clearly labelled so that it is possible to tell at a glance what country and stamp it refers to. Forgery descriptions have a department to themselves at the end of the book, but are otherwise treated in the same way. When the desired wisdom cannot be compressed into a small space I list the country and stamp as before, and then write underneath the full name, number and date of the magazine containing the knowledge on that point adding a word or two to explain its scope. An index might be arranged if desired, to assist in the speedy finding of the required item; but my experience is that the looking over process is the best as it helps to fix the various bits of wisdom more thoroughly in mind, thus making them available at all times and places and so really saving time in the end.

AMY L. SWIFT.

### A GOOD THING.

The publishers of the World Famous Twice-A Week Detroit Free Press desire to introduce their paper to new readers, and are making the following very liberal offer: They will send the paper twice each week for 10 weeks for the small sum of TEN CENTS. Just think of it, twenty papers for only ten cents; one-half cent a copy. Do not fail to take advantage of this wonderful offer. The Free Press needs no recommendation. Send 10c, stamps or silver, to The Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Mich

## FOREIGN NEWS.

By LEON G. LAMBERT.

All the stamps of St. Helena of the old type are now obsolete, except the 6 pence.

The French Journal *L'Avenir-des Timbres-Post*, published by M. Delzenne has stopped publication.

Two German dealers, Henry N. G. Martin Speckin, of Schwerin, and Iwan Blumenthal, of Lubeck have each been condemned to one month imprisonment for having obliterated different stamps envelopes of Mecklenburg to defraud dealers.

Germany has issued five sets of stamps and postal cards for the following colonies:

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These stamps are made by simply surcharging the regular German stamps and postal cards in black with the colony's name.

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5	"	Green
10	"	Carmine
20	"	Blue
25	"	Orange
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10x10	"	Carmine

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Eagle cents of 1857-8; V nickels of 1883 without "cents"; Indian Wampum; copper war tokens 1861-4 and all var. fractional currency for unused U. S. stamps. A. P. Wylie, Prairie Center, Illinois.

Make cash offer on International Philatelist Vols. 2, 4, and 4; Penn. Philatelist Vols. 9 and 10, all complete. One hundred different philatelic papers. H. G. Hoffmann, 1908 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans La.

I can use lots of Great Britain Plate numbers, watermarks, etc. Must be cheap. What do you want for them, cash or exchange? If sent on approval enclose stamped envelope for return in case not satisfactory. H. Fenton, Box 8, Knoxville Tenn.

I have hundreds of duplicates obtained by foreign correspondence, which I will exchange for Columbians, dues, deliveries, old issues and current 6, 8 and 15c. Albert H. Hall, North Cambridge, Mass.

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Our special offer of half of above rates for advertising and 15 cents for a year subscription to the HOME WORKER still holds good. Dealers should avail themselves of the offer to make long time contracts.

Hovey Bros Stamp Co., Winthrop, Iowa, have favored us with a sample of their star hinge paper which we have tested and can recommend it especially for use in affixing duplicates in books.

The price is very moderate.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has favored us with a priced catalogue of his auction, April 9 and 10. The 886 lots realized \$3145.95. Some of the best sales were; 1869, 90c, unused block of four, \$105; 1861 10c, August variety, damaged, \$36.05; 1863, 3c scarlet, o. g., \$42; Justice, 90c, off center, \$29.30; State, \$5.00, \$124; \$10, \$63.50; \$20, \$61.55; 1887, 2c green, die A, manilla, \$58.25; Autaugaville, Ala., 5c Prov. stamped envelope, \$439.50; St Vincent, 18-71, 1sh claret, \$26.95; Mauritius, 1848, 2d light blue, \$23.75, (catalogued \$20); 2d blue *bluish*, \$21.25, (cat. \$20.)

With deep regret we have to announce the death of John K. Tiffany, of St. Louis, on March 3d 1897, aged 55.

He was probably the leading authority on philatelic subjects in this country and his loss will be deeply deplored by all. He had the most complete philatelic library extant, and as a student of U. S. entires he was without a peer.

It is whispered that the *Detroit* and *Boston Philatelists* are to appear again shortly under the respective leaderships of Wm. H. Kessler Jr. and Everett B. Horn. May the elusive goddess of success smile approvingly on both undertakings.



# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

The *American Collector* for March describes some "Text Mistakes on Postage Stamps" in a way that shows much study on the part of the author who signs himself F. P. The article is worthy of a more extended signature. Miss Lillie Murray bemoans the lack of philatelic interest among the feminine sex, but if she will poke around a bit she will doubtless find that feminine collectors are almost as numerous as the masculine, only they are more modest and retiring as a rule so that they are less often brought into public notice. I knew of several ladies with fine collections whose names have never spread abroad, and one of them has a collection worth fully \$6,000 if not more.

Last month the *Evergreen State Philatelist* announced the securing of an exhaustive article on U. S. Revenues, and this month (April) begins it, giving three pages to it. Three pages more are filled by Veritas with selected sayings and a somewhat sarcastic pulling to pieces of Mr. O. K. Carstarphen's idea about consolidating the numerous little stamps societies into one large

one. It is to be regretted that Mr. Moeiler so often spoils his otherwise fine literary work by so much sarcastic fault-finding; the result is not pleasing even to the general reader, and must be far from conducive to peace and good-will between discussed and discussor. "Era's Random Jottings" are as usual both readable and helpful.

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The *Texan Philatelist* (March) is made up of various notes; a reprint from the Youth's Companion on the Japanese commemorative issue, and a vigorous editorial stir of the Texas Philatelic Society's political pudding. Whoever values a long and merry life had better let all puddings of that kind severely alone, for they are the most baneful enemies poor Philately has to encounter.

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The *Detroit Philatelist*, Vol. 1 No. 1, April, has appeared with Wm. H. Kessler Jr., 157 West Canfield Ave., Detroit, Mich. as editor, and Will M. Randall as Asst. Ed. Subscription, 25c. per year. Mr. Severn contributes a "Chat on Centering" and Mr. Corbaley tells what the "Chron-

icle of the Future" ought to be like; then follows a few notes by Mr. Randall, editorials, and the report of the Michigan Philatelic Society which claims the D. P. as official organ.

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Few of us own the early stamps of Switzerland but Emil A. Stigeler is evidently one of the fortunate ones, and having studied them at considerable length he gives us a part of the resulting discoveries in the April *Rocky Mountain Stamp* with more to follow later. Every Paget has begun a series of advice articles for the benefit of the ever-present beginner; and Mr. Baker has reached Chapter 7 of his philatelic history, discussing in it the doings during 1895. The chronicle of new issues and Q. C. P. S. reports conclude the number.

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The second number of the *Wisconsin Philatelist* (Feb) is out and is quite an improvement over No. 1 in appearance although the size is the same. The only article is by Mr. L. G. Dorpat, who tells what there is to collect, beginning the list with postage stamps proper and ending it with reprints, counterfeits etc. as a side-line.

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In the *Philatelic Advocate* (Mar.) "Canuck" tell us about the stamps

of Canada in rhyme which is rather halting at times but yet amusing to read although it contains no knowledge items which are not fully given in the catalogue. Sydney Nichol's "Hints on Perforation" illustrating a few different methods is decidedly the best thing in this number, touching one of the points young collectors are often puzzled over but seldom see explained.

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"Plate Number Collecting" is the opening article of the *New York Philatelist* for March. Following it is a short press review; more of F. P.'s "Postal Chronology of the Globe" giving the dates of note-worthy happenings; editorials and a few Boston notes.

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F. P., who seems to be quite a prolific writer with something worth saying in each article, has a very interesting essay on "Mail Service in Denmark" in the Feb. *Philatelic Canadian* which with that number commences its new duties as official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Society.

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Other exchanges received:—Feb., *American Stamp*, *Young Collector*; March: *Suburban Monthly*, *Monthly Observer*, *Halifax Philatelic Magazine*, April: *Official Bulletin*, *Philatelic Advocate*.

"We admire the impartial review contained in each number of THE HOME WORKER" — *Philatelic Advocate*. Thanks!

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

Hovey Bros Stamp Co., Winthrop, Iowa, write: "The ad. was most satisfactory and we received so many answers that we could not fill all applications for sheets. Please send us another contract blank and continue our ad in next issue if we don't get the contract in time."

Albert H. Hall, North Cambridge, Mass., writes: "My exchange in the February number brought me three correspondents with whom I have already exchanged over six dollars worth of stamps and shall exchange more. Each has sent me from 1 to 4 lots and offered me more, about which we are now corresponding. The result is so good that I enclose an exchange for the April number."

THE HOME WORKER for March contains an interesting article on "The Critic in Philately." All that we can say is that we consider the critic a necessary evil—*The Monthly Observer*.

*The Philatelic Advocate* admires the regularity of THE HOME WORKER and the impartial review contained in each number. Thanks, brother.

THE HOME WORKER, of Knoxville, Tenn., is one of the best

philatelic periodicals in the South with a competent reviewer, Miss Amy L. Swift, who wields a trenchant pen—*The Perforator*, April, 1897.

## LATE LITERARY NEWS.

The most intensely interesting people of the world just at this moment are the millions of famine and plague stricken India. But little is known of this region by the people of the United States. Such reports as come to us are the things seen through British glasses. What has been the effect of British rule in India? Why these terrible famines? Why these plagues? Julian Hawthorne has been sent by the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* to India to obtain answers to these questions at first hand and depict the situation as it appears to the American.

The March *Cosmopolitan* contains the first of what is probably the most important series of articles ever presented in this magazine. Nothing has been published which gives an adequate idea of the larger operations of business—at least nothing by the class of men fitted for such work by thorough familiarity with the subjects of which they write. The article in the March *Cosmopolitan* on "The Methods of Banking," by the President of one of the largest banks of New York—a man of widest business experience—former Postmaster-General James—is one which every person, however humble his clerkship or high his place in the financial world, will find interesting and instructive.

What has become of the *Philatelic Free Lance*? It has now been absent for about four months. We hope to see it again in the field before many sunsets.

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NO. 3.

## SOUTHERN PHILATELIC CONVENTION.

The convention was called to order in the city of San Antonio, Texas, April 20, at 10:30 a. m. by President Heusinger who stated the purpose of the convention, and appointed the committees on credentials, finance, standing rules, exchange department and official journal.

The charges preferred against the late Exchange Superintendent, A. M. Rareshide, of Houston, Texas, were considered and after a lengthy debate he was suspended from membership until he makes a settlement with the association. In case he fails to make settlement within 60 days he shall be expelled by the Board of Trustees.

Reports of the officers were read.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance received from	
Ex-Treas. Simpson. .	\$2.31
Received from old	
Board of Trustees. .	1.80
Dues from members	
received . . . . .	11.10
Initiation fees received	.70
Total,	\$15.91

#### EXPENDITURES.

To membership cards .	\$ .75
To Sec'y expenses . . .	1.69
To copies of L. S. S. P.	
for Jan. Feb. & Mar.	7.65
Cash balance on hand.	5 82
Total,	\$15.91

ROY B. BRADLEY,  
Acting Treasurer.

Approved by Committee,  
H. C. GLAZE, } Committee  
EMIL GERLICH. } on  
NELT. MACKEY, } Finance.

It was decided to reorganize under the old name, The Southern Philatelic Association.

The Secretary was authorized to renumber the association, dropping delinquent members from the roll.

The offices of Board of Trustees, and Exchange Superintendent were declared vacant.

The constitution was read, and amended. The offices of Purchasing Agent and Auction Manager were abolished, the initiation fee raised to 25 cents and the annual dues reduced to 25 cents. The Secretary is to act as Treasurer, and he and the Exchange Superintendent are to furnish personal bond for the faithful performance of their duties.

The Secretary was instructed

to have the Constitution prepared for reading and reference.

The third session was called to order at 8:30 a. m., April 21.

The revised constitution, was unanimsously adopted as a whole.

Emil Gerlich and Robt. Kessler were elected Trustees, and H. Fenton Exchange Superintendent.

For the annual convention, Nashville, Tenn., was selected. No exact date was fixed, but it will be the day before or after the convention of the Sons of Philatelia.

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#### IN MEMORIAM.

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Dr. Heinrich von Stephan, "Founder of the Universal Postal Union" born Jan. 7, 1831 at Stolp, Prussia, Died April 8, 1897 at Berlin, Germany.

He graduated as a postal Official, was made sub-postmaster and Postdirector General, Post Director and Superior Post Director successively. In the zenith of his postal work he was made Secretary of State of the Imperial German Postal Service. In 1874 he organized the Universal Postal Union. He introduced into Germany the Money Order Service and the Book Postal System, and in Berlin the Pneumatic Postal Service.

His was a postal funeral, the hearse was drawn by eight post

horses mounted by postmen who blew their postal horns. The German Emperor, the Diplomatic Corps (including the U. S. Ambassador and Staff) followed his remains to his last home. At the Postal Congress, now in session at Washington his desk is draped in mourning. Requiescat in Pace. F. P.

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#### Rare Postage Stamps.

Godfrey Scheitlin has in his possession an interesting collection of postage stamps that he has from time to time received from his sister in Abyssinia. In the lot is also a postal card that came from the same country.

Abyssinia has recently made great improvements in the way of postal affairs. The sovereign of that country is King Menelik, whom, it will be remembered, waged war with Italy a short time ago. In the conflict the forces of King Humbert were badly routed with great slaughter.

The sister of Mr. Scheitlin is the wife of an officer high up in the Abyssinian government. He and his wife are both natives of Switzerland but are now living in the domain of Menelik.

The postage stamps referred to were printed in France. The brother-in-law of Mr. Scheitlin was sent on a special mission to France by the king to have the stamps engraved and printed—*Knowville Tribune, May 11, 1897.*

## A GENUINE PACKET.

Our jovial K. P. S. Sales Superintendent writes us:

"A few days ago I received through a friend a large packet of Stamps from New York that weighed 180 lbs. After two hours inspection, I failed to find anything counterfeit or seebeckish in the whole packet."

The brother perpetrated a joke on us and is still alive. The "packet referred to is a gentleman of the name of Stamps who wants some Stamps for Stamps Junior. —Ed.

## Stamp Craze.

There are various developments of the "stamp craze." The Queen of the Netherlands, who is only sixteen years of age, is reported to have said: "I should like very much, my dear minister, a new series of stamps which will show me to my people just as I am at present." Her own face does not appear in her large collection.

The engraving on official papers will not be changed, it is said, until her marriage. Even royalty has its disappointments, and, like other stamp collectors, the queen has ungratified desires.—*Youth's Companion*.

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## HUB CORRESPONDENCE.

E. B. HORN, JR.

Mr. Drew held his last auction sale here April 29' with a fair crowd turning out in attendance; prices as a whole were very good, and bidding at times was very lively. This is our last sale of the season, and for many reasons we are all glad. New York auctions will continue until late into the season, but Boston has closed up early.

Everybody here will soon begin to make preparations for the coming American Philatelic Association Convention, and a general good time is expected by all. and a fairly large number, it is hoped will attend this meeting.

Match and Medicine proprietary revenues have not as yet experienced any real boom, though new collectors are constantly taking these worthy stamps up. It is generally conceded that no one will make a mistake by purchasing these stamps at present.

It has been reported that Belgium is soon to change the color of her present issue of stamps. This is necessitated by the difficulty in distinguishing some of the present value on account of the similarity in colors.

Have you noticed how the de-

mand for proofs of United States stamps has increased during the past few years? Collectors must fill spaces somehow and in view of the fact that originals are too high in price, and that proofs were issued in limited supply only, they of course have recourse to proofs. "Specimen" stamps may also be spoken of in the same connection.

### The Delineator.

The June number of *The Delineator* is called the Early Summer Number, and its presentation of warm-weather modes, fabrics, dress trimmings and millinery is made brilliantly attractive by the handsome color plates. The literary features include contributions by a quintette of famous women. Sister Angelique, a daintily humorous story of life in a Louisiana convent school, is by Molly Elliot Seawell, author of "The Sprightly Romance of Marsac," *The New York Herald's* \$3,000 prize story. In the fourth number of the series on Social Life in American Cities, Anne H. Warton, author of "Through Colonial Doorways," etc., discusses with authority Society in Philadelphia. Of allied interest is Anna T. Sadlier's account of the Lady Antiquarians of Montreal. Jeanie M. Drake's second study of New York Social Types will be found quite as pleasantly critical as was her description of the Metropolitan Woman of Society.

Dealers who have not yet availed themselves of our 50 per cent cut in ad. rates should lose no time in doing so, thus securing the reduction before it is too late.

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I will exchange stamp papers, covered and uncovered, at 3c. each for stamps catalogued at not less than the same sum. Canadian Revenues, particularly bill stamps, are especially desired. Stamps should be placed on sheets and priced by owner. Please enclose postage. A. L. Swift, Box 335, Whitman, Mass.

I will give other stamp papers or stamps for the following whole Nos. of *Mekeel's Weekly*: 207, 208, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 231, Chas. P. Galyon, Russell Building, Knoxville, Tenn.

Will give complete file of 5 Nos. of the *Midland Philatelist* for any U. S. stamp in good condition at the rate of 15c. for each file. No stamps to catalogue less than 15c. F. R. Hurst, 151 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

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I have a fine copies of the \$5.00 Mortgage imperforate that I will exchange for a fine copy of the \$10.00 second issue. Also have 25c. Bond imperforate, will exchange for a \$50.00 Green perforated. F. R. Hurst, 1517 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.



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The "Exchange" already has a number of filled books on hand and is now able to place a preliminary credit and send filled books from which to select such preliminary credit within an hour from the time it receives your book.

A monthly report of the doings of the "Exchange" will be published in THE HOME WORKER. This report will give the number and value of books received since last report, preliminary credit allowed on same, number and value in circulation, number and value retired and amount selected from same. Amount of insurance fund and anything else which would be of interest to members.

Lambert's improved approval books will for the present be used for exchange books so anybody having them on hand can send them in filled without having to first order blank exchange books.

The "Exchange" employs a good clerk who does everything with great care and promptness.

After the "Exchange" has a certain number of members it will be incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota and a new set of rules will then be adopted.

A full report will be published in the July number of the HOME WORKER.

LEON G. LAMBERT.

MANAGER.

St. Paul, May 19, 1897.

Innes' big concert band begins a two months engagement at the Tennessee Centennial in Nashville on June 7th. It is said that opinion has established Innes and Sousa as the proprietors and leaders of the only two great concert bands in America.

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Can anyone tell us the present address of W. L. Kendall, formerly of Brockton, Mass?

With pleasure we give space to the report of the Special Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, which unfortunately reached us just too late for insertion in our May number which was mailed to our subscribers May 1st. The association has hitherto been unfortunate in its selection of officers and its career has not been a very successful one. However, the "right men" seem to have taken hold and we

have no doubt they will receive the support of all Southern Philatelists. Let all who have not yet done so write Roy B. Bradley, Abilene, Texas, for particulars and let every member use his best efforts in picking up "new wood" until the "Sunny South" can boast of one of the strongest and best philatelic aggregations in the country. We are glad to note that A. M. Rareshide, ex-Exchange Superintendent, has been suspended. Had this been done long ago the association would now be numerically stronger than it is. However, the members who had stamps in circulation in his department will not lose anything as Messrs Bradley, Noyes and Heusinger have pledged themselves to make good his deficiency. If you think such action worthy of support join the S. P. A. at once for these are the executive officers.

Almost without an exception Philatelists experience great difficulty in deciding on shades in colors and it is a pleasure to call the attention of our readers to the "Guide to the Colors of Postage Stamps" published by Chas. Stewart, 210 East Ninth Street, St. Paul, Minn. from whom copies can be obtained, price 12 cents, post free.

Mr. Stewart's plan is practical and inexpensive. He gives a

selection of the cheap stamps of each color, stamps that can be found in almost every collector's duplicates, and at the end of the Book gives an album providing a space or one of each color.

This book should be in the hands of all collectors as it will be an undoubted help in deciding a difficult question.

We suppose most of our readers have seen and appreciated E. T. Parker's "Want list" for U. S. Revenues. He has just issued a similar list for U. S. Adhesive and Envelope stamps.

How many of us can tell "at sight" all the stamps we want and Mr. Parker's book will prove especially valuable to those with short memories. Address him at Bethlehem, Pa. The price is only a dime.

Mess. J. M. Bartels & Co., Washington, D. C., has favored us with a copy of their Complete Catalogue and Revenue list of stamped envelopes, wrappers and letter sheets regularly issued by the U. S. The list appears to be what it purports to be and will be a boon to entire collectors.

We have just received "A Catalogue of Canadian Revenues," published by W. R. Adams, Toronto, Can. Price 25c. It is a complete priced list and is a good thing to have as the indications

are there will be "a boom" in this class of stamps. If you send 8c to the publisher *mentioning this paper* he will send you a copy postpaid. Write him at once.

We have received a number of inquiries as to Sam W. Carter of Georgetown, British Guiana who it appears give this paper as a reference. We know nothing of him except that he owes us a small advertising bill and pays no attention to requests for payment.

EDITOR.

Our worthy society the Philatelic Sons of America is finding it a hard task to appoint a satisfactory well-qualified and competent Superintendent of the Exchange Department. Rheelman was removed on account of various complications, and Mr. G. D. Mekeel, whom President Carstarphen appointed his successor, declined to except the position.

President Carstarphen is now at loss whom to select, and has, for the present, assumed all responsibilities and taken charge of the office himself, pending the appointment of a new incumbent.

We are agreeably surprised the other day, to find a copy of the long lost *American Philatelic Magazine* in our mail. Of this paper we had not seen a copy since last October, and it seems they claim it to be a "monthly."

The new Collector and Exchange Club organized through the efforts of "Mekeel Stamp News" seems to be a step in the right direction, and from all outward indications it seems to be in a flourishing condition. The Club is distinctly an "Exchange" organization, and will doubtless afford a means for many collectors for augmenting with minimum cost, their collections.

A new series of stamps is expected, June the 1st, from Newfoundland.

Among philatelic papers a prevailing shortcoming is the tendency to appear very late. More papers are afflicted with this fault than with any other similar one, but we are glad to be able to say that the "HOME WORKER" appears on time.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. have placed a excellent hinge upon the market, which surpasses all others we have tried for genuine worth. This hinge, although it sells at 15 cents a thousand, is cheaper in the long run than others.

In a recent issue of the "Monthly Observer" Leon V. Cass copies almost word for word an article by H. I. Watts in the December *Evergreen State Philatelist* relative to the "Future Collector." The article which is written in

school-boy fashion, is of no real worth, still plagiarism is not good policy—even in philately, and should not be tolerated.

The *Philatelic Free Lance* evidently has breathed its last. We have seen no issue since last December, and, although we were promised a March number, we never saw it.

E. B. HORN.

Free. To all those sending 50 cents in 1 and 2c stamps, for a copy of Bright & Son's Standard Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, same size as Scott's, containing over 700 pages, and pricing every stamp ever issued, fully illustrated, and pricing entire envelopes, I will send a fine packet of 100 rare postage stamps from Argentine Republic, Egypt, Ceylon, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Australia, India, Porto Rico etc., cataloguing over five times the price asked for the catalogue. This offer is only made to introduce this fine catalogue in the United States and will only be good for a few months. Send at once to Leon G. Lambert, 151 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

4000 Mekeel stamps mounts (29 sheets) to exchange for stamps. I also have duplicate to exchange and a few Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Co's Frank's. Russell Brown, Port Arthur, Ont., Canada.

I have a few entire envelopes to trade for Adhesives not in my collection, send list, and receive same. Resp., F. E. Ralston, Rich Hill, Mo., Box 135.

When answering advertisements mention this paper.



# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L. Swift Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

To Herbert Irey Watts belongs the credit of writing the first philatelic novel. It is a paper covered volume of 30 pages, twelve chapters and a few wonderful illustrations of which Cupid on a bicycle (a remarkably up to date young man!) seems to be the only appropriate one. The story, which like its heroine is named "Philatelia," hinged upon the history, ownership, theft and recovery of a Mauritius Post Office 1 penny green 1847, a stamp Scott knoweth not, and is enlivened by a bit of flirting, the death of the patriarchal father, the suicide of the villain, and the final happy marriage of the hero and heroine.

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The *Post Office* should be a welcome visitor to the advanced collector if only because of the exhaustive article which it is now running listing and describing the various plates, printings, etc. Five pages of the April number are filled by "New Issues and Discoveries," then follow very interesting editorials and the committee reports anent the recent burning of Hawaiian stamps. There are also several pages of

ads. and an index to Vol. VI.

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The *Philatelic Californian*, another journal for the advanced collector, differs from the *Post Office* on the question whether any 24c. stamps were printed by the Continental Bank-Note Co. claiming an affirmative answer while the *Post Office* claims a negative. Mr. Charles E. Jenney speaks of the way stamps are distributed from country to country; Mr. Greenebaum continues his illustrated list of U. S. envelopes and wrappers, and descriptions are given of several forgeries, viz.—U. S 1c. 1851 Type III; 10c. newspaper 1865; British Guiana 2c. orange 1860; and five France postage due. Mr. Weber gives an explanation of how the type differences in the France 20c. 1870 may be distinguished in a way that is both simple, and easy to memorize.

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The *Young Collector* (Mar.) has added a cover and several other improvements, among them a review department which is to be run by a Mr. E. R. Morgan. Comments on that part should perhaps be lacking, but we would respectfully advise Mr. Morgan

to economize on adjectives; so far every paper review is labelled "good," "high," "interesting," "elevating" or something similar. It gets monotonous.

The *Rocky Mountain Stamp* is going to take a nap through June, July August and announces that it will not appear again until about the first of September. The May number contains the continuation of Mr. Stigeler's Switzerland article and Mr. Baker's "Five Years of Philatelic History;" the usual chronicle of new issues, and a chat by Every Paget on "Perforate or Imperforate."

The *Columbian Philatelist* seems to grow in size with each issue. The March number has 32 pages, fully half of them reading matter made up of society items, editorials, an attack upon the S. S. S. and various short notes. The opening article, "Bosnia and Herzegovina," by F. P. is interesting as history although there is not much philatelic about it.

"Willis" tells us in the April *New York Philatelist* that the last days of the philatelic speculator have arrived; in that case an international jubilee would be a good thing, but alas! the speculator like the poor will be with us always. C. W. G. talks about

"So-called U. S. Freaks" meaning cut stamps used as half of face value etc., and F. P. concludes his postal chronology of the globe.

Doughty & Page's *Philatelic Literaturist* now appears under the title of *Philatelic Puck-Literaturist*. The first number, April, though printed upon fine paper, is coverless and has but four pages containing only editorials, Iowa Philatelic Association notes and a half tone cut of O. K. Carstarphen, but something fine is hinted at for May.

*The Perforator*, (May) has donned a "jacket," i. e. cover, and with good white paper, good printing and good articles, albeit mostly re-printed, makes a very handsome appearance.

*The American Boys* has arrived at the dignity of a cover also. Its philatelic contents treat of Jamaica issues and their desirability, and a chat upon watermarks; their forms, meanings and how to find them.

*The Herald Exchange* (April) is well filled with interesting notes and articles the best of which is perhaps the article upon the "Hand-stamps of France."

Other publications received:—*Sangamon Philatelist*; Mar, All

*Around Stamp Advertiser. Buckeye State Philatelist; April, Monthly Observer, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Cuyler Sun; May, Philatelic Advocate, Philatelic West; Detroit and Evergreen State Philatelists.* Wholesale price lists of Henry Gremmel and W. H. Hollis Stamp Co.

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The *Youths Companion* of May 6 contains an article on "The Queens Postage Stamps." It gives cuts of the Great Britain 1d 1840, 2d, 1887-92. Grenada 1875-81. Victoria 1853-61. Newfoundland 3c. (Widows Head) and Niger Coast Protectorate 1894 as showing the different portraits of Queen Victoria used on the stamps of her broad empire. English conservatism and English loyalty are both well illustrated in the fact that the youthful portrait on the 1840 stamp is still the favorite device, the design on the Jubilee issue of 1892 being practically the same.

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What has become of the *Penn. Philatelist*. We have not seen a copy since the December number-

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### Pot Pourri.

The "long reign" Canadian issue will be warmly welcomed by collectors, but stay! what will the S. S. S. say on the subject? We imagine it will be discreet silence.

Messrs R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York, have introduced a new idea to assist collectors in disposing of duplicates. The owner prices the stamps, they catalogue and mail, charging 10% on actual sales and a uniform rate of 25c. for each unsold lot. It remains to be proven whether this plan would be more satisfactory than advertising in a good paper. It is worth trying however.

Some notice of the U. S. Check Stamps now appears pretty regularly in the press. Mr. Severn mentions sixteen varieties in his article in the *Boston Stamp Book*. Collect them now, don't wait until they are in general demand.

Japan printed the new Chinese Stamps.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee will be commemorated by the issue of stamps of 1s. and 2s. 6d. values for the benefit of the Hospital Fund. While these stamps are not legitimate issues, the number will be limited and as souvenirs they will be desirable more especially to Great Britain specialists.

Julio Ribeiro one of the best known dealers in the East is dead,

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## A COSTA RICAN.

"Nay! Nay!" the youngster quoth  
To the dealer learned, great;  
"I never purchase counterfeits  
And reprint trash I hate."

The dealer tried, alas, in vain,  
To convince this smart young sire  
That the stamp indeed authentic was,  
But this evoked his ire.

He argued this and argued that,  
To make this stamp a deal,  
But the Kid remarked in puffy tones  
"Right on the stamp it says "Un Real."

KERAS.

## ANENT REVENUES.

Why do Philatelists draw the line with such severity at Postage Stamps? Why should not a stamp collector collect all stamps, whether used for telegraphic purposes or to pay the Government tax upon legal and other documents?

These questions are not easily answered. Ask the average Philatelist why he does not collect Revenues and the probability is that he will be quite unable to adduce any reason that will really hold water. He may run the whole gamut of the popular fallacies concerning Revenue and Telegraph Stamps and yet be unable to furnish any convincing argument against the collection of *all* Adhesive Stamps.

Revenue collecting is not the

expensive pursuit that postage stamp collecting has lately become. The present prices are low and one can get together quite a respectable show at a merely nominal figure. Year by year the number of collectors has rapidly increased, and England has almost recovered the ground lost by long years of constant neglect. U. S. Revenues have boomed to an extent never before witnessed in the history of Philately. American collectors are essentially patriotic in their stamp collecting and having become practically complete in their postal issues it became absolutely necessary to find some fresh outlet for their philatelic energies.

We are indebted for the above extracts to a pamphlet published by Walter Morley of London, England and while no doubt the number of collectors of Foreign Revenues in this Country is small at present, the day is not far distant when many will devote some attention to this branch of Philately. Canadian Revenues give every evidence of coming and why should not other Countries follow. We all remember the boom in Mexicans a few years ago and some can judge why they

are at present in disfavor but the practically unlimited variety of design and the generally attractive appearance of this class of stamps makes it hard for the average collector, even at this stage of the game, to pass over a specimen that comes his way.

It is true that the absence of a catalogue is a great disadvantage but undoubtedly this will be forthcoming sooner or later.

Every new departure that has a tendency to increase the interest in Philately should be fostered, anything that induces even one recruit to join the ranks of Collectors is worthy of recognition. We know a collection where the pages of Foreign Fiscals or Revenues are among the most attractive in the Album and the owner fully avails himself of every opportunity that offers to pick up a specimen.

BRITON.

#### CANADIAN NOTES.

In an exchange we see that the jubilee stamps were secured through the special efforts of the Toronto Phil. Club. This is the first time we ever knew of that noble organization having any connection with our jubilee stamp.

Montreal will probably be the convention seat of the re-organized C. P. A.

We recently received a request

from a relative of John R. Hooper requesting that an enclosed petition for pardon be circulated. The petition requests the Governor-General to pardon John R. because of his previous good character and life long services for his Country. This latter clause bids fair to be true as there is no immediate prospect of his release. The copy of the petition sent Yours Truly was circulated—into the waste-basket.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe will soon issue the second edition of the *Ontario Philatelic Directory*. The size of pages will be nearly twice the size of the 1st. edition and it will be better in every respect than the former issue.

The *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* can rightly be termed the *Philatelic Free Lance* of Canada. Bro. Muirhead is not afraid to express his honest opinion of things and of course this is not pleasant for some people but you can easily tell who the shoe fits by their angry expressions voiced by two eastern contemporaries.

Ontario has but two stamp papers now. The *Canadian Weekly Stamp News* and the *Philatelic Advocate*. The good die young—Nit. IRVING E. PATTERSON.

#### Philately's Future.

A subscriber writes on the Future of Philately: "The only so-

lution of this problem is to form a national society with a branch in every State. The dues should be nominal, say 50 cts. per year. There should be committees to answer questions, and distribute cheap stamps and papers, etc, donated by dealers and others. A list of reliable dealers and exchangers, compiled by it would be a great assistance also."

H. B. HUNT.

### FIJI ISLANDS.

Doubtless a great many of our readers have been at a loss to understand the meaning of the C. R. on the 1871-72 issues over which V. R. is printed in the 1875-78 issues.

The first stamps were struck by the Government which crowned Thakombau King and bears his initials C. R. (Cacobau Rex). In 1874 when the Islands were sold to Great Britain the condition of the finances did not warrant the expense of a new issue of stamps and therefore the old stock was utilised by surcharging them V. R. (Victoria Regina).

Owing to the peculiarity of Fijian spelling the sound of *th* is represented by the letter *c* and *m* is pronounced before *b* therefore the name "Cacobau" is sounded, Thakombau."

It appears strange that the earlier "Fijians" are so high priced

seeing that in 1875 there were 1400 schools and 900 churches established, mostly under Wesleyan auspices, but it must be borne in mind that there were probably only 60 or 80 white missionaries, the total white population of the Islands not exceeding one thousand souls and of these a large portion were not likely to have a heavy correspondence. That we can obtain any specimens of the earlier issues at a reasonable price is due to the fact that the "remainders" of the 1871-72 issues were sold to dealers.

The type set issues of 1870-71 have been reprinted but the reprints are easily distinguishable from the originals, being printed on pink laid paper and pin perforated and the measurement across the stamp is 16 mm. or 2 1-2 mm. less than that of the genuine stamp.

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Bermuda is to have a new issue of the Leeward Islands type.

Sierra Leone is surcharging her stamp duty stamps "POSTAGE AND REVENUE" in three lines. Well executed forgeries of Prince Edward Island, 1872, 4 cents green are in circulation.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelic Address Book*, price 10 cts., published by *The Monthly Observer*, Myerstown, Pa. giving the names

of about 200 collectors and dealers in the Keystone State, is a candidate for favor.

Mess. F. N. Massoth & Co. have moved to more commodious offices and their present address is 651 Marquette Building, Chicago. By the way if you are collecting Revenues it will pay you to pay special attention to their ad in this number.

The Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England, have favored us with a copy of "*The British Stamp Directory*" published by them, price 1 shilling. It contains 86 p. p. gives the names of over 2400 English collectors and presents altogether a very attractive appearance. Dealers in U. S. will find it advantageous in extending their business across the pond.

The new Canadian Jubilee Stamps, with which all are doubtless now familiar, may cause a sort of a boom in the stamp business in Canada, similar to that started in our own country by the Columbian series. Surely it will awake new interest in the hearts of philatelists of older times, whose stampic fever is now dormant. The design on this set of stamps is such as will immediately catch the eye of an "outsider" and perhaps he may be convert-



ed to a collector, sooner or later.

We have been requested by certain persons to support in the HOME WORKER certain political candidates. This we must refuse, as the HOME WORKER is strictly neutral in all such affairs, and does not approve of publishing political "stuff" in connection with philately.

A most excellent and specially designed blank album is the one manufactured by Stirn & Kasch Printing Co. of Milwaukee, a sample page of which we have received. As an album for the advanced collector or specialist it compares favorably with any on the market, and is far superior to most so-called blank Albums.

The most keenly observed portion of the philatelic world is probably the "market." Collectors are ever eager to fully acquaint themselves with the pecuniary value of their stamps, and their stability. A watchword among dealers and the like is, "How's trade?" It has been true of past summer seasons that the hot weather, in a measure, killed the dealers trade, as most buying collectors ceased purchasing during this time of the year. But as regards the present summer season, we observe with pleasure, that on all sides trade seems to be enlivening itself. Col-

lectors are freer with their coin, and bargains are profuse. It has always been our own personal plan, to purchase more in July and August than at any other time, as more snaps are to be obtained, and dealers are less strict in their demands of catalogue price.

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Columbian Stamp, set World's Fair Postals, set Columbian Envelopes, 2 sets Atlanta Exposition Cards, single numbers and complete volumes of Stamp Papers, all new and perfect, to exchange for Columbian and Centennial Envelopes. S. B. Fish, Butler, Illinois.

I can use lots of Great Britain Plate numbers, watermarks, etc. Must be cheap. What do you want for them, cash or exchange? If sent on approval enclose stamped envelope for return in case not satisfactory. H. Fenton, Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.

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The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* and *Philatelic Canadian* will appear among us no more. They are now merged in the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*.

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The *Evergreen State Philatelist* for June is promptly on time. It contains the conclusion of Mr. Corbaleys' instructive article on private proprietaries; various stampic items, worth remembering, and reports of the Interstate Philatelic Association.

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The *Lone Star State Philatelist* for April seems to be a convention number as it presents very little except the society matter of the Southern and Texas Association, and illustrated write ups of several officers connected with them

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The *May Post Office* continues its descriptive list of U. S. stamps; gives items about the dies of some stamps of Naples, Parma and Journal Tax, and closes with several pages of editorials, new issues and Collectors' Club reports.

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The *New York Philatelist* continues to be as handsome as ever. Perhaps the most interesting of its contents for May is a clipping

from the *N. Y. World* treating of the Cuban mail service, and an accompanying illustration showing the form of cancellation used on the stamps of the Cuban Republic.

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The *Perforator* for June compliments us by republishing with comments an article entitled "The Critic in Philately" which recently appeared in our column from the pen of M. C. Spear. The notes, reviews and editorials are brightly written and the whole appearance of the magazine is very attractive.

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The April *Philatelic Californian* is a "Wells, Fargo Pony Express edition" and is therefore almost entirely given over to matter upon that subject. Descriptions of the stamps themselves and their reprints fill several pages, and there are besides some very interesting reminiscences of the service and those connected with it.

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Among the editorials of the *May Trans-Mississippi Stamp* is the following: "If Prof. Oreghore's system of telegraphy is a success it will mean the discontinuance of sending letters by mail, and

therefore no more stamps." What will Mr. Seebeck and his contemporaries do then for a living, poor things!

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The June *Philatelic Advocate* lists eighteen kinds of paper upon which stamps may be printed. Enough to discourage the beginner entirely and make even an old collector think there may be too much of a good thing! Of course it has something to say about the Canada Jubilee set, and the death of the two Canadian Magazines, and it also says that the *Ontario Philatelist* listed below, has yielded to the same fate.

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The exchange of duplicates is always an interesting subject to the collector, and in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* of May 15th it is taken up by Mr. Parrish, President of a R. I. philatelic club, who outlines a plan that reads as if it might prove satisfactory if put in operation. A similar exchange arrangement, with which the participants are much pleased, is now being run by *Mekeel's Weekly*.

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The *Columbian Philatelist* is fast catching up to the correct date and bears signs of being extra prosperous, No wonder! It is acting as official organ for six different societies! The May

number is filled with New York, Washington, Philadelphia, political and editorial notes besides a long article by Mr. Corbaley on the ever useful subject of "The Catalogue," and a biography and photographic cut of Mr. Gardner R. Kennedy.

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"Interesting Confederate Covers" is the title of the leading and best article in the May *Omaha Philatelist*. This is by Mr. Severn who mentions among other oddities a U. S. stamped envelope turned inside out so that the original stamp was on the inside of the envelope while the "confederate usurped the space where the envelope stamp should have been."

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The *Metropolitan Philatelist* (May) has a lengthy description of U. S. Beer stamps; a long chronicle of new issues; an article on rural delivery, and another on Brazilian remainders—the number of each value, whether they will be sold cancelled or uncancelled etc. This is a clipping from the *Philatelic Chronicle* and *Advertiser*. The *Metropolitan* is beautifully printed on fine paper and makes a handsome appearance.

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When answering advertisements mention this paper.





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## "Gone, But Not Forgotten."

No time to soak,  
Or otherwise poke,  
To clean this unique stamp.  
So off the back,  
The paper's pulled  
From rarity undamp.

A cлик, a tear,  
A kick, a swear,  
The rarity is torn;  
'Blankety' words  
Fill up the air.  
Another stamp forever gone,

KERAS.

## After a Lapse of Interest.

Several years ago I wrote an article for the erstwhile "*Dixie Philatelist*," in which I set forth the unmitigated evils of "Philatelic Backsliding," and at the time of that article,—which was so to speak in my Philatelic infancy,—I little thought I would ever be guilty of those very faults I censured. But now, alack for human calculations, I must perforce acknowledge to myself that it has been a full six months since I have contributed an article to the Philatelic press, and near a year since I have bought a stamp.

Now if such conduct hath any candor it will not attempt to conceal itself under any more self-gratifying name, but will acknowledge itself mere backsliding.

Now reader, perhaps you may

think I am indulging in self-condemnation, but not so. With the change of time, opinions change, and now as I compare my present calm affection for Philately with my early devotion to it, I feel fully satisfied with the change. After a lapse of interest one finds himself completely out of touch with the stamp world and ignorant of the transactions going on therein, but let him look into his album. At first perhaps he looks with little interest but gradually the pages begin to turn more slowly while old memories surge over one, making ones specimens grow more attractive and the blanks more unsatisfying. Then he seizes a stamp journal and peruses it, not greedily as of yore, but for all that with a growing appetite.

One may have sworn off from collecting or probably merely drifted from the ranks of collectors but a certain Phil. writer has said truly "once a Philatelist always a Philatelist." Perhaps it may be a stray "sample copy" or some old specimen (that has by some means or other insinuated itself into one's notice) which lures the wanderer back to the shrine of Philatelia. It takes but

... out  
... in our pursuit,  
... one may never again  
... in active collecting or  
... p traffic, he ever nurtures a  
... kindly interest in and affection  
for Philately.

On the other hand when one does reenter the Philatelic world after a lapse of interest, it is to more thoroughly, yet sensibly enjoy the pleasures of Philately. To be sure he has lost his early enthusiasm, while many of the very beautiful illusions of his Philatelic childhood are shattered; but now he holds in his right hand the sword of experience, which reviving interest has sharpened and from which time has worn away all stains of combat. Thus equipped does he make a far better knight-errant for Philatelia than the fickle collector who embraces Philatelia one day and indifference the next.

M. CHAPMAN SPEARS.

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### UNCLE SAM'S FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS.

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**"Josh Billings" Father was the First Purchaser, Just Fifty Years Ago.**

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"Fifty years ago—in July, 1847 Uncle Sam issued his first postage stamps," writes Fannie Mack Lothrop in the July *The Ladies' Home Journal*. "In England, seven years before, Rowland Hill, 'father of the penny post' introduced the 'stick-ing plaster,' as the stamps were contempt-

uously called. John M. Niles, our Postmaster General at that time, tried heroically, but in vain, to move Congress to authorize stamps for this country. His successor, Cave Johnson, was more fortunate, and the bill desired was approved on March 3, 1847, the stamps not being issued, however till August, though the time appointed was July 1. Only two values of the new stamps were introduced in 1847—a five and a ten cent stamp, bearing, respectively, the portrait of Franklin in a bronze tint, and Washington in black.

"The first purchaser of stamps in the United States was Henry Shaw, the father of Henry Wheeler Shaw (better known as 'Josh Billings,' the humorist). Mr. Shaw was in the Postmaster-General's office on August 6, 1847, when Mr. Johnson entered with the printer from whom he had just received sheets of the new stamps. Mr. Johnson passed a sheet to Mr. Shaw for inspection. After giving the stamps a hasty glance Mr. Shaw, perhaps with an eye to future fame, took out his wallet, counted out fifteen cents and purchased one of each variety. The 'five' he kept as a curiosity, the 'ten' he presented to Governor Briggs as an appropriate gift."

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**The New Tariff Law** which has just been signed by the President, may be appropriately considered an Industrial Declaration of Independence. An official text of the law has just been published by the American Protective Tariff League and should be carefully examined by every citizen. Protectionists ought to have a few copies of this law for distribution. Five copies will be sent to any address for ten cents. Ask for Document No. 30 and address W. F. Wakeman, Gen'l Sec'y, 135 West 23d St., New York.

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Southern Philatelic Association annual meeting first week in August, at Nashville, Tenn. Will you be there.

Gambia 4d. will soon be obsolete, when the present supply is exhausted no more of this value will be issued.

The premier stamp, Great Britain 1840 1d. black, is booked for a rise in the next catalogue. The present price is 8 cents. Secure it at once.

The "Jubilee" issues are likely to keep collectors of British Colonials interested for some time. The "Cabot" issue of New Foundland, 1c. 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 24c., 30c., 35c., and 60c., values are now in the market.

Mekeels Special Boston Issue of July 22, is a "hammer." Who says Philately is slumbering! If it can support such a paper as that, it must be awake and with eyes wide open at that, but I suppose you have seen it and can form your own opinion

The Canadian Jubilees are strictly in it, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 6 cents are "Soarers" and lucky is the collector who gets them at face value. Mr. Chas. Waring, Sales Superintendent of the Southern Philatelic Association and Knoxville Philatelic Society, received the first set here June 30.

The "Stamp Exchange" movement appears to be steadily growing in favor. It is without question one of the best "stimulants" administered to Philately lately. That collectors can add to their collections without a cash outlay is bound to increase their interest. If you have not already done so write to Leon G Lambert, 342 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minn. for some books and see how satisfactory a disposal you can make of your duplicates and add to your collection.

Canada for a long time has been considered the model country, philatelically. No surcharges, no speculative issues. Our optics were wearied with the long life of the 1882 issue and we prayed for a change. The Jubilee issue would have been welcomed by all collectors with open arms and pocket books but the speculative tendencies of the officials have killed it in our esteem. We are thoroughly disgusted and hope that the experience of the "ring" will teach them that a "corner" in stamps is not always profitable.

In this connection we cannot do better than repeat the queries of an old subscriber in the *Era*.

1. No half cents were sold to the public from any Post Office except in complete sets. There could only be 25,000 complete

sets. *Query: Where did the remaining 125,000 half cent stamps go to?*

2. The 6c. and 8c. values were recalled to Ottawa within a week after date of issue. *Query: What is the government going to do with them?*

3. Owing to limitation of weight, etc. the highest amount that can possibly be required on a parcel sent by mail from Canada is \$3.59 (including registration), and on a letter \$1.65. *Query: What can the \$4 and \$5 stamps be used for anyway?*

The answer to the last question is "Sell them to the Philatelists" and to the other two "Ask the officials to put a price on them."

We are helpless in the matter, it is a skin game all round, even those who have sent remittances for certain values, receive in return dollar values which were not ordered and can get no redress.

Rank!!! Faugh I should say so

BRITON.

Something which may result in the dawn of a new era is now descending slowly but surely over our little pursuit. We refer to the plucky and timely stand taken against the government by the W. S. Scott Co., backed by many prominent philatelists and important societies, because of the unjust seizure of a large amount of unused periodical stamps, a thing wholly unjust in the sight of all, but yet in accordance with the law, and which ought to incite philatelists to now make a final stand against this seizing business, and exert their every influence to induce the government to permit these stamps to be retained in the possession of

collectors and dealers, and furthermore to persuade the government to place these periodical stamps on open sale to the public, such as wish to purchase them. Surely the W. S. Scott Co. deserve credit for so promptly rising in opposition to this movement. We all await, with abated breath, the outcome of this case.

As it is now, a great number of our rarest periodical stamps have, since the above action of the government, found their way to Canada and foreign parts, awaiting in safety the issue of this trouble. In regard to this we would add that probably there are as many unused periodical stamps of our country located in foreign lands as are within our own borders. This should not be, but it seems it cannot be helped. But if our government is persuaded to grant us the privilege of retaining in our possession these stamps, those in alien countries may find their way back to the United States. Of course we are all very eager to keep the rare stamps of our own government, right here within own boundaries, and perhaps such a thing may result from the W. S. Scott case; at least let us hope so.

As a general rule it is customary for us never to make a kick, but we are going to kick, because a sufficient provocation has aroused



ed our indignation to such an extent that to refrain from kicking would be extremely hard. The League of American Philatelists is in a sorry plight, as are likewise the Sons of Philatelia the whole cause arising from the fact that their respective official organs fail to appear with any degree of regularity. It was stated that when the "Newsletter" was selected by the trustees of the L. A. P. (who, by the way, drew up a constitution in such a tone that it permitted them to retain in their own hands the selection of an organ) to act as official journal, their contract with the *Newsletter* would hold good only so long as it appeared at regular intervals. Truly some action ought to be taken by the president and an official journal appointed which is competent to fulfill the requirements necessary for such a purpose.

The Sons of Philatelia stand in nearly the same light. Their official journal now has failed to make its appearance for many months, and it is doubtful, as with the *Newsletter* also, when another number will be issued. Look at the prosperity and flourishing condition of the Young Columbian Philatelic Society! It would never stand today where it is unless it had a wide-awake president and a wide-awake of-

ficial journal to back it. The L. A. P. and S. of P. have the right material but it is all asleep. Wake up! Let us have some changes which will uplift the *Societies*, and let the presidents do something to benefit their respective associations.

E. B. HORN.

### Work for Boys and Girls.

Our hustling young readers should write at once to the publishers of PENNSYLVANIA GRIT for an agency for the paper. Besides the regular commission on each paper sold, prizes of watches, books, jewelry, typewriters, cameras, etc., are given for extra work. GRIT is a big, clean, illustrated, family newspaper, read and enjoyed by a half million people each week. A postal card addressed GRIT PUBLISHING COMPANY, Williamsport, Pa., will bring full particulars and a catalogue of prizes. GRIT is a welcome visitor to this office.

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# The Philatelic Press.

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*Philatelic Literature* for June gives the first part of a supplement to Jones' Check-list of Philatelic Literature.

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Moses B. Page, Muscatine, Iowa, has issued a "Directory of Philatelic Literature Collectors, and of the Philatelic Press." Price 25c.

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The *Evergreen State Philatelist* for July has a new cover design and is printed in blue ink, but there are only 8 pages. "Veritas" uses one in praise of the Columbian Philatelist; "Era" has another for notes and editorials and advs. fill the others.

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The June *Young Collector* presents a series of short notes, and a lengthy essay by F. P. on postal matters in China, Shanghai and Corea. The subject is good, but is not very clearly treated, more than one reading being necessary to get at the sense of it.

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We recently noted the fact that the *Columbian Philatelist* was agent—beg pardon—official organ for six societies. Two more have been added to the list since, and now it has started a U. S. Envelope Exchange and proposes to

adopt and be adopted by that also. Any more?

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*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies* is trying to ascertain the whereabouts of the \$5, \$10 and \$20 State Departments in order to judge whether there were not more copies issued than the supposed 367 of each value. For this purpose it is circulating a printed form for its readers to fill out.

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An official Handbook of the Dominion Philatelic Association is out, compiled by A. M. Muirhead. It contains a list of the paid up members and of the official board, and closes with several short biographies; statistics, and some suggested innovations anent the management of the society.

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*Stamps*, the one from "across the pond," with which the *Stamp Advertiser* has been incorporated, gives in its May number "Some Reflections on the Collection of Entires;" press reviews; and a few reasons why Chili stamps should be more sought for than they are. Correspondence and advertisements are also in good evidence.

The June *New York Phil.*

has a very interesting and instructive essay by "M. S." touching the inscriptions on the Turkish stamps of 1863-83 and their varieties. The notes and editorials are as pleasing as usual. The editors deserve praise for the continued beauty of their magazine which so far does not seem to have been allowed to feel the too usual debilitating effects of hot weather.

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The opening article of the June *Omaha Philatelist* is by D. Harlan King who suggests that it would be a good idea if each of our stamp journals were run on lines peculiar to itself and untouched by any other. Some of the divisions mentioned are scientific, current news, criticism and general review. A political line would be good also. The idea reads well, but is it feasible? C. E. Severn advocates the forming of an oddity collection, and philatelic speculation is once more made to serve as the subject of a long article.

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Business hath charms in the eyes of our publishers, but that fun hath charms also the reviewer realized recently on receipt of a Philatelic journal *printed in Spanish* and adorned on the wrapper with the rather malicious request "Please review." Now

this case it is on the joker, that the proposer taught to read Spanish when a small child, and untimely time and lack of use has rendered the knowledge very rusty enough still remains available to "turn the laugh." *O Coleccionador de Sellos* for June, the journal under discussion, contains over 60 pages of reading matter beautifully printed in blue ink with red headings, making in connection with the fine paper used an appearance much superior to the majority of our own journals. As it comes from Brazil it is not surprising to note that Brazilian issues, postal and fiscal, are much discussed, but Argentine Republic, St. Helena, Corrientes and Uruguay are among other countries generously remembered. Other articles treat of the future of philately; the catalogue again; counterfeits; Brazilian philatelic societies and reports; speculative issues, and the coming philatelic exposition in London. Among the editorials was quite a chat on the Colman Newspaper-stamps affair, so it appears that U. S. topics are of interest even in Brazil. There are also press notices; chronicle of new issues and obituaries of Dr. Von Stephan and Mr. Tiffany.

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## OUR PROGRESSIVE FICTION.

### A Romance of Philately.

#### CHAPTER I.

BY HERBERT IREY WATTS.

John Gregory was philatelist, and I must add that he was also a bachelor and not over anxious to change his condition in life.

On the very day we begin to follow his fortunes, John Gregory celebrated his twenty fifth birthday. Five years of the quarter century had been passed in the little brick cottage on Pearl St. in the pretty village of Ludlow. In this house, which his friends called "Bachelor's Paradise," he took life easy on a small income secured from the maternal side of the family. To this income he added a great deal by his transactions in the philatelic line.

His neighbors said that it was a shame that Gregory did not bring a wife to his pretty cottage. Young, good-looking, very sensible (barring a mania for old stamps,) able to live without work—why should he not marry?

That very question was running through our hero's brain at the very moment our story opens. He

had almost decided that he would follow the neighborly advice, when his reflections were rudely disturbed by the sudden entrance of his chore-boy, Bob, who dumped a heavy parcel on the table and began rummaging in various secluded packets after the morning mail which had thus been protected from the heavy rain.

He was leaving the room, but suddenly turned back and took off his hat from which he produced a final letter.

"Scuse me boss, I nigh forgot that one. Better read it first 'cause its from a gal, and mebbe she wants to marry you," and dodging the latest edition of Scott's catalogue which Gregory hurled in his direction, the little negro left the room.

Following Bob's advice Gregory took up the "gal's" letter first, and read it, as it was short and may have some bearing on this story I will reproduce it:—

Mr. John Gregory,  
Ludlow, I—.

Sir:—Knowing that you sometimes buy stamps I wish to offer you those in the album which I send you by mail.

The collection was made by my brother who is now dead, and I am compelled by misfortune to raise money on them. Please send me what you can for them at once and greatly oblige.  
Millie Blair.

The odd thing about this letter was that the writer had failed to give any Post Office address. Gregory looked at the envelope but it contained no clue. The post mark was very dim and only yielded the information that the letter must have been mailed in either Maine (Me.) or in Maryland (Md.)

Perhaps the address might be in the album. He opened the package containing it and looked through the pages. No address was given, and he began looking at the stamps. The collection was evidently a very old one and contained no stamps later than 1870. However he found nothing very rare, and closed the book wondering when he would find its owner. Who could this Millie Blair, who carelessly sent off rare stamps without giving her address? What would she think of him when she received no reply to her letter and no return from her stamps?

In his vexation he picked up the album and shook it violently as though to make it disgorge the secret of its owner's address. From between the leaves fell an old envelope torn from its too frail fastening by the rough handling.

He picked it up and saw that it bore a copy of the 1847, 5 cent stamp. It was a very fine specimen and in examining it closely he

saw what seemed to be a minute portion of another stamp projecting at the corner where a small part of the margin of the five cent stamp was missing. What could it be? Was it a rare local there covered up by a United States stamp.

A wet blotter would soon answer both questions by removing the stamp. It was brought and applied, and in breathless suspense our hero awaited results.

(To be continued.)

The lists are now open for Chapter II, MSS. must be sent in to reach the judge not later than Sept. 14th, and earlier if possible.

### Interesting Stamps

While all stamps are interesting, those that were issued by countries that are now using the stamps of another country such as Schleswig-Holstein, Naples, Sicily, etc., have the most interest for me.

Have you ever considered the value of these stamps as historic mementos?

Who can look upon the stamps of Poland for example, without a feeling of pity for the patriots who fought so nobly but ineffectually for freedom?

The postalic issues of the Confederate States during the late war are especially interesting to Americans. Who can see one of these stamps and not think of the

many lives that were sacrificed uphold a principle.

Such stamps as these cannot fail as teachers of history and in the future will be much sought after.

There are many other countries that might be mentioned but these should be sufficient to interest you to look over your collection with a view to a knowledge of the why and wherefore these stamps became obsolete and the countries lost their identity in the nations of the world and if you are a lover of history as I am, you will be amply repaid for your trouble.

Now before you lay aside your magazine let me give you a little advice. If you do not ever study your stamps make a resolve to commence at once as you will thereby get far more pleasure than by simply hinging them in without knowing why their use was discontinued.

LEÓN V. CASS.

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### CANADIAN NOTES.

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You can't pick up a stamp paper now without finding two or three ads. relating to jubilee stamps. Query. What will the harvest be?

We are pleased to hear of our friend Muirhead's election to the office of President of the Domin-

ion Phil. Association. Mr. Muirhead was the founding member of the society and its first President. Since then he has always taken active interest in the society and if last year's snap convention had dealt fairly by him he would have been our President during the past year instead of the figurehead who has occupied that office. Mr. Muirhead is a man of progressive ideas and much may be expected while the society is under his control.

Britons comments on the jubilee issue in the last HOME WORKER were the best on the subject we have heard yet and his ideas echo the thoughts of hundreds of other collectors of America. The Columbian issue was bad enough but this is bad in the superlative degree.

The *Philatelic Advocate* has improved greatly of late and their D. P. A. convention number was typographically perfect.

Hamilton, Ontario is becoming very active philatelically and Toronto should look to her laurels.

CANADIAN.

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If you can send a good reference I will send you a selection of stamps on approval at 50 per cent off, and when your purchase amounts to \$1 I will make you a present of one year's subscription to this paper free of all charge. If you wish to dispose of your stamp papers send stamp for my Philatelic Literature Want List, Address, C. P. Galyon, Russell Building, Knoxville, Tenn.

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## Fourth Anniversary.

Four years ago, this month, THE HOME WORKER was presented, with flattering prospects, to an eager, expectant philatelic public. Eager from the fact that philately at that time boasted a greater number of devotees than at any other time before or since, who eagerly awaited the appearance of a new stamp publication. Expectant; inasmuch that in those days new collectors, which were quite plentiful, naturally expected new papers, new stamps or anything new in the philatelic line, and were very prompt in lending their assistance to any new venture, which fact clearly shows that new papers thrived more rapidly in those days than now.

While a goodly number of our stamp journals have succumbed to the general business depression, the HOME WORKER enjoys the sweet distinction of being one of the few that have stood the ordeal and today stands before the philatelic public with a bright future that might well be envied by the most important stamp journal, and in recognition of this fact we present to our many readers, this, the fourth anniversary number of the HOME WORKER with a little "sprucing up."

A number of subscriptions expire with this number. Our reduced rate of 15 cts. is still operative but not for any fixed time and subscribers wishing to avail themselves of it should remit at once. Subscriptions must commence with the current number.

We will accept United States, Great Britain or British Colonial stamps cataloging 50 cents and upwards at 50% off catalogue price in payment of advertising bills and subscriptions. We must keep in line with the times and as "exchanging" is popular we make the offer for a limited period. Dealers should not allow this opportunity to slip but write at once and secure space.

Mr. Georges Carion of San Francisco is the recipient of considerable free advertising once more. This is due to the reopening or shall we say closing, of the *Cochinchine* unpaid letter stamps episode which led to his expulsion from the A. P. A. We thought he had been treated unfairly by the Association after reading his justification but now—will we wait on his further explanation.

A letter from one of the Canadian Post Office officials dated July 29, 1897, leads us to expect that after all the *missing links* in the Jubilee issue will be placed on sale at the Post Offices.

The London Exhibition has been a "big" success. Can any one give a reason why we should not have a New York Exhibition and make it a "bigger" one. Later we will ask *which was the "biggest."*

Dealers when placing orders should not overlook the live papers. A list of those who have issued regularly and promptly during the summer season will be useful when the busy season comes and don't forget to have the H. W. on it See !!



Catalogue and price list of the stamps of Great Britain, second edition, 1897, published by Walter Morley, 186 West Green Road, Tottenham, London, price 2s. 6d. has just been received. It is a complete list of *all* stamps, postal and fiscal, issued and will be appreciated by specialists in this country. It contains 186 p.p. and gives over 7000 varieties.

We have heretofore been unable to obtain a list of the paid up members of the Southern Philatelic Association and therefore have been unable to give the years subscription as promised. The list however has been published in the official organ for May, just received, and we shall send the members named a copy of *THE HOME WORKER* up to the end of the year. Any member not receiving the September number will please notify us.

Scott's 58th catalogue will be issued in November. Send us 70c in stamps and we will send a copy direct from the publishers and *THE HOME WORKER* for one year.

The exchange department of the Southern Philatelic Association is now a "live issue." Mr. Chas. Waring, the new Supt. is a collector of over 40 years standing and has a collection of 11,000 varieties. He is a Civil Engineer by profession, a man of means and amply able to take care of the financial end of the department. He has called on all the members for their support and intends to make the Department one of the best in the country. Lose no time in sending in your application for membership. He has introduced a new feature, he sells the Books to contain 120 stamps, at 5c. each or 6 for a quarter, payment to be deducted from the first sale.

### Pot Pourri.

What has become of the "boom" in

West Africans that we heard so much about? Is it broken?

The New South Wales, 2d. blue 1888 has been forged and as the stamp is such a common one the presumption is that the issue is a *la Chicago*, for the purpose of defrauding the Post Office. A comparison shows several small differences, notably, the P. O. in *POSTAGE* nearly touch and the S in *WALES* bears too much to the right.

There are a large number of surcharged Ceylons of a very dubious nature on the market and further developments are promised.

Has any one seen the New South Wales Jubilee issue yet? The values are 1d., 2d. and 2½d., adhesive and a postal card. Not another Cannuck speck. Yes I'll take some if you please.

A "commemorative" issue this time. Peru, to have one of three values *in honor of the opening of the Lima Post Office*. The obsolete remainders have been bought by a German firm.

It would not be much of a surprise to those in the "know" to see "Australians" coming to the front once more. The advice given in an article in the E. P. touches the spot in this case, collect the unpopular countries, you then reap your harvest when the tide rises.

Jamaica has issued a new series. It varies but little from the last issue, but the 2sh. is omitted. The difference in the colors being very slight it is improbable that it will be catalogued separately. Specialists will of course note the difference.

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# The Philatelic Press.

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Washington, Boston, Canadian and editorial notes with society reports make up the contents of the July *New York Philatelist*.

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The *International Philatelist* is out again, a combination number dated June-July. It announces that it has changed printers and will hereafter appear regularly.

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There will be a *Virginia Philatelist* very soon with August Dietz as editor. The prospectus, which is now out, is printed upon card-board and is quite a unique affair.

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The *Philatelic West* has been merged into the *Omaha Philatelist*. The July number is made up of some suggestions as to what philatelic literature needs in order to improve its present quality, said suggestions being given by Gordon C. Corballey; half tones of Messrs Katzenberger and Aldrich; editorials and society items.

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The energetic *Philatelic Advocate* issued a special edition last month for the benefit of the D. P. A. and is now, as it deserves to

be, that society's official organ. The P. A. is regular in appearance, and the choice will doubtless prove a benefit to the society.

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"F. P." is evidently intending to tell us all the particulars about the mail service in every country on the globe. In the July *Texas Philatelist* he begins on Russia and has so much to say that he cannot say it all in one article, so 'tis "to be continued." Press notes, editorials and a little advice about advertising make up the balance of the paper

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The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* (July) reprints from the *Eastern Philatelist* an article on U. S. issues by Mr. Woolston, and one by Mr. Corballey describing Nova Scotia forgeries. A clear description is given of a forgery of the New South Wales 2d blue 1888, (it was highly exasperating to find that forgery in our own collection?) and there are several other articles of interest to all.

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Mr. Corballey's "Revenues used for Postage" is the opening article of August *Evergreen State Philatelist*, and following comes

"Philatelic Items," editorials, and Veritas' criticism, which this month are upon the *Herald Exchange* with a short paragraph for the *Perforator* and *Home Worker*. He says our name has no claim to Philatelic affairs, but a reader remarks that stamp study is generally "evening home work, so the meaning is there all right if you only take time to study it out."

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A very fine cut of Mr. T. L. Green with biography appears on the first page of the August *Perforator*, which paper is rapidly taking its place well forward among the handsome magazines of our fraternity. The publisher now has three regular correspondents: "Aloysius," who supplies New York notes; R. G. Widdicombe, who gives Canadian, and "The Gossip" who discusses general matters "From Woman's Standpoint." Part I of an article describing British Telegraph stamps also appears, the author being Miss Minnie R. Sinclair who has some 700 varieties of these little noticed stamps.

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Mr. Green's photo and biography appears also in the July *Columbian Philatelist*, and following come Canadian notes; an exceedingly flowery article entitled "The Influence of Philately on the

Mind" but saying scarce a word about it; various notes from various places, and the commencement of a long essay on Chinese issues. Mr. Dodge's editorials are as usual the chief bits of interest, and are served with his accustomed spice.

The July *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* has lost its cover, most of its pages and its editor, being now issued by A. M. Muirhead who seems to have written the whole number. He says these reviews are so mild they make him "sick!" A correspondent explains it is because "he misses the mud and cayenne pepper he himself uses so extensively," but there never will be more of either while this writer does the reviewing, so Mr. M. is kindly advised to skip it hereafter and save doctors' bills.

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The *International Stamp*, dated April, arrived recently. The only article is by Chas. E. Jenney explaining the way in which the real value of stamps will settle themselves if only given time to do so. The publisher, Eben S. Martin, lays the blame for the non-appearance of his paper upon Mr. R. M. Miller, Secretary of the S. of P, claiming the latter will not send official reports, while Miller says it is Martin who will not answer letters. As we have had an unwilling account with Martin for over a year, and cannot get a single word in reply to many letters our sympathies and faith are decidedly with Mr. Miller.

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NO. 7.

## A ROMANCE OF PHILATELY.

### CHAPTER II.

BY ALBERT H. HALL.

Once, twice, in his anxiety, he lifted the blotter to see if the stamp was loosened, and on the third time blotter and stamp came up together. Gregory sat down suddenly and hard. Beneath the corner of the brown, five cent stamp was a tiny scrap of paper with some lines of printing in black. It needed but a glance on Gregory's part to tell him that it was a portion of the ten cent stamp of 1847. The sender of the envelope had carelessly affixed a stamp of too high value and then, with commendable economy, had peeled it off and replaced it with the proper one, leaving on the envelope a portion of one partly disclosed beneath the other to do its work of disappointment thirty years later.

Gregory pondered. He took up the envelope and looked inside for a possible letter. Nothing there. He turned it face down to search upon its back for any writing which might furnish a clue. Still nothing. Wondering what he could try next he turned it over, looked helplessly at the damp corner whence the stamp had come, at the dim cancellation which told him nothing, and then, just as a mislaid article for which you have sought in vain suddenly shows itself just where you have been looking for it, the faded, crabbed, brown handwriting of the address flashed up to him.

**Miss Amelia Frye,  
Nantucket, Mass.**

If he had not the address of the owner

of the album, he had at least that of some one who might know her. The collection was an old one, closed before 1870. In those days exchanging was not so common as now. Collections were gathered more among friends and from the garret trunks of relations. Miss Amelia Frye was doubtless an ancestor, or the friend of some ancestor, of Miss Millie Blair—possibly a maiden aunt for whom Miss Millie had been named. The coincidence was startling. Gregory decided at once. There might be other clues, but this one he would run down at any rate.

He turned to his desk and wrote :

Miss Amelia Frye,

Nantucket, Mass.

Madam:—I have just received a valuable parcel from a correspondent signing her name "Millie Blair," but giving no address. In it is an old envelope addressed to you. In the hope that you may know her, I take the liberty of writing to you to ascertain where she lives. Hoping that you may be able to inform me, I am  
Truly yours, John Gregory.

An addressed and stamped envelope was placed with this letter in another envelope on which was written Miss Amelia Frye's name and place of abode, and then a note was carefully written on the corner requesting the post-master to return the letter if not delivered "AT ONCE." One other clue suggested itself to Gregory. He seized a return post card lying handy, reasoning that a post card might be read not only by the postmaster but by the postmaster's assistant, the postmaster's wife, and perhaps the postmaster's children. He addressed it to The Postmaster of Nantucket, Mass., and wrote on it

Sir:—I shall be much obliged if you will inform me if there is now, or has been in the past thirty years, any person of the name of Blair resident upon your island. Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am  
Truly yours, John Gregory.

Then he turned to the remainder of his morning mail, with its stamp papers, its price lists, and its consignments of stamps for exchange.

During the week that followed he several times returned to the album. The old stamps began to have a fascination for him. True they were often clipped or torn, they were stuck in tight with paste, and both paste and dirt often soiled their former lustre, but perhaps somewhere among them might be a clue to this careless correspondent who was taking up so much of his attention. And every fresh inspection seemed to confirm his first idea. Where but in the family of a Nantucket whaler would be found these triangular stamps of New Foundland, these "pence" issues of Prince Edward Island, this 13 cent Hawaiian with its queer inscription "H. I. & V. S.," and these British Columbians with the capital V which indicated the ruler, Victoria, and suggested the discoverer, Vancouver. Where but in the family of a Nantucket Captain would be found these Barbados with the 6p. value indicated by the color only, these British Guianas with their full rigged ships, these Argentine "Confederations" and these blue paper Chilians which told of the journey round the Horn. In the "East" Indian stamps, the inch and a half long Ceylonese, the triangular Cape of Good Hope's, and the big Liberias, Gregory could seem to trace the trading trip of that hardy old Nantucket adventurer around the globe and see each spot where he had put in for barter or provisioning. Surely this clue must be the right one.

Then one day, in the mail Bob brought from the post-office came the half of the return post card with its message

Sir:—There was a John Blair who sailed from here about 1819 or 1850 for California. My grandmother remembers of a lot of men who went together. He never came back and his folks are dead. No Blairs here now.

A few days later there came back the

letter addressed to Miss Amelia Frye of Nantucket, endorsed in the handwriting of the post card, "Can't find."

Gregory was disconcerted. His day dream had vanished. He had pictured the career of that Nantucket family so minutely and so frequently that he could hardly bring himself to disbelieve his own fairy tale. So Millie Blair's family did not live on that Island, and Miss Amelia Frye could not be found—was probably dead years ago. Strange that Millie Blair did not drum him up about the album. Many correspondents wrote within a week of sending stamps, as if it took him but a moment to examine them and decide their value to him; yet fully three weeks had passed since Millie Blair's album had come. Millie Blair—John Blair—off in California—a forty-niner—never came back—Amelia Frye—can't find—probably dead—Hold on! She lived on the Island. Must have relatives of the same family name. Why not hunt up THEM. Who would know so much about them as the town clerk?

Hastily a letter was written to that official, asking for any information concerning Nantucket Fyres' of the past or present and especially concerning Miss Amelia Frye. Gregory could hardly wait for the answer. Every day he opened the little album and looked at the old stamps of the distant seaports. The possibilities of success and defeat excited him.

The letter from the town clerk came at last. Gregory hardly dared touch it, much less open it. He gazed at it lying on his desk as if it bore his fortune or his fate. He reached out for it with indecision. His paper knife tore a ragged slit in one end and a folded paper dropped out. He picked it up and opened it. It read,

Sir:—In the town records of births, deaths and marriages I find no mention of any person named Frye. Yours, \_\_\_\_\_

(To be continued.)

The lists are now open for Chapter III. MSS. must be sent in to reach the judge not later than October 14th, and earlier if possible.

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Prize winner for October is Albert H. Hall, 30 Mt. Pleasant St., North Cambridge, Mass.

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Mr. Hall suggests that a short synopsis be given of unsuccessful chapters as it would be interesting to see what plots are evolved by different minds. We can give but one this month.

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By W. L. P.:—Gregory finds beneath the 5c. stamp a slip of paper containing address of Milton Barton, a former owner. Telegraphs to Barton, is answered that he is dead and his stamps sold to Moses Banks. Telegraphs to Banks, and learns envelope was sold to Henly Blair, Pinton, Iowa. Goes to Pinton and finds the Blairs have moved to Maryland; address forgotten. Is exasperated, but vows he will continue the chase.

### CANADIAN NOTES.

Canada will not be in the rear of the philatelic literature procession. Mr. F. J. Garraty of Richmond, Quebec, will issue a complete check list of Philatelic Literature and a list of all known Literature Collectors.

Although W. Kelsey Hall is spending the summer at a suburb of Chicago, his business will still be carried on at his old stand.

In all probability Halifax will be selected as the seat of the next D. P. A. convention.

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The destruction of the United States dies makes it an absolute certainty that none of the issues prior to 1894 can be reprinted. The example could be followed by many other countries with benefit to our pursuit, but unfortunately the millenium has not yet arrived, and reprints and speculative issues will be with

us as long as collectors will persist in buying such trash.

Collectors of Revenues should read the ad. of Mr. Walter Morley, London, England, which appears in this issue.

Mr. Irving E. Patterson of Guelph, Ont., Canada, has moved to 80 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Mich. and has purchased a half interest in the Detroit Stamp Co. of 42 Howard St., Detroit.

A. Herbst is now sole owner of *The New York Philatelist* having bought the interest of L. Beringer.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of Mr. Henry Gremmel the editor of *The Post Office*. We could well have spared a better man. While we did not know him personally we did know him as a "square" dealer.

The *Virginia Philatelist* appears to have made its mark, a second edition of the initial number has been issued.

We have received sample pages of "J. W. Scott's Best Album" and the name is certainly appropriate. The form followed in the printed pages is familiar to all philatelists, space being provided for each series and tastefully arranged. The blank pages have guiding squares faint ruled. The paper used is the heaviest linen leger backed with Japanese silk paper to prevent rubbing of the stamps. As each page is separately hinged, specialists are not compelled to buy the entire album but can chose such countries as they need, the blank pages affording all the space necessary. The price is very reasonable, 5 cents per page blank or printed or 3 cents in lots of 100 or over.

The Southern Philatelic Association will meet in convention at Nashville, Tenn., October 20. Let every member who can, attend in person, if not send in his proxy. The Southern should be THE philatelic organization of the South and it rests with the members to make it so, make a good selection of officers, bring in new members and last but not least support your Exchange Department.



Claude Johnson, the Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has recommended that the color of the two cent stamp be changed from red to green and his recommendation has been endorsed. Up to the issue of the Columbia series green had been the color of the stamp most commonly used on letters but since the 1890 issue, red has been the color. It is estimated that the change back to green will result in a saving of \$8,000 or \$10,000 a year. We wonder if a new set of plates will be issued or whether the old plates will continue in use, again will the plates numbers commence with No. 1 or will they be only a continuation of the present series, in any case plate number albums will need some new pages.

### Pot Pourri.

Canada is to have a new regular issue to take place of the Jubilees.

Opinions differ as to ultimate outcome of the scarce  $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 6c. and 8c. Dr. Cottlow thinks they will go the way of the \$1 Columbian, and Mr. Widdicombe says that the price has not been affected by the placing of the 30,000 sets (to \$1) and advises their purchase at once. I am with the Doctor this time and will await further developments.

*The Philatelic Era* is the new official organ of the A. P. A. Bro. Jewett will, I imagine, not find it an easy matter to do more for the Association than his predecessor did. I admit the *Weekly* is a house organ but it is in every sense of the word an up-to-date stamp paper and generally is the first to publish matters of philatelic interest. Any way Brer. Jewett has my best wishes for his success,

The reduction of the dues to \$1.00 a year should induce many of the old members to rejoin, personally my inclination leans in that direction.

The advance sheets of Scott's 58th catalogue do not show any material advance in prices of U. S. but a departure has been made in listing varieties, shades, etc. Doubtless we specialists shall be benefited by having a complete list of the stamps of our own country but how about the general lists? We all know that a number of collectors are dependent on their albums, their object being to fill the spaces therein and when they find there are so many varieties named in the catalogue, having a certain market value, for which one provision is made, they will either quit collecting altogether or take as a guide one of the older catalogues on which there is not so much hair splitting.

As most collectors do not obtain a new album each year and as the prospects are that each year will add to the number of varieties catalogued, I will show how I have surmounted the obstacle. Last year I obtained a blank book with ruled margin, (by the way Wolsieffer's Blank Album is just the thing, the guiding squares being of great assistance in the arrangement of the stamps) and placed my stamps vertically on the center of the page, leaving sufficient room for each issue. Take for instance the 1851-56 I have each denomination 1c., 3c., 5c., etc., on one line, 7 lines being ample for that issue. On the 1c. line I place all of that value, unused, used, and the different types (when I get them) and so when any new variety is discovered I have room for it without re-arranging the entire issue.

The Leeward Island Jubilee issue is the current set over printed "Sexagenary" and "1897" in a circle with V R I in the centre. They were on sale for one week commencing July 22 and as the number issued was small they will be desirable stamps to have.

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The June *Lone Star State Philatelist* is made up almost entirely of reprinted articles.

The *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* for September is an improvement on the last number, but is still coverless.

*Philatelic Facts* is out again, dated August. It contains only a couple of stories, one incomplete by H. I. Watts.

The August *N. Y. Philatelist* has a report of the P. S. of A. convention followed by personal notes concerning convention happenings, and the usual City items and editorials.

The *Philatelic Messenger* will become a monthly with its Oct. number. The July issue is mostly devoted to the Canada Jubilee stamps, rightly condemning their very speculative handling.

The *Young Collector* appears to be progressing nicely. Its July number has several items of interest, and a long essay by F. P. on the history and stamps of Eritrea.

"The Canadian Jubilee Swindle"

gets another exposure from the *American Boys*; it is reprinted, but is just as emphatic as at first hand. The remainder of the paper is mostly devoted to fiction and coins.

Messrs Corbaley and King each have a fine article in the August *Omaha Philatelist*, the one upon Suez Canal Company stamps, the other upon honesty between dealers and collectors. This last has been reprinted in *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*.

The *Columbian Philatelist* (August) gives the conclusion of Mr. Corbaley's article on Chinese issues; a discussion of the "Annual Evil," meaning the coming catalogue; "The Care of Duplicates," and several pages of society, editorials and city notes. Mr. Dodge certainly gives the biggest 15 cts. worth in existence,

Three pages of the September *Philatelic Advocate* are devoted to A. P. A. and D. P. A. matters; two to editorials; one each to notes and fiction, and the remaining one to exchange offers and the beginning of an article by J. R. Hooper, the condemned wife murderer.

"Veritas" devotes his whole space in the September *Evergreen State Philatelist* to the August HOME WORKER. He says our "Progressive Fiction" will not be of the slightest use in a philatelic way to any one; that depends entirely upon the writers, but anyway there is no reason why philately should be all solemnity, "A little nonsense now and then," etc. Don't you ever smile, friend, and aren't you willing we should?

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*Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* for July opens by paying its respects to the new Hospital stamps of New South Wales. These, unlike those of Great Britain, are available for postage to the extent of one-twelfth of the face value, but as they are issued for the expressed purpose of getting money from philatelists and not for any other reason or need, they and all their ilk ought to be left severely alone. The more we buy of such things the more there will be made for us, while if we entirely refuse to countenance them they will soon cease to appear. The chief resolutions of the recent postal congress are given also and are of considerable interest.

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The July *Post Office* and the August *Metropolitan Philatelist* both have considerable to say about Mr. Carion's unpaid letter stamps of the French Colonies diagonally surcharged "Cochinchine." These stamps have been widely talked about, the genuineness of the surcharge being questioned. Mr. Carion published fac-simile letters from postal authorities to prove that it was genuine, but recent developments tend to show that these

letters referred only to the stamps, no surcharges having been submitted for the authorities to pass upon, and further, that "no unpaid letter stamps have ever been surcharged with that name of that colony." If Mr. Carion has really invented and upheld those surcharges, and the investigations now on foot prove that he is the only one responsible for their existence, he is likely to have rather of an uncomfortable time of it in future.

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The *Virginia Philatelist* heralded last month appeared the first of September. It is a beauty! Between its handsome cover of buff and green are sixteen pages filled with well written philatelic matter ranging in scope from a biography and half-tone of Mr. John F. Mayer to a scientific essay on the Australian Kangaroo. A unique idea of the editor is to establish a fund for a Von Stephan Memorial to be used in placing "a suitable monument in any German or American city," this to be done by every collector sending "one unused stamp of the lowest denomination of his respective country's issue." The autograph of each contributor is also requested in order that they may be formed into an album and forwarded to Berlin when the contributions are. The V. P. will receive contributions at Richmond, Va., and will in due time forward them to the proper authorities at Berlin. The object is a laudable one, but how can all these values and varieties of stamps be utilized as cash? Are they to be sold to collectors and cashed that way?

### Arranging Entire Envelopes.

The main objection to the collection of Entire is the difficulty of arranging them compactly but after trying several schemes I have at last hit upon a plan that economises space and at the same time facilitates the examination of specimens. For the benefit of those who have not tried it I will outline my plan:

I made a box 15 inches long, 10½ inches wide and 5 inches deep, then had slips of card board cut 10x5 inches, on these card board slips I marked "First Issue," "Second Issue," etc., giving also date, description of dies, shapes and sizes and added any further data regarding that particular issue that I thought necessary, in fact I made the cards answer the purpose of a catalogue so far as description, etc., went. These cards being half an inch higher than the largest envelope, when placed in the box make a separate compartment for each issue showing plainly the number and date of same.

As I prefer Bartels catalogue I take a rubber stamp **BARTELS** NO. . . . . imprint on left upper corner of the envelope, number it correctly according to the catalogue and place it in its consecutive order in the box marking the catalogue V or O to distinguish used from unused. All collectors should mark their catalogues, it is then so easy to see what is wanted, to say nothing of the avoidance of the frequent handling of and consequent damage to specimens.

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### CHAPTER III.

BY MOLLIE MORRIS.

Gregory's remarks upon receipt of that last letter and its consequent blow to his hopes were of a kind entirely unfit for print! He clinched both hands in his hair and stared down at it as it lay before him, in a sort of exasperated dismay, repeating at intervals "No Frye's known—no Frye's known—until it occurred to him that he had really mastered that fact, and might as well be thinking up a new plan by which to locate that elusive Millie Blair and the equally elusive Amelia Frye. Now two heads are better than one, and if one of the two is a feminine head the pair become equal to three masculine heads, and Gregory, having full knowledge of that fact, picked up his letters and betook himself and them across the street to a cottage where-in dwelt the only lady he ever took into his counsels.

Miss Lucinda listened to his excited tale of woe with an amused twinkle in her eyes, a twinkle that fully sixty years of Quaker repression had not managed to subdue, and at its close brought him a plate of pears with the remark that since he needed consolation he might take some in that form while she was thinking up another. Of course Gregory was not above pears, and by the time he had commenced upon his fourth Miss Lucinda was ready with a suggestion.

"I have been thinking friend John," she began, "that the name of Frye is not altogether a strange one to me, and now I recall having seen it last week in a secular paper which lay upon a table at friend Dare's. Not that I care to read such papers, "she hastened to add seeing a suspicious curve of Gregory's lips, but it lay open, and I noticed an item about a recent reunion of the Frye family at some place in Maine. If thee will ask friend Dare about it I daresay he will help thee find the item, and then thee can write up there and ask for information concerning thy friend Amelia."

"Aunt Lucinda, you're a darling!" exclaimed Gregory bestowing an impulsive kiss upon

the cheek nearest him. Then absentmindedly (?) tucking the remaining two pears into his pocket, Gregory departed in search of the Frye item; friend Dare proved willing to help, and in a very short course of time a letter was speeding to the Maine address given requesting any possible information about a Miss Amelia Frye whose address had once been Nantucket, Mass.

While the answer was in abeyance, Bob, Gregory's young colored attendant, could have told you that his young master was an exceedingly uncomfortable person to live with, not only because of what he DID do, but also because of what he didn't. When Bob upset a picher of water over a package of 5000 hinges Gregory only looked at the ruins with a vacant "Ah!" permitting the culprit to clean up without one word of blame. Bob had surely expected to be "blowed up to the top of a monyment" for that bit of carelessness, and so went off shaking his head dubiously over his master's unusual gentleness. In truth, Gregory hardly knew what had been done, for he was still mentally hunting for another clue to his unknown correspondent. In vain he tried to bury himself among his philatelic treasures, studying them with an earnestness that resulted in many new discoveries which he at once reported to the leading journals, and afterwards embodied in the well known monograph that has since made his name of world wide philatelic renown! He it was who first discovered the now well known method of concentration of cross-lights by which the most elusive watermark is at the immediate mercy of the seeker; he it was who first noted the rare variations of perforation, shapes and sizes among the various United States issues, and above all, he it was who gathered and published a complete list of all known counterfeit stamps, illustrating the descriptions with cuts that made the matter perfectly clear even to beginners. Gregory has been much blamed for issuing this book, the counterfeit detectors of the various societies claiming that its appearance greatly hurt their trade, but it has proved a veritable boon to the collector, and its yearly editions are as much in demand as are those of the Standard catalogue.

But all this took time and a vast amount of it, for very little was actually accomplished

during the "waits for Millie Blair news," as Gregory called them, although the foundation was undoubtedly laid during the deep studies of those periods. Still, study as he might Gregory never succeeded in putting Millie Blair completely out of his mind, and Bob's entrance with the daily mail was always the signal for the dropping of whatever he might be doing and a feverish search through it for something relating to the owner of the book locked up in his safe.

One day, fully a month after his letter to the Maine Frye's, Bob appeared with a bundle of letters and an exceedingly damaged postal card,

"I say, Boss," he began, "twarn't my fault, but a feller on a bike, he run into me an' knocked dis card outter my cap an' run over it, an' I had ter dig it outter the mud wid er stick, but I guess you kin read it ef you wash it off fust."

"I guess so," said Gregory absently. He had caught sight of a Maine postmark on one of the letters, and not waiting for the conclusion of Bob's explanation, tore it open. It ran as follows:—

Mr. John Gregory:—Dear Sir:—Yours received. Have been very busy and must apologize for delay in replying, but found it difficult to find trace of the Miss Amelia Frye for whom you inquired. Have finally discovered that she was the daughter of Moses Frye, sailor, and Mabel (Grey) Frye, residence New Bedford, Mass. at time of Miss Frye's birth. Moses Frye was drowned at sea about 1850 and ten years later his widow married Hezekiah Coffin and moved to Nantucket. Miss Frye was married soon after, at, or near, New Bedford; present name and residence unknown.

Your truly, David Frye, Sr.

Gregory flung the letter into the air with a delighted "Hurrah" feeling that at last he was on the scent, and then turned a rather disgusted eye upon the delapidated postal. He carefully sponged it, however, and after much study deciphered the following:

"Mr. J — G — gory. Have recei — no ac —  
know — ment of receipt — — stamps  
sent you nearly — ago If not —  
plea — return, and at any rate — — me hear  
from — — ceruing them,  
Y — — ly, Millie Blair."

Date and address were so blurred as to be undecipherable as were also some words of the text, but the latter Gregory could guess at, while the former was quite beyond him. He stared blankly at the blurred marks which if undamaged, would have given him the information so long sought for, and then with wrath in his eyes and tread he arose and stalked to the door.

"Bob!" he called. "Bob!" But Bob was a wise little darkey, and therefore Bob didn't think it best to hear.

(To be continued.)

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Synopsis of best unsuccessful chapter:

By A. C. S.:—After several weeks without any news, Gregory receives word from a physician at the Mass. General Hospital at Boston, that a lady under his charge (brought from New Bedford, Mass.) refers to some stamps of hers now in Gregory's possession, stating she can pay her expenses from their sale. Gregory writes explanations to her enclosing check, and writes also to the doctor, but finally tears up letters and starts for Boston.

### The League of American Philatelists Difficulty.

The season in which Philatelic conventions are usually held is fast coming to a close, and yet we observe that the League of American Philatelists has given no notice of any forthcoming convention or election. This society is supposed to have a President and other officers, but we regret to say that it has neither in reality. To be sure there is a nominal officer to each department. However we must make one exception, that of the Exchange Superintendent's office in charge of Mr. Arbtin, who is the only officer loyal to the society and the only one worthy of re-election on that account. What inferences are we to make from such existing circumstances? Perhaps the officers (?) want another term by passing over this year's election. Truly they do not deserve another.

Again we have no official organ. It is the duty of the Trustees to see to it that we have one, but they remain silent and uninterested.

A letter to the President recently sent by "Yours truly" questioning the present standing of the League has remained many weeks unanswered. Now that is not the kind of President to elect. One who will interest himself in the welfare of his society, and is not afraid of working to its advantage and advancement is what the League of American Philatelists needs, and the help of an official organ very regular in appearing, which is wholly indispensable, would tend to bring this body of collectors to the front.

What we need at present, in order to inspire enthusiasm in all members of the L. A. P. is a new set of officers and an official organ. And the officers should all be elected from States other than Iowa, which State has had control of the League too long for its welfare.

Now, brother members of the League, all join hands and urge for a convention, emphasize the need of elections, communicate with Mr. Kramer and see if we can't arouse some life in the society. We cannot too strongly urge the necessity of a good official organ and competent officers. Now get to work and don't wait until somebody else does it, do it yourself. Send in your nominations for officers. And let us have a new set of presiding members for the ensuing year who will do honor to the society.

EVERETT B. HORN,

### Postal History of the Native Indian State CHARKHARI.

By F. P.

Charkhari is a small State situated in the district of *Bundelkhand*, under English rule and has a native ruler. It has an area of 700 square miles and a native population of 193,000 who profess the religion of Buddha.

In 1893 a regular postal service was established but only for official mail matter.

This semi-independent State being situated aside from the regular commercial road very little was known of the postal service but recently a French traveler visited the State and made an investigation.

In 1894 matters had so far developed that private mail was carried and a set of stamps issued. The central post office is at the Capital, Charkhari, and there are branch offices in the smaller towns of Chandia, Isanagar and Ranipur. These post offices forward letters, postal cards, newspapers and packages and also issue money orders, the employes being native Indians and a few Englishmen. Mail is delivered and the postage stamps are good only within the limits of the State, foreign mail being forwarded by the British East Indian post office.

(To be continued.)

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We have published no convention reports believing our space could be utilized to better advantage. Society news, is as a rule of little interest to outsiders and the end is fully conserved by a full report in the official organ of the Society and possibly a resume of results in the Weeklies.

We take pleasure in laying before our readers the protest in the Georges Carion case, and in which we fully concur as we believe that a great injustice has been done him.

Mr. Leon G. Lambert of The Stamp Collectors Exchange has not replied to our letter of Sept. 23, asking for an explanation as to the notice of his expulsion from the Stamp Exchange, published in *Mekeels Weekly*. As we were acting as official organ for his Exchange his silence, to say the least of it, is *peculiar* and parties having stamps in his hands should see about having them returned at once.

Members of The Southern Philatelic Association should *all* patronize the Exchange Department, either as buyers or sellers. The Superintendent is doing all he can to excite the interest of the members but responses to his solicitations are not as numerous as they might be. He has given Bond for the due performance of his official duties which has been approved by the Trustees and every stamp received by him will be accounted for or paid for. Brother members support him to the extent of your ability. Communicate with him at once, get your names on the list to receive circuits. *A live Exchange Department is the life of a Society.* The S. P. A. has been sick unto death, and unless you administer the necessary physic a relapse will prove fatal. Let every member become a physician and prescribe a liberal dose of stamps to be taken *at once*.

Henry Fenton of Tennessee was elected President of the Southern Philatelic Association and Walter C. Lowry of Texas Secretary and Treasurer, at the third annual convention in Nashville,



Tenn. on October 20. Knoxville, Tenn. was named as the convention site for 1898 and Chas Waring unanimously re-elected Exchange Superintendent.

The Sons of Philatelia held their convention at Nashville, Tenn., October 19th. and elected Rev. E. E. Weaver of Ill. President and J. F. Dodge of Pa. Secretary.

The rescue of Mdle Cisneros offers inducements for another speculative issue but it would not have Weyler's approval even if he is not a philatelist.

G. B. Gladden of Riverside, Cal. the business manager of Philatelic Facts was shot on Oct. 7th. and for a time was not expected to live, but is now reported out of danger. The shooting grew out of the discharge of an unsatisfactory employee.

BRITON.

#### The Knoxville Philatelic Society.

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 127½ Gay St. on Friday evening Nov. 5th. at 7 p. m. and the attendance of all members is specially requested.

H. FENTON, Sec'y.

The 58th edition prices heralded in the advance sheets are in most instances accepted as satisfactory to all, and we note with pleasure that there has not been so much inflation or undue raising of prices as characterized the last season's standard. Nay even there has been more lowering of prices many remaining the same. Particularly in the case of the

United States Revenues we notice that prices have advanced with more moderation, and more in accordance with their true worth than they did last season, which was conspicuous for its great jumps in Revenue values.

At first impressions it may seem to many collectors a grievable fact that many of their philatelic treasures have suffered a lowering of price, but on careful consideration it will appear to all that more satisfaction is to be derived from the lesser increasing of values under present conditions than if the values were made otherwise. Unmistakably last year's prices were greatly over-estimated, and discounts, as a natural result, ranged very large throughout the year. In the 58th we are to have prices nearer their true level. The markets are overstocked with United States Revenue stamps, as may be seen by a glance at the advertising columns of our Magazines. 'Tis the dealer who has acquired the larger portion of revenue stamps and collectors are beginning to realize it. Surely the philatelic world would prefer to have their stamps listed by a Standard at lower valuations, and feel that they are worth it, than to have them priced ridiculously high and realize that they are actually worth but a fraction thereof.

EVERETT B. HORN.

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# The Philatelic Press.

Publishers who wish their Magazines reviewed, MUST send one copy to Miss Amy L Swift Whitman, Mass., and one to publication office

The *Omaha Philatelist* announces in its September number the opening of a word contest. Word contests seem to be getting popular.

The English *Stamps* for Aug gives quite a large portion of its space to matters anent the recent London Philatelic Exhibition.

*Philatelic Facts*, September, has a cover, two bits of fiction, and a few spread out advertisements including one of a coming souvenir edition to be sold at 10c.

The August *Lone Star State Philatelist* is almost entirely devoted to the Carion-Cochinchine matter. There is so much of that everywhere nowadays that it has become rather of a weariness to the flesh.

The October *Perforator* has twelve pages and cover, pictures and sketches of Miss Maud C. Bingham and Messrs. Beringer and Benton; and a large supply of solid reading matter besides two pages of prices from the advance sheets of Scott's coming catalogue.

The *Weekly Philatelic Era* is now official organ for the A. P. A. It has lately established a review department under the care of Mr. W. C. Stone who is

evidently going to make it as snappy as the Continental Bank Note Co. made the paper they used in printing our 1873 issue.

The October *Evergreen State Philatelist* is as promptly on time and as entertaining as usual. Era's notes for U. S. collectors contain several interesting items; Veritas devotes his space mostly to the Boston Stamp Book, pronouncing it to be one of the "indispensables," and editor French's remarks compose the remainder of the reading matter outside of advertisements and I. P. A. reports.

No. one of the *Virginia Philatelist* was so much in demand that a second edition was required and issued. No. 2 is now out, and is handsome enough within and without to be equally popular. The cut on the cover and first page represents Mr. John C. Seibert, and another of H. Von Stephan is given farther along. The idea of placing the editorials near the beginning is something new in this country, and is rather pleasing for a change.

The *American Collector*, formerly published by R. M. Miller, has been purchased by Mr. Dodge, editor of the *Columbian Philatelist*, who will doubtless make it as much of a success as he has

made the *Columbian*. Much of the September issue is devoted to S. of P. matters; there is but one long article, this being by C. E. Jenney telling how philatelic papers can be depended upon to keep up interest in stamps.

The *New York Philatelist* is another paper which has been through editorial changes, Mr. Beringer having retired and Mr. Herbst assuming full ownership. So for the appearance of the paper has not changed, there being the usual array of notes and editorials together with an essay by I. E. Patterson upon the "Model Protective Association" against philatelic frauds, an association which so far has its headquarters in a castle in Spain.

A new Journal must be chronicled this month, the *Philatelic Bulletin* of Salem, Mass., eight pages and cover; C. Allen Hall, editor. The leading article, "Why Some Stamps Were Issued," seems to have been compiled from one that recently appeared elsewhere, but rehashes are allowable sometimes, especially when they treat of interesting subjects.

The September *Post Office* devotes all its editorial department to an obituary of its late publisher, Mr. Henry Gremmel, and an explanation of the aims of the recently founded American Collectors Company which will take possession of Mr. Gremmel's stock of stamps. The P. O. has all its usual features, and also an article by Mr. Capen discussing the listing in the coming catalogue of so

many new shades, an innovation that has thoroughly exasperated some collectors since there is no being certain how many of those shades were merely due to atmospheric laws.

*Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* (August) gives two pages to remarks upon, and anecdotes of, the recent London Philatelic Exhibition; tells a little story which may or may not be true of how the Mauritius Post Office stamps came to be inscribed "post office" instead of "post paid;" follows with a little homily which has the moral that the demand for large discounts in buying makes small prices for later selling, and closes with a lengthy review of an article from the *Eastern Philatelist*.

The London Exhibition has stirred up the idea everywhere that local displays of that sort would be good things to have. So they would! *O Colleccionador de Sellos* of Brazil would like one in its own vicinity, and uses over a page of its August number to tell how nice it would be. In the list of new issues appears notice of the Canada Jubilees together with the number printed of each value. Have the Brazilians only just learnt about that issue? Their paper is dated August 15th., and by that time those Jubilees had become a very old story around this way.



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## A ROMANCE OF PHILATELY.

### CHAPTER IV.

BY B. L. J.

"New Bedford!" meditated Gregory, "I've some relatives there, and I think—I'll go—and—look them—up!"

That was how it happened that a week later the pretty cottage at Ludlow was left in charge of the erratic but well-meaning Bob, who, thanks to the weight of responsibility and Miss Lucinda's watchful eye, could be trusted not to commit such grievous blunders as might otherwise have been expected of him. Gregory had never been in the whaling city, but his relatives were easily discovered, and after taking a day or two in which to cultivate their acquaintance he told enough of his story to enlist their sympathies, and with their assistance began his search for news of the Frye family. Contrary to his expectations he had very little difficulty, for he soon found relatives of the family and through them learned particulars which condensed ran as follows:

After Mrs Frye's second marriage and removal to Nantucket, Amelia had made her home with New Bedford friends, but had paid several visits to her mother, during one of which the letter Gregory held must have been written. In the course of a year or two Amelia had married Charles Blair, and after living in New Bedford some years had moved to a small town in Maine and from there to a town in Indiana. During these years correspondence had grown less and less frequent, and had finally ceased entirely,

the latest letter being dated some eight years back. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin were both dead, and as there were no near relatives left, the cessation of letters was not so unusual as to point to the death of Mrs. Blair herself. Gregory had felt quite delighted when he came upon the name of Blair, thinking that very possibly the former Miss Frye might prove to be the mother of Millie Blair, later discoveries, however proved that there had been no children from the marriage, but by this time Gregory had become so hardened to disappointments that he took this new one very philosophically.

"I will write to that Indiana post-master," said he. "If necessary, I can even go home that way and stop over for inquiries, but I'll try writing first." He did, and the result was like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, for the reply he received ran as follows:

"Chas. Blair died six years ago. His widow married William Bell of Ludlow. I—, and is now residing in that town."

"Thunderation!" cried Gregory, "That's where I live myself! To think that I've traveled 3000 miles and used up months of time in searching for a woman who lived within a few minutes walk of my own house! It must have been through her that Millie Blair heard of me. Well, I never met her, but I will pretty soon, for I will start home tomorrow. Well!!! and the long drawn out, half whistled exclamation expressed some of the astonishment which was entirely too great for words.

Forty eight hours later Gregory was ensconced as comfortably as the nature of things permitted in a section of a sleeping car on the Nickel-plate railroad being rapidly whirled along on his jour-

ney westward. His bag contained several pieces of mail which had been delivered to him at almost the last moment before starting, and among them were a couple of copies of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News with which he proceeded to refresh himself when the study of his companions and of the passing scenery had become monotonous, but he had scarcely begun reading when a gentleman seated across the aisle stepped over and took a seat by his side.

"Excuse me," he said apologetically as Gregory looked up in surprise, "I judged from this paper" touching it with a smile, "that you was a stamp collector, and as I am one also I could not resist the temptation to speak."

"I am very glad you did not try," replied Gregory heartily, and then the two gentlemen plunged into a discussion of matters philatelic with an ardor that would have been amusing to outsiders. Of course Mr. Bishop, as the stranger called himself, was soon in possession of story of the Millie Blair collection and the search for its owner's address, and he showed himself both amused and interested over the tale.

"I'd like to see that envelope," he remarked, "have you it about you?"

Gregory promptly produced it from his dress-suit case, and the stranger turned it over and over much as Gregory himself had done, and finally catching it at the sides between his thumb and finger pressed it apart and gave a searching glance inside. Had Gregory been watching he could hardly have failed to see the sudden flash that gleamed in his companion's eyes, but he was not watching and he did not see it.

"I've a craze for Entres," said Mr. Bishop carelessly, "and I would much like this one, will you take a couple of dollars for it?"

"No indeed!" laughed Gregory. "Why,

I consider that envelope a sort of Ariadne's thread!"

"But it is really of no use to you," urged the other, "I'll give you five dollars."

"I guess not!" returned Gregory emphatically. "It is not for sale at any price, Mr. Bishop." And he carefully returned it to its place.

The stranger said no more, but Gregory had occasion to remember the conversation, for when he awoke the next morning it was to find that his traveling case had been over-hauled during the night, and that the envelope addressed to Miss Frye, and the philatelic Mr. Bishop had both vanished, presumed together.

"The Dickens!" exclaimed the much tried Gregory. "Now what in thunder is the meaning of that!"

(To be continued.)

MSS. for Chapter V should be sent to reach the judge not later than December 14th. As this story will close with the sixth chapter those who desire to compete should do so promptly.

### What Rare Stamps are Worth in London.

The high prices which the rarest specimens of stamps now realize will explain how it is that the trade in forgeries has become what it is in these days. The 1840 British stamp, V. R. (black), with the letters in the upper corners, will easily fetch £10 used and £5 unused. The black stamp, without the letters V. R., can be sold for 1d. and 2d. each. The red penny English stamp heads are not worth much more than waste paper price.

The following prices are for the rarest stamps:—

Cabul, complete issues.....	£300
1847, Mauritius.....	200
1852, Sandwich Islands.....	200
1856, British Guiana.....	120
1850, British Guiana.....	100
Natal, first issue.....	100
1860, Cape of Good Hope.....	40
Buenos Ayres.....	85
Bergedorf.....	30
1856, Canadian.....	20
1850, Brazil, perforated.....	10

—Tit Bits.

## Postal History of the Native Indian State CHARKHARI.

By F. P.

(Continued.)

The stamps issued in 1894 were a native production and miserably made. A square slip of inferior paper having in the top corners the initials "P. O." in a scroll above Charkhari State P. O." below this "B. C. India, then the value in "ANNAS." below this is a dagger and at the bottom in a straight line "POSTAGE STAMP." Before and after the word Anna is a small blank space to facilitate the changing of the type in the plates when printing a new value. The paper used is white in color, and wooly in texture, ink ultramarine and the denominations are as follows:

Postage Stamps	$\frac{1}{4}$ anna	Lilac Rose
"	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Wine "
"	1 "	Green
"	2 "	"
"	4 "	"

Errors, 1 Annas, 2 Anna.

Wrappers. Thin white paper, size-140x78 mms.

$\frac{1}{2}$  Anna Wine Red.

1 " Green.

Errors,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Annas, 1 Annas.

Postal Card. Yellow color, pasteboard watermarked, *Lucknow Paper Mills* in the sheet.

$\frac{1}{4}$  Anna Rose Lilac.

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(To be continued.)

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With this number we end our Fourth Volume. The January number will be the first of Volume V. We have decided on reducing the price to 15 cents a year, so send in your subscription at once. We must have a large subscription list for the benefit of our advertisers and will accept stamps catalogued 30 cents and upward in payment.

OUR apologies are due our subscribers. Last month's number was a week late, cause—a rush with our printers—but it will not occur again. We have been proud of our punctual appearance but alas! pride has had a fall.

IF you are looking for bargains write for E. T. Parkers 93rd. Price List and if you send him the names and addresses of five Collectors, his prices will be a surprise to you.

BASING our opinion on the Annual Report of the Birmingham Philatelic Society we should say that our hobby is not languishing at the other side of the Pond. The actual cash receipts for the year amount to \$551, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being over \$255. The Society has 228 members, 88 having joined during the year. Value of stamps circulated in the Exchange \$180 985, Sales \$27 000.

IF you are not already a subscriber we invite you to send 15 cents and receive this paper to December 1898, send 50 cts. and you are paid up to the end of the Century.

THE suggestion of Mr. Bartels in the *ETA* to mark all mended stamps "Repaired" on the back is worth carrying out. There is nothing more annoying than to find out when removing the old hinges that the stamp is pieced and what was apparently at least, a fair specimen is no longer a presentable one.

WHAT are we offered for a \$12.50 account against Crozier & Co., Philadelphia? Having failed to collect it even with the aid of an Attorney we will sell it cheap.

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WE are in a position to say positively that the Exchange Department of THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION is steadily gaining ground. We had an opportunity of looking over the circuits that have been returned and to our surprise found that some books after being out 40 days were returned with sales of 50 per cent. This proves beyond a doubt that the Department is a first class medium for disposing of duplicates.

This month we send out, as a supplement to this number of our paper, an application blank for membership in the Southern Philatelic Association and trust that a large number of Collectors will snap up the chance. Send 25 cents to us (which we will forward to the Secretary) and receive in return a paid up membership to the end of the year, 1898 and a years subscription to this paper free. Every Collector joining a Society does so for the sake of the benefits to be obtained which are, first, ADDITIONS TO COLLECTIONS, second, PROFITABLE DISPOSITION OF DUPLICATES, third, FREE OFFICIAL ORGAN, SOCIABLE FEATURES, ETC., and every one, when sending in their applications should state distinctly that they wish to participate in the Exchange Department, otherwise they may miss the leading feature of a live Society, unsolicited circuits being but seldom circulated.

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### Pot Pourri.

*Gambia* will probably be the next on the list for the new Colonial type, generally known as the De La Rue Series.

THE P. J. of G. B. says that right 1d. and mm. 2d. *Mauritius* "Post Office" are known neither of them are in my collection however, but *I wish they were.*

I HAVE to announce a new variety for Collectors of U. S. Entires Envelopes. I have found a specimen on *unwater-marked white wove paper*, a one cent of the 1887, commercial size, mailed in November 1895. I submitted it to Bartels and he will catalogue it 1250½ in his next edition.

There is no question about its being a variety. No wove paper has been officially used and it is possible that the regular paper came from the mills wrapped up and by some oversight the wrapper was not removed but passed under the knife with the watermarked paper. If this supposition is correct there may be other specimens but there cannot be many. My letter came from Mr. Shaw, Exchange Superintendent, of the S. of P. and other members of that Society should look over their correspondence and see if they have received a similar envelope from him about the end of 1895.

"QUAKER" advises the purchase of the 1896 issue of British South Africa, also Cyprus, they will never be cheaper than they are now and may be much higher.

THE new ½d. Canadian is now on sale and as the other values will soon follow you should fill up your blanks before the 1882-93 issue becomes obsolete. I am not referring to the Jubilee frauds.

Kindly mention this paper when answering advertisements.

# The Philatelic Press.

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The *Kid* has a very appropriate name.

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The *Cuyler Sun* has dropped its department of Antiquarianism.

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The *American Collector* (Oct.) has a fine article by Chas. E. Jenney on "Stamps as Advertisers" which has been reproduced in Mekeel's Weekly

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The *Philatelic Bulletin* is being extensively and deservedly scored for reprinting matter without giving due credit. No. 1 was bad enough in that respect, but No. 2 is even worse.

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The *Philatelic Messenger* is now a monthly. Every one of the editorials notes are worth reading, and Karl Kramer's "Tilt at Discounts" is a lively one.

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*Philatelic Facts* issued a special four page number in Oct. in the "cause" of Mr. Carion, but gave him about one-fourth of a page. Mr. Watts' stories are pretty nearly all the reading matter supplied by this paper.

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No. 3 (Nov.) of the *Virginia Philatelist* is fully up to the high

standard of its predecessors. Its illustrated sketch represents Mr. V. E. A. Spott of Richmond; its editorials are interesting; its reviews both courteous and well written; its French historical matter instructive; and its notes of philatelic errors, counterfeits, etc. of much interest. The article by "Stet" on "British and U. S. Postal Service" merits particular mention.

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The Nov. *Philatelic Advocate* has come out in a new form and with 12 pages. Its longest article is entitled "Motive in Stamp Collecting," and is by W. P. Anderson, the second prize winner in the P. A.'s recent MS. contest. Mr. Watts' story of "The Dirigo Stamp Co." is given in such short installments, about 50 lines at a time, that any merit it might have is ruined.

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The Oct. *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* has a yellow cover; a short list of past and present Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamp values; illustrated sketches of J. Foster Rood and Ed. A. Whalen, and editorial matter which should have been "firmly and righteously placed in the waste paper

basket while in the MS. state," to quote a portion which was much more applicable to itself than to the much superior matter it referred to.

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Vol. I. No. 1 of the *California Stamp* has appeared, dated Nov. It has 8 pages and cover, and is edited and published by Chas. D. Lowe at 2977 21st Street, San Francisco at 25c. per year. Wm. A. McDonnell of New York is associate and review editor. Much of its matter is reprinted, including an article on mail service in Cuba and a full page cut of a Cuban Republic stamp on the original cover.

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Editor Dodge has purchased the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* and now has three magazines on his hands. He either has a greater capacity for work, or more leisure than most folks. The Queen City Philatelic Society, henceforth to be known as the Colorado Philatelic Society, has repudiated the R. M. S. as official organ, and given the position to D. W. Osgood's cute little *Stampman* which will hereafter appear monthly instead of occasionally.

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A private letter tells me that the editor of the *Lone Star State Philatelist* has been finding fault with this department because it does not give him early reviews.

As Mr. Bradley has never once mailed an exchange to Whitman such a criticism is manifestly unfair. The few numbers reviewed have been forwarded from Knoxville and of course were therefore subject to delay. If he will send his paper to Whitman as do other publishers, it will receive as prompt a notice as do theirs.

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The *Perforator* of Hartford, Conn. is one of the few magazines which seem to improve with age. November has 16 pages of solid printing, and is a "Commemorative Issue" celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Senior publisher's wedding day. Beside all the usual features three half-tones are given, one of which is very appropriately a group of "The Perforator Family." Mr. Dietz's new cover design adds much to the beauty of the magazine, which is undoubtedly worth its subscription price of 20c. per year.

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The opening article of the Nov. *Omaha Philatelist* treats of "Western Secession," the idea voiced being that Westerners should start a society of their own and engineer it themselves. The author is Harry L. Drexel, and an enthusiastic supporter is the editor. Omaha came out poorly in getting the convention meets, and this seems a natural result. An amusing bit of fiction is supplied by D. Harlan (King?) under the title of "A Dream." An occasional bit of nonsense is rather enjoyed by the the non-professional philatelist, supposing of course that it be of a well written and readable kind.

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## A Romance of Philately.

### CHAPTER V.

By B. L. J.

The robbery of a train passenger is a serious thing, so both porter and conductor listened to Gregory's tale with due respect. But when they learned that the only thing missing was an old used envelope, the porter turned aside to hide a show of ivory whose exhibition might, he feared, spoil the chance of the fat fee he hoped to receive from his passenger, while the conductor grinned a grin which would have put that of the Cheshire cat to complete shame.

"My dear fellow," said he, "I'm thinking you ought to be thanking your stars that old envelope was the only thing taken instead of making such a fuss over its disappearance. If the man was on the train I would see that he gave it up, but he isn't, and I've no idea when or where he slipped off, or even where his ticket was for. I'll be blessed if I am going to call in the detective because a man has run off with an old envelope used thirty odd years ago with nothing on the outside but the superscription, and nothing inside but air." And off went the conductor on the broad grin while Gregory sank back in his seat hot and wrathful, but obliged to acknowledge that it did seem as though he was making a great fuss over a small matter.

"But," meditated he, "there was something about that envelope which made its

possession desirable. Now what was it? I never noticed anything, and surely I must have if there had been anything to notice. The bit of stamp left under the 5c I took off was too small to be of any value even if it had been a Hawaiian Missionary remnant, which it certainly wasn't. What ever it was must have been inside — 'twas after looking in that he tried to buy it. Good gracious! could it have been one of those turned envelopes which bob up occasionally? If so it must have been used before and there's no knowing what stamp might have been on one corner; a Baltimore or Millbury perhaps, or a Brattleborro, or even something entirely unknown! Oh, why didn't I examine the thing more closely; I never gave more than a glance inside of it."

So Gregory mused, his thoughts turning ever on the stolen envelope and the thievish Mr. Bishop. At the first stopping place he telegraphed as follows to a friend in New York, also a philatelist, with whom he had recently chatted concerning philately in general and the Millie Blair collection in particular: "Frye envelope stolen during night by passenger called Bishop who has disappeared. Find if possible Letter immediately." Then he scrawled off a letter of explanation, mailed it at the next town, and then tried to put the whole subject from his mind since there was nothing more he could do.

The first thing Gregory saw when the train rolled into the Ludlow Station was Bob, the irrepressible, dancing around the platform with his hands where his

feet should have been, but by the time he was out of the car the energetic little darkey had lowered his feet to their proper level and was at the steps to meet him. Bob was a vision of wonder. On his crinkly hair was perched an old derby of his masters stuffed with newspapers in order that it might not fall down over his ears; his face shone with polishing even as does a well blacked shoe. He wore a flaming red necktie and a bran new paper collar with such long points that it kept his chin well in the air; a massive chysanthemum waved from a buttonhole of his blue coat, and to crown all, kid gloves, one black the other tan, covered his pudgy hands.

"Hallo, Bob!" laughed Gregory, as that young Adonis seized his bag. "Seems to me you are putting on style!"

"Yep," grinned Bob, "did it fer HER. Where is she?"

"SHE! Who?" inquired the puzzled Gregory.

Bob dropped the bag and eyed his master with sudden disfavor. "Why, didn't yer go to git er wife?" he demanded.

Gregory threw back his head and shouted. "I never thought of such a thing," he said at last.

"An here I've bin an deckerated ther house an bought er new coller," complained Bob sadly. "I might es well take it off now," which he did, putting it in his pocket, then taking up the bag he trudged on while Gregory followed in great amusement.

The house was 'deckerated' truly! Pieces of pine board conspicuously lettered 'Wellcum Yung Bried' leaned against every entrance and gate-way; green branches flopped forlornly in the windows and from walls, chairs and pictures. Flowers were scarce at this season of the year, but Bob had obtained a few which were stiffly poked into receptacles of all sorts and sizes at about the

average of one flower to a dish in order that they might go around. Gregory looked and laughed until the tears came.

"I've half a notion to go and get a 'yung bried' this minute," he said, "it's a shame to waste all this magnificence Bob." And Bob dolefully agreed that it was.

Tired as he was, Gregory would not delay his visit upon Mrs. Bell, nee Miss Amelia Frye as that very evening saw him standing upon the steps of a large handsome house not far from his own cottage. A trim maid answered his ring and looked at him in surprise when he asked for Mrs. Bell.

"Mrs. Bell went to Maine a month ago to stay the winter, sir," she said.

(To be concluded)

MSS. for the final chapter should be sent to Miss Amy L. Swift, Whitman, Mass., not later than January 14th. A vote will then be called as to which, in the opinion of our readers, was the best chapter, and a further prize awarded its author.

## LITERARY NOTES.

You cannot sell stamps to everyone but when you see a copy of Little Folks, the new magazine for baby up to the ten-year old, you will understand why you can get every mother of small children to subscribe. It is simply the handsomest magazine for children ever issued, and many people are taking large lists of subscribers. One little girl of seven years recently secured 13 subscribers in one day and earned \$5.20 for them. As she expressed it; "it's dead easy getting subscribers for Little folks." The publisher offers some fine premiums to those who do not care for money. You can get a very good watch for four subscribers and a better one for six. The magazine is the same size as Harpers, and contains from 32 to 40 pages of fine pictures and reading matter, and is published by L. E. Cassino, 76 Rupe Building, Boston, Mass.

## Pot Pourri.

The speculator is not in evidence as forcibly these days as in the past. The lesson of the Columbians is not yet forgotten and we hope that their experience with the Canadian Jubilees will also leave our speculative friends with depleted pocket books.

Speculation is the worst enemy Philately has, but it cannot live unless collectors will persist in buying at inflated prices, therefore the remedy is our own hands. *let us use it!*

Why will the publishers of our Catalogue persist in changing the numbers of the stamps each year? It is true that the 58th has improved somewhat on the old plan by giving some of the new varieties a letter in place of a number, but why not adopt the plan throughout? Take the 1847 issue for instance; what is the use of giving six different numbers for the two stamps of that issue, when a classification after the following order would suit the majority of collectors much better:

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	a. red brown, <i>bluish</i>	7.50 .85
	b. dark brown "	7.50 .85
	c. orange	3.50
30.	10c black (Washington)	12.00
	a. on <i>bluish</i>	20.00 4.00
	a1 diagonal half used as 5c.	40 00
	a2 vertical " " "	40.00

If this plan was followed throughout the book it would answer the purpose of every class of collectors, generalists as well as specialists and any discovery worthy of note could be listed in its proper place without the disarrangement of numbers as is caused by the plan at present followed in making up each edition of the catalogue.

Our suggestion may not exactly suit the dealers whose object it is to price as many varieties as possible, and unless it is published by collectors in the interest of collectors, we are not likely to have an ideal catalogue for some-time.

Stamps should all be listed at net selling price. What is the use of cataloguing them at a certain figure when you know you can buy at 25 to 60 per cent. (or more) discount.

The Newfoundland Provisionals are causing some excitement, and as this country has hitherto avoided surcharges they will be given a hearty welcome. They are good goods and should be obtained at once. Their price in the next catalogue will likely be a surprise, but at present they can be had for 50 to 75 cents.

The Leeward Islands "Sexagenary" issue has received a

black eye from the S. S. S. S. and it deserves it. Barbados is now in the field with an issue of nine values and there is every prospect of the "Jubilee" being celebrated by other Colonies. "Better late than never," don'tcher know?

From the article on the Berge-dorf Locals in *The Virginia Philatelist* it appears that there was only one sheet of each value printed and submitted for approval. The colors of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ s on violet was changed to blue and the 3s on rose to pink so that the first named colors are equivalent to our proofs and should therefore not appear in the catalogue as a regular issue.

Why is the price of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6 and 8 cent Canadian 1897 issue omitted in the 58th? They are constantly advertised and one paper is offering the 6c as a premium for a 25c subscription. Why not price all, if any? BRITON.

### Postal History of the Native Indian State DUTTIA.

By F. P.

Duttia is a small semi-independent state in the Bundelkhand territory, with an area of 912 $\frac{1}{2}$  square miles and a Buddhist population of 186,500. The native ruler, whose title is "MAHARADSCHA" takes a high position in the ranks of the Indian princes.

Owing to lack of communica-

tion with the outer world very little comparatively is known of its government, and it was somewhat of a surprise to learn that a regular postal service had been in operation since 1893. There are ten post offices, one central and nine branches, in operation; official and municipal mail being carried free. All prepaid mail must have below the postage the seal of the ruler impressed. This seal is the figure of an Indian God surrounded by an inscription in the Hindustani language, and the impression appears in blue or brown.

The postage stamps are printed with a hand press and show a portrait of the God "Ganesa" (seated with legs crossed) in the  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 4 annas surrounded with a Hindustani inscription.

#### DENOMINATIONS.

$\frac{1}{4}$	anna, black on yellow-red.
$\frac{1}{2}$	" " " blue-green.
1	" red on white.
2	" black on white.
4	" " " rose.

The 1 anna has the God in the centre, on top "State." to left, "Duttia." to right, "POSTAGE" and below, the value in Hindustani.

Wrappers have a square stamp in right top corner with "Duttia State" and the value in Hindustani. Postal card on thick white paper.

These stamps are scarce being only used on domestic mail and have no circulation outside the state; all foreign mail being forwarded by the British East Indian mail service.

(The end.)



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THE outlook for good business this winter is flattering, judging from reports from different cities. There is a good demand for medium priced stamps, more especially British Colonies and South Americans. In the Exchange departments of the various societies there is a decided improvement in the sales; in fact it seems that Philately has turned the right way and unless nothing unforeseen happens next year will see

us well under way for the point we had reached before "hard times" struck us. This improvement must, we think, be attributed largely to two things; the establishment of Exchange Societies and the comparative scarcity of auction catalogues.

The 58th is in the hands of Philatelists generally by this time, and in the main is likely to give satisfaction. Some fault will be found with the numbering of the varieties in each issue and the prices in many cases but on the whole we must admit that it might have been worse.

We hope that the publishers when compiling the 59th will give the suggestions of the late J. K. Tiffany careful consideration and see if they cannot arrange it that one stamp only of each type and issue is numbered, the variations in colors, minor varieties, etc., following in due order but distinguished by a letter in place of a number, for instance, the 1855-60 issue, number the 3 cent red and letter the colors orange red, rose red, lake red a, b, c, respectively. We have no doubt whatever but that a philatelic vote would uphold us in our opinion.


We advise any of our readers who have not already done so to bid on some of the lots at the auction sales. It is surprising what bargains can be had at times. Write P. M. Wolsieffer for a catalogue and look it over.



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*The Philatelic Messenger* is decidedly the best stamp paper Canada possesses.

New; the *Boy's Own Philatelist*, published at 10c per year by the Ontario Philatelic Co., Box 494, Berlin, Ontario, Canada.

New; the *National Stamp Collector* of New Orleans, La., a small paper evidently established merely to advertise a new Stamp Exchange.

Partly philatelic; *The Little Wave*, of Alden, Mich. "For the amusement and instruction of the people."

The *Philatelic Bulletin* has changed its editor; Everett B. Horn now reigning in place of Mr. Hall. November is a great improvement on the two previous numbers.

The *Virginia Philatelist* still retains its youthful beauty. All the usual features appear in No. 4, and also a fine article on Berge-dorf locals by John Paalzow, who

is the subject of the regular monthly illustrated sketch.

The *International Stamp* is out again, dated November, with which number it comes once more under the management of Herbert C. Beardsley, who makes many promises of future improvements. Improvements are much needed, so it is to be hoped that Mr. Beardsley will do as he promises.

The *Columbian Philatelist* for October did not appear until nearly Thanksgiving, but except for the delay scarce any fault can be found with it. It has 28 pages and all of them are well filled.

The December *Perforator* presents illustrated sketches of Mess. Stearns and Dietz of the *Virginia Philatelist*, and of Messrs F. I. Weaver and J. F. Rood of Canada. There are all the regular features, and in addition two articles, one by Nassavia on "The Disposition of Duplicates" and the other by Roderick Random, a "Protest"

against the present state and mismanagement of our philatelic societies.

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The November *Stamp Reporter* has a very good article on "The Letter Posts of Other Days," which is interesting reading. I note one or two errors, but they seem the fault of the printer instead of the author. "News in Brief" is another heading under which is gathered much of interest, albeit there are some repetitions of facts.

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The December *Philatelic Advocate* has 12 pages again, and for a Canadian paper has a fine appearance. The story of "The Dirigo Stamp Co." has come to an exceedingly abrupt ending in the form of a short synopsis of chapters which might have been; this being due, the author explains, to an unexpected notice to conclude the story at once.

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New; the *Baker's Falls Stamp*, published at 25c per year by the Baker's Falls Stamp & Publishing Co., Sandy Hill, N. Y. This paper has 8 pages and cover, and an unlimited ambition to "clime" the ladder of fame; but unless it sees that its proof-reader takes some lessons in spelling, its ambition has small chance of being realized, and the rest of us may have to "sympathize" with its

disappointment.

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The December *Herald Exchange* is a Christmas number of 16 pages. There are Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and Canadian notes; some "Old Time Prices," and above all, a mock newspaper story of the arrest of some imaginary counterfeiters, an amusing story to be sure, but of the class Veritas has named "recrudescent nonsense." The Germans have a good share of the paper in their own language, as is usual.

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The *Eastern Philatelist* is a good sized and well filled journal. November contains an article by G. C. Corbaley on "German Cancellations;" "How to Improve a Collection of Postage Stamps" by Rev. Hobert Clark; a chat on Philatelic advertising by Lewis G. Quackenbush, and part Two of Mr. Franklin Smith's recent experiences abroad. Mr. Pinkham always issues a good magazine, and this Holiday number is well worth reading.

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Under the care of Mr. Dodge the *Rocky Mountain Stamp* is as pretty as ever in appearance, and better in contents. Mr. D. now wants another paper so as to issue one each week and says he will then furnish the four for 50c per year. Perhaps he will finally decide to turn the quartette into a

daily; Shouldn't wonder. He would probably make a success of it if he did, ever though the Mekeels have failed in a similar attempt.

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"More Varieties" by Willis; many notes, and three columns filled by Veritas in telling how useless is philatelic fiction and all philatelic writings except "strictly scientific articles" make up the reading matter of the November *New York Philatelist*. Too bad, Mr. Veritas, but many men have many minds, so it is likely that "recrudescent nonsense" will continue to be both written and enjoyed. As you yourself cannot refrain from an occasional unscientific flight on Pegasus it is hardly fair to deny others a like recreation. Do let us enjoy said nonsense in peace!

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NO. 2.

## A Romance of Philately.

### CHAPTER VI.

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Gregory had taken the Millie Blair collection with him on his Eastern trip, and had disposed of many of the best stamps to collectors and dealers in the different towns and cities he visited; the remainder he purchased himself, using them in a business way after becoming satisfied that he would finally be able to pay their owner, so it happened that the next time he stood on the steps of the Bell family mansion he had in his pocket \$375 which he proposed to hand over to Miss Millie as the proceeds of her collection. Mrs. Bell was at home by this time; her husband had seen Gregory the day before and casually mentioned the fact, adding as a sort of afterthought that she had brought with her for a visit a relative, Miss Blair. Consequently it is small wonder that our hero promptly bethought himself of his trust, and deciding that the sooner he reported upon it the better, betook himself the very next evening to the dwelling which contained the two ladies who had so long disturbed his peace of mind.

John Gregory was no dude, but I must confess that it took him a long time to get dressed on this occasion in what satisfied him as a presentable way, so long that the astute Bob, first stared, then grinned, then flew out into the woodshed where he relieved his feelings, first, by reversing his head and heels, and second, by hunting up his dress suit of unmatch-

ed gloves, big hat, flaming necktie, and long pointed collar, viewing them with lively satisfaction. Then he dusted off his "Wellcum Young Bried" boards and concluded to give them a fresh coat of paint, for judging from appearances it seemed as if there might be need of them e'er long, and it never would do for them to have a second-hand shop-worn look. The observations from which these conclusions were deducted were too plain to be doubted. Here was the boss wonderfully exercised over the gloss of his boots, the color of necktie, the fit of garments in general and the choice of what he would wear; small wonder, then, that the highly delighted little negro stood on his head before the wood pile and confidentially told the chopping block that "Ther boss's goin' courtin' this time, suah, yessir, most suah!"

Gregory himself had no such idea in his mind, that is, he thought he hadn't which did just as well. Of course it was a bit exciting to know he should so soon see the Miss Millie and Miss Amelia whose names had become so familiar to him, and if he was a little more particular than usual about his appearance, why where was the harm? Everyone likes to make a good impression on strangers, so much hinges on a first impression you know! If Miss Millic proved pleasant he would, perhaps call often and show her the country, it must be rather lonely for her in a strange place, and so on; it is very easy to deceive oneself when one sets earnestly about doing it. So Gregory repaired to the Bell mansion, inquired for the mistress of the house, and finding that she was home allowed himself to be

conducted into the presence of a cheery matron, fat, fair and blue eyed, who promptly introduced herself as Mrs. Bell. The room had no other occupants except a happy little Canary, a complaisant tabby, and a small shriveled dried-up old woman of four score years or so who paid no attention whatever to his entrance. Miss Millie was evidently out. "Bother me, luck!" thought our young gentleman.

Mrs. Bell listened to his story with much interest and amusement, admitted her identity with that of Mrs. Blair and Miss Frye, and held up her plump hands in amazement when Gregory named the sum the collection had brought.

"Dear, dear!" she exclaimed, "To think of Uncle John's old stamps bringing all that! It will be a great help to Aunt Millie, I must tell her this minute." And picking up a large ear-trumpet which stood on a table by the old lady's side she proceeded to pour the news into the business end of it, speaking in as loud a tone as she could conveniently use, while the old lady nodded and chuckled, and Gregory sank back, a limp mass, in his chair.

"Is that Miss Millie Blair?" he questioned faintly when he had received the combined thanks of the pair, and handed over the money.

"Why surely!" answered Mrs. Bell, looking rather surprised. "I didn't introduce you because she is so hard of hearing, you understand. The collection was her brother's, my Uncle John's, who went to California during the gold rage and afterwards turned sailor. He was my first husband's uncle, but I always gave him the title too. He died long ago, and she kept his collection merely because he loved it so, but she is old now, eighty-three, and hasn't any too much money, so at my advice the book was sent to you in her name for sale. Your having done so well with it is a real

blessing to her."

How Gregory got out of that house he never knew. He does not say much, but somehow his friends have the idea that it is hardly safe to talk about the Millie Blair collection now. Bob's boards and dress suit are still awaiting service, and as for that missing envelope bearing Miss Frye's address, Gregory says he never wants to see it again, rariety or no rariety. Perhaps the philatelic world will hear of it some day, but at present Mr. Bishop can gloat over his stolen treasure with no fear of being disturbed in possession.

The End.

Those of our readers who have been interested in this story are requested to send a postal card to Miss Amy Swift, Whitman, Mass. stating which in their opinion was the best chapter. The Author receiving the most votes will be sent an extra prize consisting of Bahamas No. 12, catalogued \$1.

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

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Of the two American postage stamps first issued Washington's portrait was on the ten cent and Franklin's on the other. Since that time the various issues of the United State stamps would furnish a unique portrait gallery showing the faces of 48 noted Americans. Washington appears on 25 issues, while Lincoln's picture is on every issue since 1866 except the Columbian series.

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The article on Arthur Henry Hallam, by Mr Gladstone, in the New Year's number of THE COMPANION, is one of the most fascinating literary papers ever written by the great English statesman. It carries one back to a past full of charm. The remainder of this number abounds in interest. There is the beginning of a new serial story by C. A. Stephens, a good story of a reporter's interview with the late Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil, several other short stories of exceptional merit, and the usual rare selection of miscellany.

The February issue of the *Delineator* is called the Midwinter number and again thoroughly justifies its reputation as woman's authority in Fashion and Literature. The latest Winter styles are elaborately illustrated and accurately described. Prominent among the literary features is Emma Churchman Hewitt's article on Household Expenses. "Social Life in English Provincial Cities," by Florence Fenwick Miller, is a pleasing analysis of certain interesting environments. Dr. Grace Peckham Murry contributes a valuable paper on "The Common Ills of Life." In "Children and Their Ways" Mrs. Alice Meynell continues her series of Child-Studies, directing attention to the danger of overtaxing their brains. "Mardi-Gras in New Orleans" a timely topic is vividly described by Frances Courtney Baylor. Those who have followed the fortunes of Clive Raynor, by Martin Orde will find a new thrill in his latest adventure—a diamond robbery, etc., add to the attractiveness of the issue.

Washington, Jan. 12, 1898.—The authorities of the postoffice department have determined upon the subject which shall be illustrated upon the new series of postage stamps to be issued by the department in commemoration of the Trans-Mississippi and International exposition to be opened on the first of next June at Omaha. They are illustrative of the conditions, promoters and accomplishments of the great west from its discovery to our own day. The series comprise nine denominations of stamps, as follows:—

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The second edition of Bunce's Dealers' Address book, published by Richard H. Bunce, 107 High St., Middletown, Conn., price ten cents, has been received. It is a 44 page pamphlet, contains about 550 names of live dealers and will be appreciated by the craft.

W. R. Adams, Toronto, Canada, has also published a second edition of his catalogue of Canadian Revenue stamps, price ten cents. It comes in a convenient form, apparently contains a complete list of all revenue stamps issued. The prices appear high but they are arranged with a view to allowing the usual discounts. This class of stamps appears to be in demand and you cannot do better than order a copy.

We understand that the second edition of Bartels Plate Number Catalogue has been published, but not having been favored with a copy are not ready to pass on its merits.



# The Philatelic Press

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Judging from its December number *The Kid* seems to be growing.

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Wolsiefer's January auction sale of stamps contains 508 lots,

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*The Youth's Realm*, published by A. Bullard & Co., Boston, is a story paper with a couple of pages of well selected philatelic matter under the head of "Stamps."

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"Peculiar Peculiarities," advice on philatelic advertising; Bay State and New York notes, and editorials make up the reading matter of the December *Eastern Philatelist* which this month consists of only eight pages.

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No 2. of the *California Stamp* advises the collection of the stamps of Monaco; presents a few Canadian and current items; gives a short press review; devotes a little space to praising its advertising patrons, and winds up with four pages of editorials and two of advertisements.

The souvenir number of *Philatelic Facts* has appeared dated December. There are twenty-eight pages and cover, all of different sizes and nearly all filled with stories in no wise philatelic. A holiday number of the same class is announced to appear some time during January.

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In the *International Stamp* for November Gordon C. Corbaley continues his remarks on the U. S. 1861 issue; E. R. Aldrich gives some notes on Prussian envelopes and adds a few items of general interest; Eben S. Martin reviews the new catalogue and his S. of P. disagreement with Mr. Dodge, and L. T. Rechard discusses counterfeits in general instead of in particular.

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*The Collector's Fortnightly* has just sent us, as its first exchange, a number dated July 13, 1895! It may be the "liveliest paper going" according to its claim, but it is altogether too economical. We on this side of the pond do not

begrudge using current issues when we wish to exchange compliments with our neighbors. Its address is 64 Cheapside, London, E. C.

The Christmas number of the *Philatelic Bulletin* is a great improvement upon its predecessors, and reflects much credit upon its editor, Mr. Horn. In this journal type III of the surcharged 3c Newfoundland is worth \$1.50; another writer in another paper puts the value at \$5.00. Quite a difference! Which is the correct value?

A paper issued for the exclusive use of its publisher seems to have struck the dealing world as a bright idea, hence the appearance of the *Philatelic Rambler*, under the guidance of James A. Anderzen, Loomis, Neb. Mr. Osgood and his little *Stampman* will have to keep watch of their laurels now, but they are equal to the strain.

*The American Collector* for December gives a sketch and picture of Rev. W. A. Carver; the first portion of a well written and very interesting chat on Confederates; a stamp episode which has "pay as you go" for a moral; Canadian and Boston notes; the usual spicy breezes from the editorial corner

and a list of "Where and when the earliest stamps, wrappers and cards were issued.

The January *Perforator* is a beauty! The cover is printed in two colors and within are twelve pages of reading matter and eight of advertisements. There are illustrated sketches of Erwin L. Fischer and E. R. Aldrich; an argument by "Sark" in favor of collecting stamps on the cover; a notice of the new catalogue; From Woman's Standpoint; press review; New York, Boston, Cincinnati and Nebraska correspondence, and four Canadian letters.

The December *International Philatelist* is a Holiday number, and boasts of forty pages, over half of them being filled with advertisements. The opening article is a fine one. It treats of reprints and describes a good many from different countries, in some cases giving points by which they can be recognized, in others merely mentioning the fact that they exist. Another fine article, entitled "Used v. Unused" is taken from the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, and several items of interest may be found among the short notes.

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NO. 3.

## TWO OLD STAMP PAPERS.

I shall never undertake the collecting of philatelic literature, one reason being that the prices at which stamps were advertised twenty years ago would be altogether too much for my equanimity but when an occasional ancient paper drops into my hands it is certain to be given an interested as well as a wondering inspection. Two of these papers lie before me now; they are the "*Stamp Collector's Monthly*" and were published, the one in June 1872, the other in May 1876 at Newmarket N. H. by F. H. Pinkham, a collector who is still in business in the same place and manner, being now editor and publisher of the well known *Eastern Philatelist*.

It might be supposed that these old papers would be made up of articles which from the standpoint of today would seem all out of date, but on the contrary while the magazines are very insignificant in size consisting of only four coverless pages, most of the articles might have been written yesterday. Take for instance this opening paragraph from an article on

"Counterfeiters" in the earliest paper.

"The path of the young collector is beset with many difficulties, and perhaps the greatest trouble he has to contend with is the various counterfeit stamps which are shoved upon him by many unprincipled dealers throughout the country; and as this class of dealers sell their imitations chiefly by packets, he soon accumulates a large stock of duplicates without adding many to his collection.

\* \* \* and then to cap the climax, when he finds that after all his trouble and expense his collection, which he has spent hours in arranging, is worthless, is it any wonder that he throws up stamp collecting in disgust and pronounces it a humbug?" Now almost every word of that is as applicable today (to the speculator!) as ever it was.

Then there is a portion of an article, reprinted from the *American Journal Of Philately*, on arranging a collection. Hinges had not come into use then, judging from the wording, but the plan pursued by the author was a very good substitute. Said he:

"I first prepared narrow strips

of paper about one inch long by one-eighth broad gummed on one side only; my stamps were then stuck to this by the top occupying one half the width of the strip; when this was dry it was doubled under and stuck in the frame made to receive it. \* \* \* My order of arranging these stamps was first to take a complete set of the first of a country selecting the finest and darkest obtainable. \* \* \* directly under this set I placed a similar set with the exception that these are composed of the lightest obtainable specimens, and if there are great varieties of color like in the 10 centime 1856 issue of Italy, I select a dozen or so of the value that shows the greatest variations and arrange them side by side, commencing with the lightest and gradually shading to the darkest."

That would not be a bad plan for the specialist of today. This album described had movable leaves with never more than one country and seldom more than one issue on a page. If albums like that were in use twenty-five years ago we are hardly justified in referring to that period as "the dark age of Philately" as has been done by some. Even the words Philately and Philatelist are not of as recent origin as I have seen claimed, for both of

them appear in the 1876 publication.

"How shall we collect?" is the opening article in this younger journal, and it is still more appropriate for the present day than were those noted above; in fact, unless I am mistaken that article has been reproduced by some journal within the last three or four years, but I cannot tell just which one, and to search through several hundred papers in order to locate it is more than I am equal to. It may be that credit was given or the article dressed up in fresh wording. I cannot remember, but the subject matter was certainly the same. It treats of the different systems of collecting; the French which advises the gathering of every known variety in shade, color or perforation; the English, which is a slight modification of the French plan, and the American, which advises the collection of only one variety in a stamp. (Sensible people, the Americans!) Reasons are also given for and against each plan.

Following this article comes one explaining what stamp collecting is "good for," a subject still in use among philatelic scribes; a chronicle of new issues from thirteen (unlucky number!) different countries *an* editorial; (only one); a quaintly comic poem voicing the woes

of a badly cheated collector; and a few advertisements. Only a few in comparison with the number seen now-a-days, but oh me, *such* advertisements!! Think of a 5 and 10¢ 1847 for 8 and 40¢ respectively or a 3¢ playing cards for 40¢ or a whole column of foreign, not one of them priced over 10¢ whereas now many of them count their value by dollars! If those advertisements were only good now what fun the dealer would have trying to fill orders. The rush at him would be even greater than was the rush at the Toronto post office when the Canada Jubilees were first put on sale, and every one knows what a disgraceful exhibition of greed that was. But alas, the dealer has dealt his last at those prices, and we who did not know enough or who were born too late to take advantage of them must e'en do the best possible with our limited opportunities, consoling ourselves with the reflection that perhaps collectors of twentyfive years hence may view our chance with the same envy that we now bestow upon the chance given the collectors who existed in the early seventies.

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"ENTIRE OR CUT SQUARE"—  
 WHICH? is the title of an article in the C. P. by S. A. D. Cox which

certainly hits the nail square on the head and is sure to be the means of, as Mr. Cox says, "saving to future generations thousands of perfect entire envelopes that would otherwise have been mutilated and practically destroyed." Who has any use for "cut round" specimens and how many times have we seen a specimen, now worthless, that if Entire or even Cut Square, would have been considered a valuable addition to a collection. The day of the "round" is gone, that of the "square" is going and of the "entire" is coming.

THE LONE STAR STATE PHILATELIST says that all St. Vicent Revenue Stamps with postal cancellation were obtained through some obliging postal official and have no philatelic value whatever. Nevertheless, I doubt if you will find many Collectors, who, on finding a specimen, will not give it a place of honor in their albums, providing of course, that the cancellation is postal beyond a doubt.

I have a Grenada two SHILLINGS Orange Revenue used postally, the post-mark reading "Grenada, No. 13, 83. This is not catalogued in the 58th, but with various surcharges the stamp is. I have never seen any other specimen.

The 58th catalogue still lists the Knoxville, Tenn. Local Envelope in green, I have never seen it in any color but blue and donot believe it exists.

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The Philatelic Blue Book, published by the Merchants Collecting Agency, Lowell, Mass., is another of the "guards" against frauds. It contains a list of over 100 names of defaulters, etc., with some of whom we have had dealings to our sorrow. Write for a copy of the book it may save you money.

Mr. Mekeel has succeeded in stirring up a fair sized hornets nest—and the end is not yet. Whoever is right, one thing is certain, the American Philatelic Association will not gain in popularity. This is to be regretted for the Association has for years held a prominent position in National Philatelics, has been the head in fact, and should be. Yet if it is managed for the good of the Craft, the association would easily regain its premier position.

The death of Mr. G. B. Calman, the sale of H. Gremmell's stock and the Post Office to J.C. Morganthau & Co., the continental trip of Mr. Batchelder with probably the largest stock of stamps ever carried by a dealer, and the Omaha Stamps discussion are the principal happenings in the philatelic world. *Quant. suff.* for one month anyway.

*The Omaha Philatelist* is work-



ing hard for the organisation of a Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society and we wish Bro. Shephard success. After all, Sectional Societies are the most satisfactory; members are closer together, circuits travel the rounds faster, meetings are better attended and the very fact that the Society draws its membership from a section or State creates a healthy stir in the local philatelic world, the one objection is that membership cannot be as large as if the organisation were a national one.

As Zululand was annexed to Natal last December an advance in prices is to be expected, therefore complete your set before the "rush" comes.

S. Stewart, Darlington, England has published "The Stamp Collectors Almanac. The front cover page is a price list of U. S., some quoted above catalogue. Several pages of New Issues and Auction prices and a list of Philatelic Societies in Great Britain are of interest to Collectors.

J. F. Dodge is about to publish a Philatelic "Dun" and as it is sure to be "fearless and independent" it will be surely welcomed by publishers and dealers.

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The Omaha Exposition Stamp is the subject of much discussion. It is true they would justly come under the ban of the S. S. S. S., but we believe this would be more than off-set by the interest they would excite amongst local philatelists. We must however be consistent and if we condemn the *unnecessary* issues of other countries, we cannot condone our own; and if the stamps in question are issued it will be in spite of a strong protest lodged with the Postmaster General by philatelists.

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The quarterly Philatelic Press List of John Edwards, Montreal, Canada, has appeared, dated February.

No. 2. (Jan.) of the Boy's Own Philatelist has donned a cover. Outside of the sanctum sayings it has only two contributions, both by Reginald Kinnersley.

An exchange says that in our January review the name of one paper was incorrectly given. We think not. There is no error of that kind in any copy at hand.

The National Stamp Collector shows growth both in length and breadth, but January has still only 4 pages. They are interestingly filled, however, but some matter is reprinted without credit being given.

The January American Collector discusses a "Commonsense Catalogue," "The Unscientific Article," the use and abuse of stamp hinges, and various items from Boston and New York. Editorial items and S. of P. reports conclude the number. Mr. Dodge has started a fourth publication. The Philatelic Mercantile Agency, a private black-list issued for the protection of dealers and publishers.

The Philatelic Literature Collector reaches us, dated Jan. and labelled "Please review." Well it measures  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 5$  inches in size; contains lists of Maine collectors and Maine philatelic publications, an "exchange directory" and a few editorial lines; has 8 pages and is supposed to be worth 5¢ per copy.

The Philatelic West has been revived from its slumber and appears among us again with F. B. Woolston as editor and L. T. Brodstone as business manager. The January number, the first of the new series, contains several good things, notably the commencement of an article on Chilian stamps, Adam Dollard's "Pickings," and some "boiled down" items.

The Chicago notes of B. A. Cottlow in the Feb. Herald Exchange show clearly that the writer is one of the sensible people who disapproves of Omaha's speculative issue and is not afraid to say so. Good! Another interesting item under the title of "Once a Year Postal Service" describes the postal facilities as enjoyed by the island of Tristan de Cunha.

The Philatelic Advocate adopted a fine new cover design in colors at the opening of the year, but the Feb. number has dropped the colors although retaining the design. In contents Reginald Kinnersley's condensed sayings of "noted writers"

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| 10c very fine, 3.35        |         | 8c.....                     | 0.10 |
| 1851, 1c (II).....         | 0.22    | * 10c.....                  | 0.15 |
| 10c.....                   | 0.70    | † 15c.....                  | 0.22 |
| 12c.....                   | 1.25    | † 30c.....                  | 0.45 |
| 1855, 1c (III).....        | 0.10    | † 50c.....                  | 0.75 |
| 3c outer line 0.25         |         | † 894 50c unwk'd.           | 0.50 |
| 10c.....                   | 0.35    | 1.00 "                      | 1.30 |
| 12c.....                   | 0.65    | 2.00 "                      | 3.00 |
| 1861, 1c.....              | 0.04    | 1879 30c due.....           | 0.70 |
| 5c.....                    | 0.30    | 50c "                       | 0.70 |
| 10c.....                   | 0.07    | 1889 30c "                  | 0.70 |
| 24c.....                   | 0.26    | 50c "                       | 1.00 |
| 90c off center 2.25        |         | 1891-93 50c due... 1.15     |      |
| 1869, 1c.....              | 0.35    | *1c Agriculture... 1.40     |      |
| 10c.....                   | 0.65    | 12c " H. C... 5.50          |      |
| 12c.....                   | 0.53    | 15c " " 1.75                |      |
| 15c framed 1.35            |         | 24c " " 1.75                |      |
| 1872, 7c.....              | 0.38    | 30c " " 2.00                |      |
| 12c.....                   | 0.50    | 10c Executive... 7.50       |      |
| 24c.....                   | 1.35    | *2c Interior... 0.05        |      |
| 30c.....                   | 0.17    | 90c P. O. 1.10              |      |
| *1887 3c.....              | 0.10    | 90c State 5.50              |      |
| *1888 4c.....              | 0.10    | 7c Treasury 1.15            |      |
| 5c.....                    | 0.09    | 24c " 3.50                  |      |
| 30c.....                   | 0.35    | 90c " 0.75                  |      |
| 90c.....                   | 0.90    | *1c War... 0.08             |      |
| 1890 6 & 8c, each 0.04     |         | *3c " 0.06                  |      |
| 15c.....                   | 0.07    | *3c " 0.02                  |      |
| 30c.....                   | 0.10    | *10, 12, 15, war, each 0.22 |      |
| 90c.....                   | 0.65    | *24c " 0.55                 |      |
| 1893 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c |         | *30c " 0.38                 |      |
| used at 50% off cat.       |         | *90c " 1.10                 |      |
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| Argentine Rep. 1890, 60c bl'k used | 20.  | 10      |
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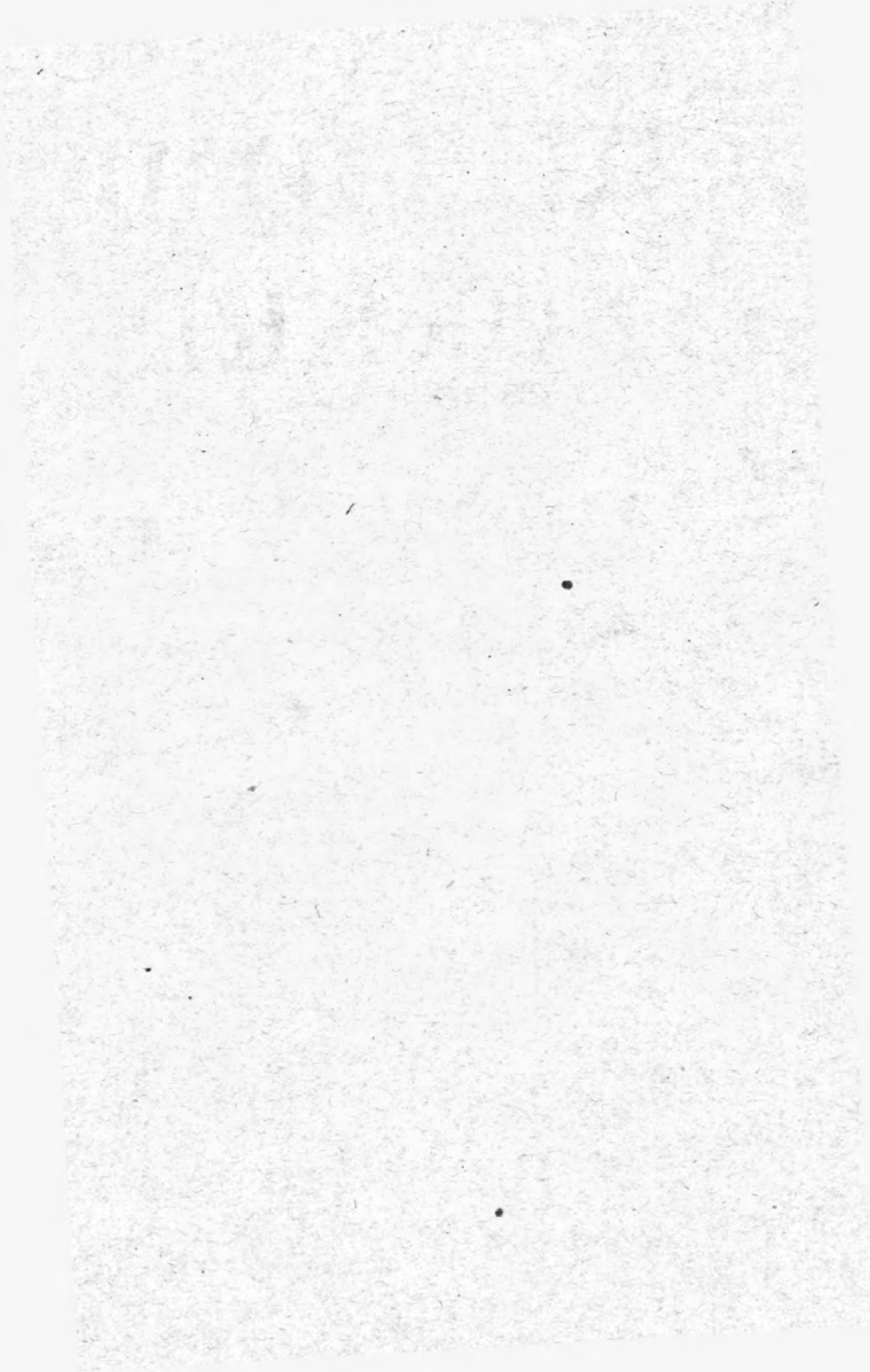
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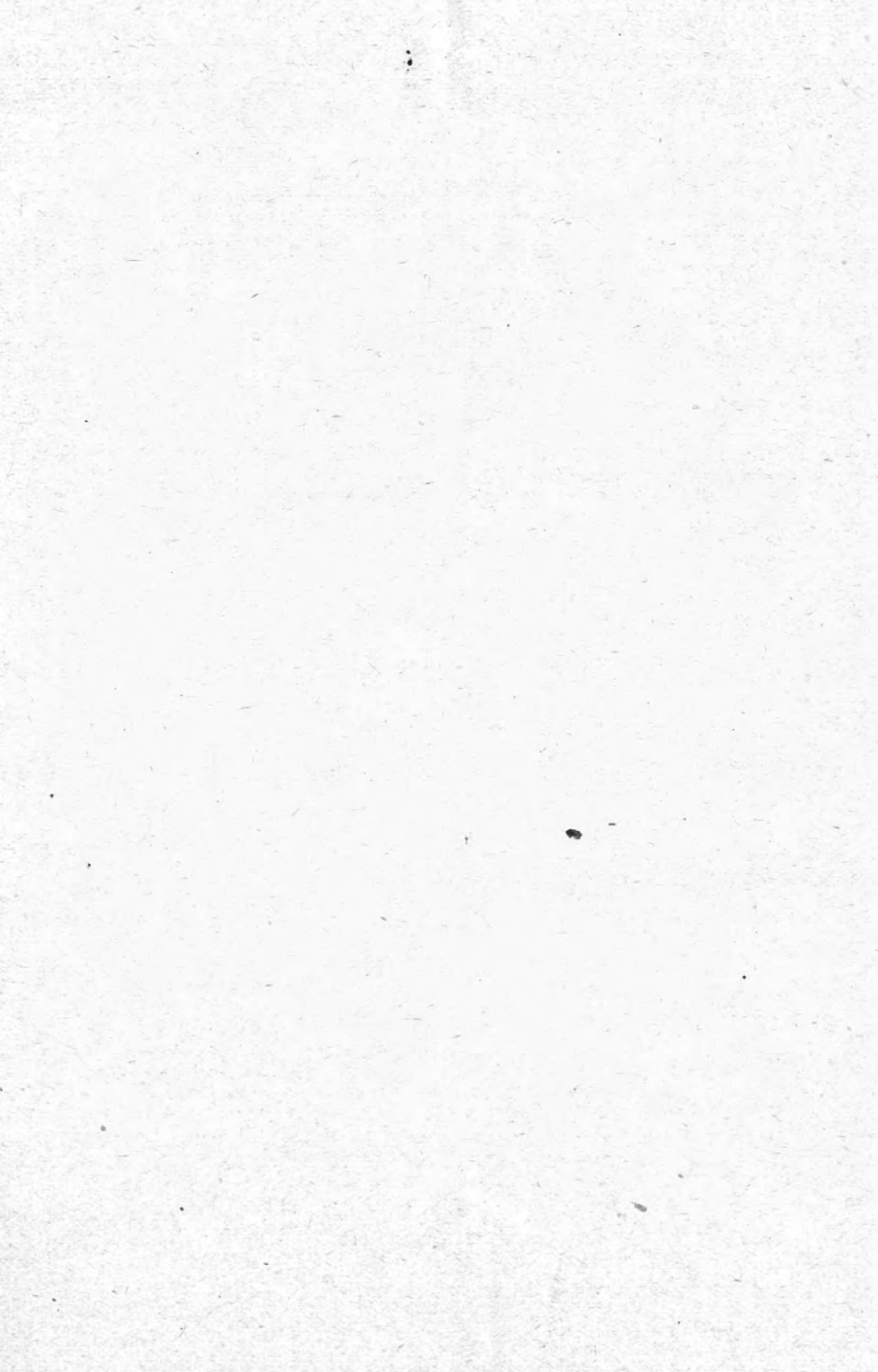
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| 104.                             | Cuba.....                 | 50 "     |
| 105.                             | British Colonials.....    | 25 "     |
| 106.                             | " ".....                  | 25 "     |
| 107.                             | German States.....        | 33 1/3 " |
| 108.                             | Rare European Stamps..... | 25 "     |
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